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From the Principal

As the school year comes to a close, I am constantly witness to the many amazing things that go on at NHMS every day. While the primary function of all schools is to provide quality academic instruction, one of the unique things about middle school is that our students are at a place in life where academics compete with a million other things going on in their world. As I watch our students every day, I continue to be impressed with the random acts of kindness, sense of community and generosity displayed by our students. It reminded me of this story. The author is unknown so I cannot credit it, but I found it to be a great description of the importance of balancing academic achievement with human growth in middle school.

A group of students was asked to list what they thought were the present "Seven Wonders of the World." Though there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. Empire State Building
6. St. Peter's Basilica
7. China's Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noticed that one quiet student hadn't turned in her paper yet. So she asked

the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many." The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help." The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the 'Seven Wonders of the World' are:

1. to see
2. to hear
3. to touch
4. to taste
5. to feel
6. to laugh
7. and to love."

The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop. The things we overlook as simple and ordinary and that we take for granted are truly wondrous.

It has been my absolute privilege and honor to serve as the Principal of North Harford Middle School for this year and for the many previous years and I look forward to the many great things to come from this amazing community.

*Karl Wickman Ed. D.
Principal, North Harford MS*

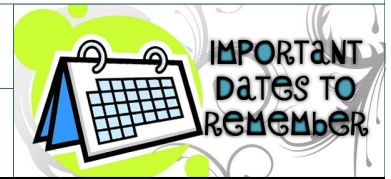
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MAY/JUNE CALENDAR



Check out Edline for updates to the calendar.

You can also email the PTSA at nhmspts@gmail.com with any questions.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Orchestra Concert 7pm	17 Band Concert 7pm	18	19 Chorus Concert 7pm	20	21
22	23	24	25 Seussical Jr. — <i>The Musical</i> NHMS Auditori- um 6:30pm	26 Seussical Jr. — <i>The Musical</i> NHMS Auditori- um 6:30pm	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day— schools closed	31	JUN 1	2	3 8th Grade Dance 6:30pm	4
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12	13	14	15 Last Day of School for Students	16	17	18

PTSA COMMITTEE NEWS

BOX TOPS/CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS

Continue to save your Box Tops over the summer! If you have been saving Campbell's Soup Labels, please send them in by the end of this school year. The program is being discontinued over the summer and the school will use the credit we have to purchase equipment for the school. Thank you to everybody who has supported these two great programs!



EIGHTH GRADE DANCE

Attention 8th Graders!!! The dance is coming up soon on Friday, June 3rd at 6:30pm! Make sure your permission slip has been turned in. We also could use more donations and volunteers. See pages 5 and 6 for more information.

STAFF APPRECIATION

The Staff Appreciation committee kicked off 2016 with a wonderful spread of healthy fruits, veggies & snacks, which were all donated by NHMS families. May 2nd-6th was Staff Appreciation Week. Thanks to your support earlier in the year during the walkathon, we were able to provide our staff with a week of celebrations – Breakfast, Lunch, treats and gift cards along with the Olympic theme of "TEAM USA" and "TEAM NHMS". On Behalf of the NHMS PTSA I would like to thank everyone for their support of the Falcon Walk fundraiser and for joining the PTSA! Faculty and Staff were all very appreciative of the support and generosity.

PTSA MEETING/ELECTIONS FOR 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

The next General Membership Meeting will take place Tuesday, May 17th at 6:30pm in the NHMS front office conference room. Elections will be conducted at the beginning of the meeting so that band parents can attend the concert which begins at 7pm. The Nominating Committee recommends the following slate of officers; however, nominations for any of the positions will be accepted from the floor: President- Kim Hackett; Vice President- Carla Manzo; Treasurer- Courtney Westermeyer; and Secretary- Sandra Monaco. If the positions are uncontested there will a verbal vote. Also, if you are interested in working on or chairing any of the committees below, you may volunteer at that time. Please join us!

As always, email us if you have any questions at nhmspts@gmail.com

2015-2016 NHMS PTSA Committee Chairpersons

Box Tops/Labels: Paula Mackey
Corporate Rebates: Phil Hopkins
Eighth Grade Activities: Melissa Brode
The Falcon Crier: Michelle Schell
Faculty Basketball Game: Michelle Schell
Falcon Walk: Mark Lazoff & Beth Bearinger
Hershey Park Tickets: Carla Manzo

Membership: Michelle Schell
Reflections: Jennifer Bray
Spirit Wear: Debbie Sullivan & Julie Harvey
Staff Appreciation: Nancy Pappas
Volunteers: Sandra Monaco-Burton
Website/Facebook: Carla Manzo

If you have questions regarding the PTSA, or specific questions for an officer or chairperson, please email nhmspts@gmail.com and it will be directed to the appropriate person for follow-up.

SCHOOL NEWS

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The cafeteria is looking for substitute workers. If you are interested please contact the Cafeteria Manager for information:

Wanda Rohrbaugh
North Harford Middle School
410-638-3658



JOIN US!

The school musical will take place May 25th and 26th at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for students.

HEALTH NEWS

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Students entering grades 7 and 8 in school year 2016-2017 must have:

- **One Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis booster)**
- **One Meningitis vaccine (MCV, MCVP4)**

Check with your doctor to see if your child has had these vaccinations. Please do not delay; schedule an appointment to receive these vaccines or get documentation of vaccination as soon as possible. Your child will be excluded from school next year if they are not in compliance with these regulations.

Visit www.hcps.org and click the "health center" button for more information.

IT'S THE RULE
SHOTS BEFORE SCHOOL



Get your permission form on Edline or email nhmspts@gmail.com
Return the form to your homeroom teacher!

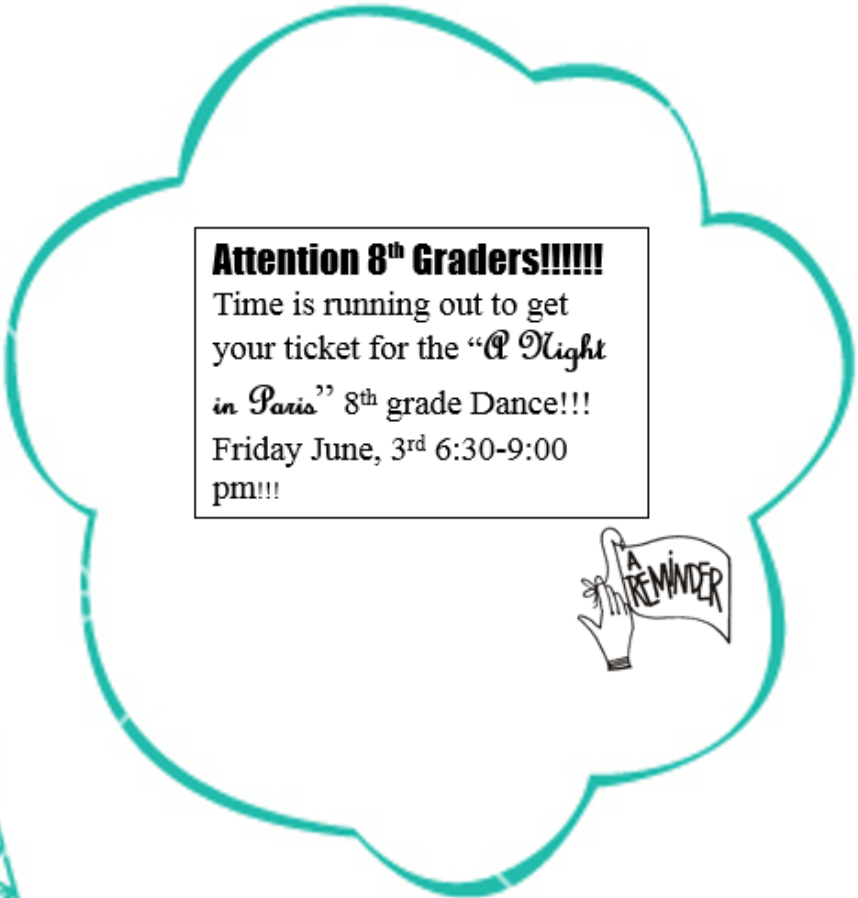


We are still in need of

Donations and volunteers for the night of the dance. Please fill out the donation section of the permission form of the permission slip if you are able to help out!!



*Merci
Beaucoup*



Attention 8th Graders!!!!!!
Time is running out to get your ticket for the “*A Night in Paris*” 8th grade Dance!!!
Friday June, 3rd 6:30-9:00 pm!!!



We’ve got a great DJ, photo booth with lots of props available for pictures with your friends, great food and drinks... and lots of fabulous prizes!!!

You won’t want to miss it!



North Harford Middle School 8th Grade Dance

"A Night in Paris"



<u>When:</u>	Friday, June 3, 2016
<u>Where:</u>	North Harford Middle School Gymnasium
<u>Time:</u>	6:30 to 9:00 p.m.
<u>Cost:</u>	Free to all 8 th grade students at NHMS
<u>Photos:</u>	\$1.00 per photo/participant payable at the dance.
<u>Suggested Apparel:</u>	Girls: dresses or dress pants Boys: Collared shirts (ties optional)/dress pants No jeans or shorts please. Students will not be admitted if Harford County Public School Dress Codes are not adhered to.

School Administration Requirements: No limousines. No early dismissals for hair or nail appointments. Only NHMS 8th grade students may attend. Student will present tickets for admittance to the dance. Student will not be permitted to leave the school property during or after the dance.

Please return this form to your homeroom teacher by May 27, 2016



Student's Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

I, _____ (Parent/Guardian Name) give permission for the above named student to attend the 8th Grade Dance at North Harford Middle School on June 3, 2016. I understand that I am responsible for picking up my child promptly at 9:00 p.m. from the front entrance of the school.

Parent Signature: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email address: _____

I will donate the following items (note quantity please):

Please deliver all food/beverage items to the NHMS office NO LATER THAN MAY 27, 2016

_____ Store packaged bakery items such as cookies, brownies, cake, etc.

_____ Gallon bottles of drinking water

_____ Large bags of pretzels, chips, popcorn, etc.

_____ 2-liter bottles of soda

_____ I am enclosing a monetary donation of \$ _____ in lieu of the above
(Please make check payable to **NHMS PTSA**)

_____ I will volunteer to chaperone and assist at the dance (beginning at 6 pm)

_____ I will help decorate before the dance (beginning at 2 pm, possibly earlier)

_____ I will help with clean-up after the dance (beginning at 9 pm)



*Merci
Beaucoup*

Questions? Contact Melissa Brode 443-966-0152; NorthHarfordTreasurer@gmail.com

Mosquito Bite Prevention (United States)



Not all mosquitoes are the same. Different mosquitoes spread different viruses and bite at different times of the day.

Type of Mosquito	Viruses spread	Biting habits
 <p><i>Aedes aegypti</i>, <i>Aedes albopictus</i></p>	<p>Chikungunya, Dengue, Zika</p>	<p>Primarily daytime, but can also bite at night</p>
 <p><i>Culex</i> species</p>	<p>West Nile</p>	<p>Evening to morning</p>

Protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites

Use insect repellent

Use an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellent with one of the following active ingredients. When used as directed, EPA-registered insect repellents are proven safe and effective, even for pregnant and breastfeeding women.

Active ingredient	Some brand name examples*
Higher percentages of active ingredient provide longer protection	
DEET	Off!, Cutter, Sawyer, Ultrathon
Picaridin , also known as KBR 3023 , Bayrepel , and icaridin	Cutter Advanced, Skin So Soft Bug Guard Plus, Autan (outside the United States)
Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or para-menthane-diol (PMD)	Repel
IR3535	Skin So Soft Bug Guard Plus Expedition, SkinSmart



* Insect repellent brand names are provided for your information only. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services cannot recommend or endorse any name brand products.



Protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites *(continued)*



- ◊ Always follow the product label instructions.
- ◊ Reapply insect repellent every few hours, depending on which product and strength you choose.
 - » Do not spray repellent on the skin under clothing.
 - » If you are also using sunscreen, apply sunscreen first and insect repellent second.

Natural insect repellents (repellents not registered with EPA)

- ◊ The effectiveness of non-EPA registered insect repellents, including some natural repellents, is not known.
- ◊ To protect yourself against diseases like chikungunya, dengue, and Zika, CDC and EPA recommend using an EPA-registered insect repellent.
- ◊ When used as directed, EPA-registered insect repellents are proven safe and effective.
- ◊ For more information: www2.epa.gov/insect-repellents

If you have a baby or child



- ◊ Always follow instructions when applying insect repellent to children.
- ◊ Do not use insect repellent on babies younger than 2 months of age.
- ◊ Dress your child in clothing that covers arms and legs, or
 - ◊ Cover crib, stroller, and baby carrier with mosquito netting.
 - ◊ Do not apply insect repellent onto a child's hands, eyes, mouth, and cut or irritated skin.
 - » Adults: Spray insect repellent onto your hands and then apply to a child's face.
- ◊ Do not use products containing oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or para-menthane-diol (PMD) on children under 3 years of age.

Treat clothing and gear



- ◊ Treat items such as boots, pants, socks, and tents with permethrin or purchase permethrin-treated clothing and gear.
 - » Permethrin-treated clothing will protect you after multiple washings. See product information to find out how long the protection will last.
 - » If treating items yourself, follow the product instructions.
 - » Do not use permethrin products directly on skin.

Mosquito-proof your home



- ◊ Use screens on windows and doors. Repair holes in screens to keep mosquitoes outside.
- ◊ Use air conditioning when available.
- ◊ Keep mosquitoes from laying eggs in and near standing water.
 - » Once a week, empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out items that hold water, such as tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, birdbaths, flowerpots, or trash containers. Check inside and outside your home.

Help Control Mosquitoes that Spread Dengue, Chikungunya, and Zika Viruses

B Zzzz.



Aside from being itchy and annoying, the bite of an infected female mosquito (*Aedes aegypti* or *Aedes albopictus*) can spread dengue, chikungunya, or Zika viruses. People become infected with dengue, chikungunya, or Zika after being bitten by an infected mosquito.

- Female mosquitoes lay several hundred eggs on the walls of water-filled containers. Eggs stick to containers like glue and remain attached until they are scrubbed off. When water covers the eggs, they hatch and become adults in about a week.
- Adult mosquitoes live inside and outside.
- They prefer to bite during the day.
- A few infected mosquitoes can produce large outbreaks in a community and put your family at risk of becoming sick.

Protect Yourself, Your Family, and Community from Mosquitoes

1.

Eliminate standing water in and around your home:

- **Once a week**, empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out items that hold water, such as tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, birdbaths, flowerpots, or trash containers. Check inside and outside your home.
- Tightly cover water storage containers (buckets, cisterns, rain barrels) so that mosquitoes cannot get inside to lay eggs.
- For containers without lids, use wire mesh with holes smaller than an adult mosquito.

2.

If you have a septic tank, follow these steps:

- Repair cracks or gaps.
- Cover open vent or plumbing pipes. Use wire mesh with holes smaller than an adult mosquito.

3.

Keep mosquitoes out of your home:

- Use screens on windows and doors.
- Repair holes in screens.
- Use air conditioning when available.



Put plants in soil, not in water.



Drain water from pools when not in use.



Recycle used tires or keep them protected from rain.



Drain & dump any standing water.



Weekly, scrub vases & containers to remove mosquito eggs.



4.

Prevent mosquito bites:

- Use an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellent with one of the following active ingredients. All EPA-registered insect repellents are evaluated to make sure they are safe and effective.

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- Always follow the product label instructions.
- Reapply insect repellent every few hours, depending on which product and strength you choose.
- Do not spray repellent on the skin under clothing.
- If you are also using sunscreen, apply sunscreen first and insect repellent second.
- Treat clothing and gear (such as boots, pants, socks, and tents) with permethrin or purchase permethrin-treated clothing and gear.
 - Treated clothing remains protective after multiple washings. See product information to find out how long the protection will last.
 - If treating items yourself, follow the product instructions carefully.
 - Do **not** use permethrin products, intended to treat clothing, directly on skin.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.



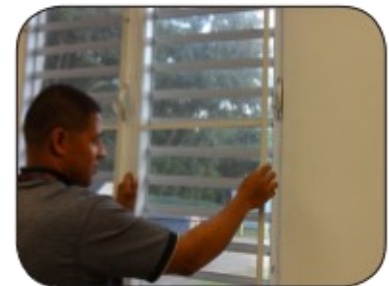
Keep rain barrels covered tightly.



Weekly, empty standing water from fountains and bird baths.



Keep septic tanks sealed.



Install or repair window & door screens.

For more information, visit:
www.cdc.gov/dengue, www.cdc.gov/chikungunya, www.cdc.gov/zika