From the Superintendent’s Desk

Dear Friends of the North Central Local Schools,

THANK YOU for your support of our schools which supports our mission!

I have been honored to serve as your superintendent and look forward to continue working with the students, parents, teachers, administrators, and the local and state officials to provide opportunities for every student to excel in this changing world. The district works very hard to provide the best education we can while still being very cautious of the costs of doing business.

It is hard for me to believe there is just a couple of months left in the 2018-2019 school year. Although the calendar indicates the year is coming to completion, we are very busy with end of the year activities. Athletic events, awards programs, concerts and student programs highlight the months of April and May. Please check the district calendar at www.northcentralschool.org and support our students with your attendance at these events and celebrations. Our last day of school this year is scheduled to be May 24, 2019, with graduation on Sunday, May 26.

State testing is in full swing and the majority of students in grades 3-11 will be taking some type of state assessment this school year. As we have done the last four years, students will be completing all of the assessments online. Parents may contact their child’s specific building to see which assessment will be given on which specific day. Parents are also encouraged to visit www.ohiostatetests.org to learn more about the state assessments.

Please note that North Central Local Schools is also on social media. We have a Facebook page that can be found by searching ‘North Central Local Schools’ and can also be found on Twitter by following @NC_eagle.

At this time of the year, the district starts to look at summer maintenance projects. Maintaining our facilities is vital to prolong the useful life of the school buildings and equipment that allow us to educate our students each and every day. Our annual audit was recently completed by the Auditor of State of Ohio. We continue to receive a “clean report card” of our financial operations and take pride in this. We strive for financial excellence and efficient spending of public funds.

May 6-10 is National Teacher Appreciation Week with May 8 designated as National School Nurse Day and May 7 is National Teacher Day. Please take time during this week to thank a teacher who made a difference in your life. We are proud of all our employees including our bus drivers, cooks, aides, secretaries and custodians, and believe they make a difference in the lives of children every day as well.

On a final note, I invite you to become an active part of our school district and to get involved in the lives of our young people by attending as many of the student activities as your schedule allows. Please feel free to visit me at my office in the North Central Local Schools BOE Offices or if you have comments or concerns about the school district, please feel free to contact me at any time. My email address is whanak@northcentralschool.org and the phone number is 419-737-2392 x 5210.

Go Eagles!

William D. Hanak, Superintendent

Special points of interest:
- April 17 - JH Student Council Trip
- April 19 - Good Friday (No School for Students or Staff)
- April 27 - Prom
- May 3 - HS Spring Musical 7:30PM
- May 4 - HS Spring Musical 7:30PM
- May 5 - HS Spring Musical 2:30PM
- May 16 - Government Courthouse Tour
- May 17 - 8th Grade Stone Lab Trip
- May 19 - Band Spring Concert
- May 20 - Honors Awards Evening
- May 21 - 3-6 Spring Music/Band Concert
- May 22 - Kindergarten Graduation
- May 24 - Last Day for Students - 1:15PM Dismissal
- May 26 - Graduation
- May 27 - Memorial Day
- Aug. 20 - K-12 Open House (5:30-7PM)
- Aug. 22 - First Day for Students
- Sept. 2 - Labor Day - No School
- Sept. 9 - Fair Day - (No School for Students or Staff)
- Sept. 10 - Prof. Dev. Day (No School for Students)
- Sept. 11 - LifeTouch Fall Picture Day

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Elementary - Principal’s Report

Dear Elementary Parents,

Spring has arrived and the school year is coming to a close. However, we still have work to do in the elementary. A major hurdle in the next few weeks will be our state academic assessments. This testing will involve our third through sixth grade students in the elementary building. Testing is a bit nerve racking for all of us including the staff. The staff needs to prepare and plan for these year-end assessments and the students need to do their very best. We are all in this together!

Parents, if you could make sure that your child receives the proper rest and words of encouragement during testing week because all of us want positive results for your child.

Spring is always the busiest time of the school year in my opinion not just because of state testing, but everything else that is happening at home and at school. The weather is finally changing and spring sports are in full swing throughout the community of Pioneer. The elementary has field trips planned, Kindergarten screening scheduled, and music programs on the calendar for this spring. Like I said, it will be very busy at school until we hit the month of June.

If you have any questions, please call us at 419-737-2293 and remember they grow-up fast!

Andy Morr,
Elementary Principal

Calamity Day Make Up

Step 1) Add a staff work day February 18, 2019 (Presidents day).

Step 2) Add 15 minutes to the end of each day starting April 1, 2019 until May 24, 2019.

Step 3) Add student days to the end of the year. Thursday, May 23 and Friday, May 24, 2019. (2 days) - Last day of school will be early release at 1:15 PM.

Step 4) Teacher work day is May 28, 2019 unless more days are missed.

Step 5) Student and staff make up days will be added to the end of the school year starting Tuesday May 28, 2019.

William D. Hanak,
Superintendent

Crossing Guard

Parents: The crossing guard has the priority and we must obey the traffic control devices that are in her hand, "A stop sign". We are seeing issues at the corner of Wyandot and Baubice. It is a chargeable offense in disobeying a traffic control device and moreover the dangers people pose to our children in being in a hurry.

Slow down for our kids. We would appreciate your cooperation in the matter.

William D. Hanak,
Superintendent

Ohio Improvement Process

On 3/4/19 the District Leadership Team (DLT) met for the second time. At the meeting the following team members were present: Becky Renfer, Don Slamka, Alecia Szymanski, Kendra Ely, Sarah Luthy, Dustin Campbell, Bill Hanak, Marcia Rozevink, Andy Morr, and Amy Kramer.

It was discussed at the last staff in-service day on 2/14 that North Central has been identified as a district that needs to develop a process for improvement through OIP. While it is required we go through this process, we are excited about the structure it will provide to make meaningful, data-driven decisions on what is best for kids.

Currently, our District Leadership Team (aka: DLT) is determining what the focus areas will be based on report card data. At the last meeting we identified the following areas to target:

1) K-3 At Risk (3rd grade reading guarantee)
2) Math (below proficient for all students)
3) Gifted population of students

The team will meet again on Monday, April 1 at 3:00. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to see a member of the DLT.

Amy Kramer,
Special Education Supervisor
Fun Fitness Field Days Dates Announced

With daylight savings time here, hopefully Spring is nearby! At least we hope so. With Spring upon us that means it is once again time to begin planning for our elementary field day events. Fun Fitness Day will be held for students in grades 1-3 on Friday, May 10, from 12pm to 2:30pm. Rain date for the event is Monday, May 13. Fun Fitness Day for grades 4-6 will be held on Friday, May 17. The rain date is Monday, May 20.

Kid’s Heart Challenge

On Thursday, March 14, one hundred and ten North Central Elementary students from grades 1-6 jumped all over heart disease and stroke by participating in the Kid’s Heart Challenge (Formerly known as Hoops and Jump Rope for Heart). As a reward for the donations they collected, students had fun and improved their heart health by working on their basketball skills in friendly competition. Students also are awarded prizes for the donations they contributed.

Once again, the students, as well as staff, parents, other family members, and the community did an outstanding job. The goal for the event was $6000. The students far exceeded this standard by collecting an amazing $6914.58, just a few dollars short of last year’s school record of $6988.39, for the American Heart Association! Thanks to their hard work, and the generosity of many of you, the students will assist the American Heart Association in reaching their goals as well!

Money raised by the event helps to fund research, programs, and education to fight heart disease and stroke, our nation’s No. 1 and No. 3 killers. Since 1995 North Central Elementary has contributed almost $109,000 to the American Heart Association.

Second grader, Bailey Carpenter led all participants by collecting $500. Two students raised over $200 as 3rd grader Dakota Baker had $250, and 1st grader Elijah Manley $220. Incredibly, a total of 22 students brought in $100 or more in donations!

Thanks to all the students, staff, families, and community members who were a part of this year’s Kid’s Heart Challenge program through participation or donations. For more information on the Kid’s Heart Challenge please visit http://american.heart.org/kidshorthandchallenge/

Kent Hutchison, Elementary Phys. Ed.

Mobile Dentist

Spring is right around the corner, and this note is to remind you of the importance of distributing new dental permission forms to your students. Please encourage parents to complete permission forms prior to our in-school dental visit this spring.

In addition to distributing the paper forms, you can also offer parents a convenient online sign up option. Include a link to www.MySchoolDentist.com in parent texts/emails and on your school’s social media pages to make sure parents know about the in-school dentist.

Permission forms are shipped to your school approximately 10 weeks prior to your scheduled visit date. Please contact me if you have not received your forms for spring distribution or need more.

We greatly appreciate your renewed efforts to ensure all of your students have healthy smiles.

Yours in good health,
Angela Jackson, School Relationship Manager

Eagle Café

Did you know the Eagle Café offers online payment options? Follow the Payschool link on our homepage, northerncentralschool.org, on the left side of the page or download the app right to your phone. Create an account with your student’s ID number, the one they enter for meals and computer access, then you can have access to their account. Payschool gives you many options like adding funds with a credit or debit card, monitoring daily purchases and setting up auto alerts for balances. If the online route is not your cup of tea, we also have places in the offices to leave a deposit.

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Please place the cash or check into the provided envelope and have the students first and last name on the envelope.

Rob Taylor, Cafeteria Director
North Central Local School

Box Tops for Education

Let me begin by sending out a huge THANK YOU to everyone who has collected and sent in Box Tops this school year. With March totals still being tabulated, and just April and May left, we are at approximately 4700 box tops. While that is quite a ways short of our goal of 25,000, it is still possible. However, we will need your continued help to make this happen by the end of the school year!

The Box Tops you collect provide the support we need to fund our Fun Fitness Field Days that are held for grades 1-3 and 4-6 each year in May. The money is also used to purchase new equipment for physical education classes. Much of the equipment we have purchased last year was focusing on improving students’ fitness levels and overall health, as well as equipment utilized at recess.

The funds also allow us to reward the individual classes with pizza parties for their collection efforts. Each class that collects 1000 Box Tops or more earn a pizza party.

Our remaining collection dates are April 11th and May 14th. With your continued support we can still reach our goal! Please continue to send the Box Tops in with your child. If you are a community member who does not have any children in school, you can still participate by sending the Box Tops into the elementary school to the attention of Kent Hutchison, or by dropping them off at the Elementary Office.

Every Box Top we collect helps! Thanks again to everyone for their continued support of the Box Tops for Education program!

Kent Hutchison,
Elementary Phys. Ed.

Maple Syrup Field Trip

Fourth grade students enjoyed a wonderful spring day during Maple Syrup Day activities at the Williams County Fairgrounds.

Lisa Blue,
4th Grade Instructor

Prom Donation Thank You’s

The Junior Class would like to thank the following for donations for Prom and after Prom:

JMS Services, Thompson Geesey Funeral Homes, Fort Wayne Tincaps, Bowling Green University, Jims Carry-Out, Tri-State Vision Center, Pelts Lumber Company, Evelyn’s Excursions, Toledo Mud Hens, Kent State University, Bryan Eagles, Pioneer Transformer, Premiere Theatre, Rings Pharmacy, Montpelier Moose, Skye Cinema, First Federal Bank, Farmers and Merchants State Bank, University of Toledo, CK Technologies, BHE, Current Office Solutions, Pioneer Main Stop, University of Northwestern Ohio, Spangler Candy Company, Armour Insulation and Coatings Alex Kidston, SMJ Decorating, The Veterans’ Building, Pettisville Meats, North Central FFA Jessica Tracey, North Central Bus Drivers.

Becky Eustace,
EMIS

Junior High/High School - Principal’s Report

It is difficult for me to accept that we have started the fourth quarter already! The students have only about 8 weeks of school left. Our seniors have a little less, and they are feeling the pressure! As I look back to the first three quarters, I can honestly say that I have learned a great deal from North Central students and staff, and it has been a wonderful experience!

I just wanted to update everyone on a few important events occurring during this final quarter of the 2018-2019 school year.

Marcia Rozevink,
JH/HS Principal
A new production of **Ghost the Musical**, inspired by the 1991 blockbuster hit "Ghost", which starred Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore and Whoopi Goldberg, is coming soon to North Central. **Ghost the Musical, School Edition**, will be presented May 3-5 by the NCHS Drama Club. The show is based on the film produced by Paramount Pictures. The book and lyrics are by Bruce Joel Rubin with music and lyrics by Dave Stewart and Glen Ballard. **Ghost the Musical, School Edition** is presented through special arrangement with Theatrical Rights Worldwide.

**Ghost the Musical, School Edition** is a timeless fantasy about the power of love. Longtime couple Sam (Michael Cummins) and Molly (Trystan Yoder) are happily in love and beginning a life together in Brooklyn. Sam's best friend Carl (Hayden Haas), who is also another high rolling banker, works with Sam at the same bank and life is looking good for all. However, walking back to their apartment one night, Sam and Molly are mugged by street punk Willie (Levi Williams). Sadly at such a young age, Sam meets his untimely death.

However, Sam is trapped between this world and the next as a ghost and is reminded compassionately by Hospital Ghost (Chloe Baker) that it is time "to let go". Yet Sam learns how difficult it is to watch life from his new ghostly world, especially as the minister (Manny Cruz) presides over his funeral while Carl consoles his wife. Mae to fool banker Furgeson (Leynes Wandrey) into a transaction that eventually leads to the person responsible for Sam's death.

Cameo roles and other ensemble parts are covered by Addie Elser, Sidney McKarns, Alex Lehtsten, Makayla Brown, Jack Bailey, Brenna White, Makayla Meyers, Maizie Zimmerman, Kristen Hickman, Kendee Hollstein, Kyleigh Westfall, Emily Lehtsten, Hayley Wehrle, Riley Brown, Kaitlyn Stember, Baylee Joice, Grocy Liversparger, and Alexia Miller.

Student directors are Derek Morris and Josh Wehrle. Student production managers are Colton Schmunk, Nathan Stember and Tyler Cheesbro (videographer). All five students also oversee the production team of Payton Taylor, Travis Schmunk, Blake Sakos and Josh Budd who together cover programs, public relations, all technical aspects of the show and manage the stage.

Each year these shows come together only through the help of the following adults who give so generously of their time. The pit band consists of Theatrical Rights Worldwide cast and crew, this musical journey would not be possible.

**NCHS Drama Club to Present Ghost the Musical for Spring Production**

As the suspense grows, Sam soon realizes who is behind his demise and retaliates by using Oda Mae to fool banker Furgeson (Leynes Wandrey) into a transaction that eventually leads to the person responsible for Sam's death.

Forms should be filled out as completely as possible by the person nominating. The Hall of Fame committee will add available information from yearbook and record books.

The completed nomination form must be submitted to Brian Hughes, Athletic Director North Central High School. The deadline for nomination consideration is June 1st, 2019.
Mission Statement

The mission of the North Central School District is to provide current instructional tools and methods which insure success throughout the student’s educational career. Employees will strive to listen and understand student and family needs. Employees will provide a positive learning environment where they can guide students to make informed choices. It is the ultimate goal that students graduate from North Central High School with a foundation of knowledge for success and a desire for life-long learning.