Please visit the NEMS Calendar on website for up-to-date information.
Tip: To see if additional information is available, click on a calendar item, and then click on "more details".

March 31 (Friday)
No School

April 3-7 (Monday-Friday)
No School - Spring Break

April 13th & April 14th (Thursday & Friday) 7:00pm
Spring Musical - Bye Bye Birdie

ATTENTION 7th & 8th Grade Parents

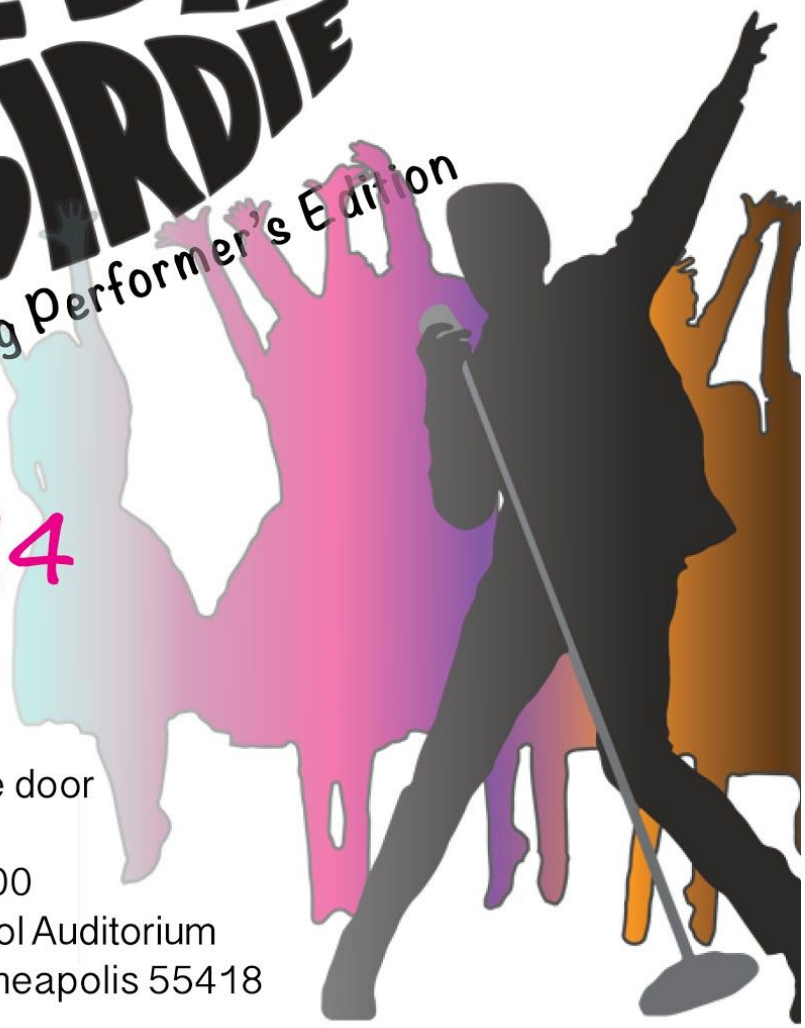
March 29th or March 30th, all of the 7th & 8th graders will be going on field trips to the Science Museum. Students will have the opportunity to view the exhibit on Race. Permission slips were sent home and need to be signed and returned no later than March 27th.

Northeast Middle School Theatre Department

Presents

BYE BYE BIRDIE

Young Performer's Edition



April 13 & 14
7:00 pm

Tickets available at the door
Adults $5.00
Students | Children $3.00
Northeast Middle School Auditorium
2955 Hayes St NE, Minneapolis 55418

TAMS WITMARK

Book by Michael Stewart | Music by Charles Strouse | Lyrics by Lee Adams

TOURNAMENT OF BOOKS

MARCH MADNESS is HERE!

Our first ever "Tournament of Books" will begin on Wednesday, March 1.
Advisories (or groups of Advisories) will be competing to earn the most points each week:

1 minute of reading = 1 point

Each week (starting 3/6-10), the Advisory with the most points (i.e. minutes of independent reading) will move on in the tournament -- see the tourney bracket on the next slide.

Each student must keep an (honest!) record of the minutes s/he reads each day, and points will tallied each day in advisory using this form.

At the end of the week, the points for each Advisory (or Advisory group) will be counted to see who moves on in the tournament … teams who do not move on will still receive incentives to read.

MCA Dates

Reading Test April 18-19
Math Test April 24-26
Science Test (Grade 8 ONLY) week of May 1
MCA Test Prep - Item samplers are provided to help teachers and students become familiar with the format and type of content included in the accountability assessments. Item samplers contain fewer items than an actual full-length test and are aligned to the Minnesota Academic Standards. They are NOT suitable for predicting how students will perform on the accountability assessments.
Item samplers, along with other resources for teachers and parents, can be found on the Pearson Access Next website, including:

- **Reading, Mathematics, and Science MCA online item samplers**
- **Reading, Mathematics, and Science MCA paper accommodation item samplers**
- **MTAS item samplers**

http://minnesota.pearsonaccessnext.com/item-samplers/

Congratulations Rosemary Baichtal and Elaine Van Zee for coming in First Place in the Rookie Division. This is a very impressive result at the league championship, and we hope to see them return to debate next year to continue to learn and improve!

Tournament Results:

Rookie Speaker Awards (Individual Awards)

- **First Place - Oliver Craig**
- **Third Place - Elaine Van Zee**
- **6th Place - Rosemary Baichtal**
- **7th Place - Cullen Arneson**
- **8th Place - Beck Evenson**
- **17th Place - Baxter Heino**
- **30th Place - Vincent Lazarchic**
- **32nd Place - Teagan Poland**

Rookie Team Awards (Partnership Awards)

- **First Place - Baichtal & Van Zee**
- **4th Place - Arneson & Evenson**
- **11th Place - Poland & Lazarchic**

12th Place - Craig & Heino

Congratulations to the after school Chess Team - 1st Place!

Community Ed Beacons Program participates in Youth Day at the Capital

136 students from 15 different schools participated in Youth Day at the Capitol. These students got to see how their voices can be heard in government.

- **Met with 9 different Legislators**
- **Gained valuable advocacy and leaderships skills from people in the community**
- **Toured the Capitol**
- **Heard keynote speakers from a reporter from Kare-11, heard from a Youth Political leader and a singer/songwriter activist**

Northeast Middle School Beacons Skate club had the opportunity to partner with Familia HQ skate park for an exclusive tour, one on one with local skater Tabari Cook and Fun!

SAVE THE DATE

6th Grade Families……

May 25 & May 26th

All 6th graders will be heading to Camp Miller in Sturgeon Lake, MN. Chaperones are needed!

The cost is $50.00 per student. Detailed information will be available after spring break. Questions, please contact Debra Reutter.

debra.reutter@mpls.k12.mn.us

We are excited to announce a change for 4th quarter 6th graders. For 4th Quarter, students will have some choice in what their final 5th hour rotation class will be. They will choose their top 3 classes. They will be enrolled in one of their top 3 choices. Priority will be given to students interested in band or who haven't been in their last rotation class.

FREE TREES FOR EARTH DAY

Our school is participating in the 8th Annual Neighborhood Forest program, whose aim is to provide free trees to kids to plant on Earth Day. We endorse this project and are excited to give kids a way to beautify and green our communities.

Fill out the following online registration form by March 31 and receive a free red splendor crabapple tree (6-12 inches in size) during Earth Week (April 17-21). Planting instructions and species information will be emailed a few days prior to the trees arriving.

Register (on a laptop, tablet or desktop computer) to receive a free red splendor crabapple tree for Earth Day to plant with your child:

http://www.neighborhoodforest.org/search-for-school/

Thank you for your support and participation. For more information about this program, please visit www.neighborhoodforest.org.

Summer Enrichment Opportunities

Northeast Middle School will be having GEMS/GISE Summer STEM Academy.

- **Amazing Structures: Bridges & Towers - Students will investigate tower and bridge designs, the forces that act on them, and the materials that can withstand those forces.**
- **Cooking by Design - This design-based integrated STEM – Nutrition class engages students in using a variety of creativity and idea generation tools.**
- **Drumline or Guitar -Develop performance skills, rehearse music and choreography, and create a composition and arrangement.**
- **Engineering the Ride - Explore the mechanics of the standard road bike while riding through the urban parks and streets of Minneapolis.**
- **Expedition Minneapolis - Engage in a wide variety of environmental field experiences through the use of scientific inquiry, while learning to use the tools of a naturalist.**
- **Explore Robotics- Students will utilize their prototypes and programming skills to solve design challenges using the LEGO Mindstorms Robotic System.**
- **STEM Gear by Style Engineers - Activities are designed to explore the science and technology of fashion.**
- **Game On! Recreational Sports & Activities - Learn and practice the skills of Lacrosse, Soccer, Volleyball and Rugby.**
- **SOAR - The sky is the limit in this course that focuses on aerospace engineering.**
- **Theatre or Dance - Design and perform while learning the technical elements of theatre or dance.**
- **Design Art Meets Engineering - Students will work on various Art Engineering Design Challenges.**
- **Tech 4 Boyz / Tech 4 Girlz - Studio production, graphics, green screen production, and more.**
- **Urban Boatbuilding & Exploration - Design and construct wooden boats, canoe waterways and improve swimming**

Summer GEMS/GISE STEM Academy Website: Program Overview /Course Descriptions/Applications

Current K-4th Grade: http://summerschool.mpls.k12.mn.us/k-4applicationforms
Current 5th -7th Grade: http://summerschool.mpls.k12.mn.us/5-7applicationforms

Summer Trek is offered through Community Ed. It is a 6 week program that you can do 1 week at a time:(note that there is a significant discount if registered before April 1st)
https://minneapolis.ce.eleyo.com/course/8235/summer-youth-programs-2017/webster-trek-program-grades-6-8

MPS Culinary & Wellness Services and the True Food Chef Council are looking for middle school (6-8th grade) students to apply to participate in the 3rd Annual MPS Jr Iron Chef Competition! Selected students will be paired with chefs from the True Food Chef Council to compete top-chef style for a panel of judges. The purpose of this event is to raise awareness about MPS' shift to fresh, scratch-cooked meals and to get students excited about good food!

When: Monday, May 8th from 5:30-7:30pm (Participants will need to arrive around 4:30pm)
Where: Solar Arts by Chowgirls, 711 NE 15th Avenue, Minneapolis, MN

Application details:
Application is an online Google form that must be submitted at http://bit.ly/JIC2017application by 4pm on Wednesday, April 12th.
Students will submit a 1000 character essay explaining why he or she wants to cook with our chefs in this competition. Get creative with your response!
Consider including: when and why you love to cook, your favorite dishes to cook, your previous cooking experience, and why participating in this event is important to you. Note: previous cooking experience is not required!
Students must apply individually or with a partner.
Applications will be judged by the Jr Iron Chef planning committee.
Selected participants will be notified in early April with further details and a participation waiver.
This event is open and free to the public. Student participants are welcome to invite family and friends to attend the event!
All applications must be submitted at http://bit.ly/JIC2017application by 4:00pm on Wednesday, April 12th to be considered.

Please contact Kate Seybold at kate.seybold@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-2852 with any questions.

Please save your Box Tops and have your student turn them into their Advisory teacher. This money raised will go towards student incentives here at NEMS! In the months of February & March the students will be having a contest in the advisories and the top two will receive treats!

Come & Join Northeast Middle School PTA
Monday, April 10th 6:30-8:00p
In the Media Center

Like Northeast Middle School PTA on Facebook for more information

Parkway Pizza donates 5% of all sales the first Monday of every month to North East Middle School's PTA