



**Northeast**  
MIDDLE SCHOOL

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***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".

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**From the Staff at Northeast Middle  
School we Wish each Family a Safe and  
Joyful Winter Break!**

**(December 19th - January 2nd)**

**As winter sets in, please be sure your child is prepared for the weather with appropriate winter wear (boots, hats, mittens, jacket). Also, dressing in layers for the school day is a great idea, as some classrooms may be extra warm, and some may be a little cool. If your family needs assistance with winter wear, please contact the main office and one of our social workers will help you out. If you have extra winter wear you can donate, it can come to the main office as well.**

**Winter Weather + Recess + School Closings= Confusion! We will continue to have a daily outside option for recess as long as the temperature (either actual or with wind-chill) is above zero. Students are encouraged to dress appropriately and get some fresh air each day. Also, if school is cancelled for the day because of weather, Superintendent Graff will make that decision, and you will find the information on WCCO, the district website and if you are signed up for robo calls, you will get one of those too. If school is indeed cancelled because of weather, please understand that schools will not be staffed to answer calls (one custodial staff and one administrator must report, otherwise all other staff are to stay home)**

**NEMS rallied around one of its families who experienced a house fire over the weekend and lost everything but escaped with their lives. Within 48 hours of learning the news, more than 20 staff contributed over \$475 in gift cards, as well as donated a new computer, groceries, winter coats, clothing, and even toys and gifts. Mr. Darling even set up a GoFundMe page for the family for additional support. This is just another example of how NEMS is more than just a middle school, it is a community/family. Becky, our Social Worker will continue to accept donations and can be reached at 612.805.2051.**

**Auditorium update: The electrical and lighting system in our auditorium is original to the building (60+ years old!)...and has illuminated its last event. The district facilities department is working at double speed to get bids to replace the systems. Until then all plays and other performances will be held in alternate venues. Please be sure you are watching for information coming home that provides details regarding where your child's event is being held. As soon as we get more information on time line, we will share it with you.**

**Save the Date! [January 12<sup>th</sup> is NEMS International Potluck.](#) The Pot luck begins at 6 pm. We are encouraging all of our families to participate in the potluck by making their family favorite, and bringing it to share. Be on the lookout for more information to come.**

***Last week we recognized 292 of our A & B HONOR ROLL STUDENTS! CONGRATULATIONS!!***

### **A NOTE FROM THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE:**

Parents if you move or have a new phone number, please contact Nancy in the main office at 612-668-1511.

Reminder to report an absence to the attendance office if your child is out of school for the day by calling 668-1511

### **All School & Grade Level Updates**

In Dance we are transitioning from Ms. French to Mr. Hines where the students are finishing up their modern and lyrical dances and are now learning about Hip-Hop dance and Afro-Step culture. All of the dance classes are working on stretching major muscle groups, warming up their cardiovascular systems and learning how to use their artistic voices to create student work. The students are also learning about different choreography concepts and how they can express their artistic selves through Dance! Stay tuned!

#### **Arts Expo Success!**

On last Tuesday night students shared their work with their families and peers, in celebration of their hard work. The band and choir performed, Dance class shared a student choreographed dance, AVID students and World Language Students shared their high quality work, and there were Visual arts student work displays for all to enjoy.

We are currently recruiting students grades 6-8 to participate in the Workplace tutoring program with our business partner Graco. This is a tutoring program in which employees from Graco volunteer to tutor students in math or reading. The tutoring program is offered as part of our afterschool programming and will be held on Wednesdays beginning February 1<sup>st</sup> and running each Wednesday through April 26<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Debbie Nelson by phone (612-668-1505) or email [deborah.nelson@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:deborah.nelson@mpls.k12.mn.us) to let her know of your interest. Please do so as soon as possible as space is limited in this program.

### 6th Grade:

Did you hear that our 6th graders were the first winners with receiving the most tickets for Fun Friday! They individually earned tickets from staff here at Northeast that noticed achievement!

### 7th Grade:

Northeast Middle School is hosting our very first NEMS/Spark-Y! Shark Tank Event on Friday January 13th. Our very own Principal, Vernon Rowe, Senator Jim Carlson, Mayor Betsy Hodges, Chair of the MPS Board Jenny Arneson, MPS Superintendent Ed Graff, Chief of Academics Michael Thomas, Chief of Accountability, Research, and Innovation Eric Moore, Deputy Chief of Academics Susanne Griffin, Macarre Traynham, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, and others will be panelists in our Shark Tank evaluating our STEM scholars on their pitch towards sustainability solutions for our urban food desert issue in Northeast Minneapolis.

The 7th graders have officially launched National History Day! This year's theme is "Taking a Stand." The students will learn research skills on an historical topic of their choice. We also collaborate with the Minnesota Historical Society.

### 8th Grade

So far this year our 8th graders have been Alternative Energy Engineers, creating windmills/Alternative Wind Energy for our classroom learning community, Messy Weather Meteorologists as they interviewed staff and students on their weather experiences, and will be exploring the benefits of rain gardens in our Urban community, as well, with our "Science in our very own backyard" rain garden. Additionally we've begun to discuss our 8th grade science standards through a social justice lens. Please ask your 8th grader if there were tsunami sensors in the Indian Ocean in 2004, and *why* did it take so long to get tsunami sensors in the Indian Ocean?

In(most) 8th grade math classes they have been working on a math project about selecting a vehicle and job and finding out how much time it takes to earn enough money for it. This project is due by Friday and should be turned in through google docs or google classroom.

***Spirit Week was this week - Enjoy the Pictures!***

***Themes were:***

***Monday: Hat or Crazy Hair Day***

***Tuesday: Pajama Day***

***Wednesday: Minnesota Gear day (Same day we are going to the U of M for a Gopher game)***

***Thursday: Night Hawk Blue Day***

***Friday: Wacky-Tacky or Dress Alike Day***





***The Legend of Sleepy Hollow,*  
**performance will be January 6<sup>th</sup>  
**at 7PM.******

*Please come and show support for our students.*

**Come & Join Northeast Middle School PTA**  
**Monday, January 9, 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 .**

**Edison High School NEWS**

Tonight the 16th of January they will be hosting an Asian Culture Show starting at 5 p.m. After the show they will be serving dinner and the cost for the whole evening is only \$2.

Also they are hosting the 10<sup>th</sup> annual wrestling tournament this Saturday at 9 a.m.