



December 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2016

### Night Hawk Awesomeness on Display

#### **Individuals and Society Classes Travel the World!**

8<sup>th</sup> Graders have been very busy in their Individuals and Society classes the last several weeks. Mr. Jirsa (through a generous grant from the PTA) has a yearlong subscription to Fantasy Geopolitics. Students researched and choose countries they felt would be represented in the news each day, and kept track of their standings as daily events occurred. Today, the top countries are being recognized with a Geo-Political lunch with Mr. Jirsa. A guest speaker who served in the Peace Corp in Costa Rica also visited with the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Individuals and Societies classes, and shared his experiences as a Peace Corp volunteer, while Mr. Jirsa cooked up an authentic Costa Rican breakfast of beans and rice for the students to try.

#### **Dance Class gets their groove on:**

Ms. French's classes have been choreographing dances, practicing new steps and working as a team to prepare for Tuesday's Arts Showcase. They are a group of students who support each other to take risks, try new steps, and be a part of the magic. This class has several new students in it who have been brought into the fold and through the culture of inclusion that exists in the class, have already learned some pretty complicated moves.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Update

#### **Camping Trip Save the Date!!**

6<sup>th</sup> graders will go camping to Camp Miller, in Sturgeon Lake, on May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. We are currently estimating the cost at \$80 per student. More information will be coming home soon, just as soon as we have a final cost. 6<sup>th</sup> grade families participated in a fundraiser to provide scholarships to students who need financial support.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Updates

**Stay Tuned for exciting news from 7<sup>th</sup> grade!**

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Updates

8<sup>th</sup> Graders are starting to think about High School! Check out our Counselor's Website on the NEMS Website for more information regarding High School Open Houses, or contact Debbie Nelson at 612-668-1505.

### School Wide Events

- ☞ **Monday December 5<sup>th</sup> is Parkway Pizza Night!** Join other NEMS families at Parkway from 5:3-7:00 to have dinner and socialize. Northeast Middle School PTA gets a portion of *all sales on the first Monday of every month* (even if you eat earlier, or later, or for take out!). So satisfy your hunger and contribute to a good cause all at the same time and eat at Parkway!!
- ☞ **Correction:** There is no PTA meeting in December.
- ☞ **December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm is our Arts Celebration night!** We will have student performances in band, choir and dance, and student work displays for our World Languages. Look for invitations to come home from your child if they are in these programs. Everyone is welcome to join us and see the awesome work happening in our classrooms!
- ☞ This is Midterm time! Between now and December 9<sup>th</sup>, advisory teachers will be connecting with families to talk about midterm grades. If there are any specific teachers you would like to speak with, please do not hesitate to contact them directly and set an appointment for a conversation.
- ☞ **December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> is our IB-MYP Evaluation Visit.** We will have a team of IB Practitioners (teachers, coordinators and administrators) reviewing our work in IB, recognizing where we are excelling, and where we need to grow. Part of the process is interviewing staff, students and families. This is where YOU come in. We need a representative group of families to share with the team what their experience has been with Northeast IB. We *really* want YOUR perspectives and honest feedback, because that is what helps us grow. So, if you have opinions about IB at Northeast, please consider joining us. You can contact our IB Coordinator directly to ask questions, or volunteer! [Dawn.Lucken-Hills@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Dawn.Lucken-Hills@mpls.k12.mn.us)
- ☞ **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.

#### **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.