

November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Night Hawk Awesomeness on Display**

NEMS Celebrates our Native American Students! Every Friday, our Native Student group gathers to celebrate and learn about their culture. They begin each session with Sage Burning, play games and learn about history and traditions of their community. As part of Native American Family Involvement day, families joined their child in Native Student group and participated in the activities. An extension of our celebration of Native Families this week is the True Food Taste test at all lunches, where staff, students and families get to try Manoomin Salad (wild rice, butternut squash, frozen blueberries, dried cranberries and honey). A huge thanks to Alyssa Mitchell and District Indian Education staff for making this happen for us every week!



**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**

- ☞ We now have registration forms for students that are interested in Winter Sports: gymnastics, girls and boys basketball, and hockey (possibly other sports too). Forms are available from Ms. Aamina in the Community Ed office. **Boys basketball tryouts, for 7th and 8th graders, are Monday November 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday November 22<sup>nd</sup> at Edison from 5:30-7pm.** Students that turn in their registration to Ms. Aamina now should be able to get a bus after the tryouts. Students must have their paperwork and physical forms to Ms. Aamina before the 21<sup>st</sup>. Transportation to Edison will be provided for those with all their forms.
- ☞ Thanksgiving Break is right around the corner: **There will be no school Wednesday November 23-Friday November 25<sup>th</sup>.**
- ☞ **December 1<sup>st</sup> is our first Middle School Dance for the year.** It is being planned by Student Council. The dance will be in the cafeteria, right after school. If your child is enrolled in after school and has a bus home, they can ride that same bus home after the dance. Otherwise, students will need to provide their own ride home at 5:45. There is no cost to get into the dance, and there will be snacks for sale. Students will need a signed permission slip to go to the dance.
- ☞ **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 grown. 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 a big night at NEMS, with the Winter Play performance and our International Potluck. The Pot luck begins at 6 pm, and the play starts at 7. 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.