

NEWSBREAK

Pettis Co. R-V Newsletter

October 2015

Superintendent's Message

What a fantastic start to the school year! I am so proud of our students and staff here at Northwest. There is a very noticeable difference being here in a small family-centered school compared to attending a larger school district. It is something that my family and I have discussed many times over the past few weeks. While concerns can arise when dealing with something so valuable as a child, please know that our school district is a GREAT place for our children to receive a quality education.

With the year moving so quickly, it is important that we maintain our focus on improving teaching and learning in our classrooms. Teachers are being asked to extend themselves more than ever and students are rising to the level of expectations. We recognize that it truly takes an entire community to raise a child and we value the role that each of you play in the lives of the children who attend Pettis Co. R-V. Your involvement at school and at home has a tremendous impact and we want to encourage you to continue to partner with us. I encourage you to maintain communication with your child's teacher(s) and to ask how you can support what is taking place in the classroom.

I am optimistic about our future and excited about the work our school is doing to ensure that every child meets their potential. We are here to serve our community and look forward to building on that partnership during our upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences on October 21st from 1:00-8:00.

Happy Fall!!!

Sincerely,

Cody Hirschi, Superintendent



“Wisdom is not a product of schooling but of the life-long attempt to acquire it.”

-Albert Einstein

NWHS Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that the school year is almost a month old. The high school is off to a great start. A couple reminders include:

The new eligibility policy states that **Athletes and students representing the school in the community in ALL activities must be good students.** High school athletes and participants (grades 9-12) must have successfully completed courses earning a minimum of **3.0 credits and maintain a (C+) average (2.3 on 4.0 scale)** in the preceding semester and must be enrolled in courses earning minimum of 3.0 credits in the current semester. Athletes and participants in grades 7-8 must be enrolled in a normal course load, **maintain a (C+) average (2.3 on 4.0 scale)**, and have been promoted at the end of the previous year. **If credits are maintained students may re-instate eligibility by meeting the C+ average at mid-term.** This policy includes all extra-curricular activities.

All parents are encouraged to have access to our student information system. Please email ddawson@northwest.k12.mo.us or dwalk@northwest.k12.mo.us for a user name and password if you do not already have one. **Grades are updated every Friday by 10am.**

Progress reports will continue to be sent home every two weeks. The progress reports will only detail assignments from the previous 2 weeks, but will always show the current semester grade and total semester running point total. Progress reports need to be signed by parents and returned.

As always, life is busy with the high school. Please stay up to date on the school calendar and we would like to encourage the community to come out and see our kids in action as much as possible.

Go Mustangs!

David Dawson

Principal, Northwest High School

Upcoming District Events and Important Items

*HS Progress Reports

Progress reports will be sent home with your child every other Friday. They are to be signed and returned by a parent or guardian the following school day. We believe that the more information we can get parents, the more success our students will have. If you are not seeing progress reports every 2 weeks, please call the office.

*Homecoming Parade

The annual Northwest Homecoming Parade will be October 16th starting at 1:15 pm in front of the high school.

*Parent Conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences will take place October 21 from 1:00-8:00. Please make plans to attend.

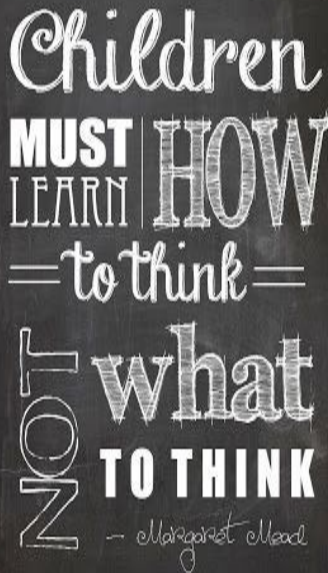
*100th Year Celebration

We will be having our 100th Anniversary. Please mark your calendars to come and celebrate with alumni on Saturday, Oct. 3rd.

*Surplus Sale

A sale of items that have been declared surplus by the district, will take place on October 15, 2015 from 4:00-7:00 pm. This event will occur outside the bus barn at the high school.

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trict Facebook Page



Children
MUST LEARN HOW
=to think=
TO WHAT
TO THINK
- Margaret Mead

NWES Principal's Message

The teachers, staff, and students at the elementary have been working very hard to get back into a school routine- while at the same time trying to get used to some new changes, a new principal, and a few new teachers and students. Our goal to have fun while learning and have fun while teaching is something I've been trying to remind everyone about at NWES. And if you've heard about or participated in any of our FAIR activities in the last few weeks, you will already know that we've been having a lot of fun while promoting a love for reading.

All students grades 1-6 have been participating in reading fluency assessments and STAR testing in our computer lab. This last week, the title teachers began giving Developmental Reading Assessments to students in grades 1-3 and targeted tests for students grades 4-6. We will be sharing these results as well as any MAP testing results from last school year with you at our upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences in October. The results will also help teachers to determine the exact reading level of your child and how to best meet their reading needs.

On Tuesday, Sept. 22, we had our **Let's be FAIR Family Night**. I want to say "THANK YOU!" to all the families who participated and to our awesome staff for the hard work to make this reading night such a huge success. I had the privilege to spend some time with the parents discussing the importance of supporting reading from home. I also gave a quick overview of our new behavior program called BIST. There will be more information about BIST at parent teacher conferences about upcoming training for parents who may want to use this program at home. I will be working with the high school to provide babysitting for those parents who need to bring the whole family in order to participate. So watch for this information in the upcoming weeks.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I am open to feedback and welcome input on anything that could help us serve you better. In the meantime, check us out on Facebook at the Pettis County R-V page. We are posting pictures and updates about all the wonderful things our kids are doing...talk to you soon! Miss Jo

Attention Parents of 8th Graders!

Happy Fall Fellow Mustangs!!

I am super excited for a new school year and I hope you are too. We have jumped right in with class meetings, college recruiter visits, activities, and plans for a very busy year.

This is a great time for me to reintroduce myself as your child's high school counselor and share with you some of the services I offer. My primary job is to assist each student with their personal/social, career, and academic needs. Some examples of how this is accomplished would be class visits, assemblies, field trips, and personal appointments. If there is ever a concern you have or would just like to touch base with me about your child, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone, email, or stop by my office.

Wishing all a safe and successful school year,

Erica Sims

NWHS Counselor

P.S.

Senior parents- your child has been invited to join the Senior's 2016 Remind text cast that comes from me. I will be sending out important reminders and information. You may also find it beneficial to sign up! All you need to do is:

Text: @d1bcf

To: 81010



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