



North Ridge Middle School

April 2023

Newsletter

Dates to remember:

04/04/2023: Tuesday Early Release at 2:45 and parent teacher conferences.

04/06/2023: Thursday Early Release at 2:45 and parent teacher conferences.

04/07/2023: Good Friday: No School

04/10/2023: No School for Students.

Vision:

“Engage, Educate, Empower, Every Student Every Day”

Mission:

- 1. Engage students by encouraging life-long learning.**
- 2. Educate them for success in college and careers, and**
- 3. Empower them with acceptance and support to be true to who they are.**



7th Grade ELA

The 7th grade English Language Arts (ELA) department would like to welcome everyone back from Spring Break; we hope that you all had a safe, relaxing, and wonderful time. We encourage all our students to continue meeting and exceeding academic and behavioral expectations. In addition, parents and guardians, we thank you in advance for supporting and encouraging your students. We are excited about the fourth quarter academic focus. We will continue use of AVID classroom activities, Smeckens Writing Strategies, and our writing focus will be persuasive. Also, the reading focus will be comprehension skill building provided through the StudySync text.

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8th Grade Science

April Showers will bring May Flowers! This month we started our life science units. We began with learning about genetics and using Punnett squares to figure the genetic makeup of plants. We are learning all new vocabulary. It is important that your student review vocabulary nightly so that they are familiar with the terms we will be using in class. Here are some of the vocabulary words they need to know: genotype, phenotype, homozygous, heterozygous, allele, DNA, Meiosis, Mitosis, chromosomes. As students start getting spring fever it is important for them to attend school and complete assignments on time this will help them finish the school year strong. Please help your students stay on track in their learning. Remember if you are absent from school for an extended period of time you need to check Google Classroom for your schoolwork and complete what you can at home. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your student's teacher via phone, email, or through TeacherEase:

Dates to remember.

Parent teacher conferences Apr 4, 2023, 3:30-7:15 and Apr 6, 2023, 3:30-7:00

Illinois Science assessment April 11-April 13th in their science classes.

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7th Grade Math

We are still working on Unit 4, Expressions and Equations, this month. We continue to see students struggle with applying the integer rules to evaluate expressions and solve equations. Knowing these rules will help students be more successful in this unit. Please continue to look over your student's agenda each evening to ensure that all homework assignments are being completed, as well as to know about any upcoming tests and quizzes. Also, please check TeacherEase regularly to keep up with your child's current grade and any missing assignments. Remember your student needs a passing grade of at least 60% between both semesters in order to pass 7th grade math. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to your student's math teacher.

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8th Grade Math

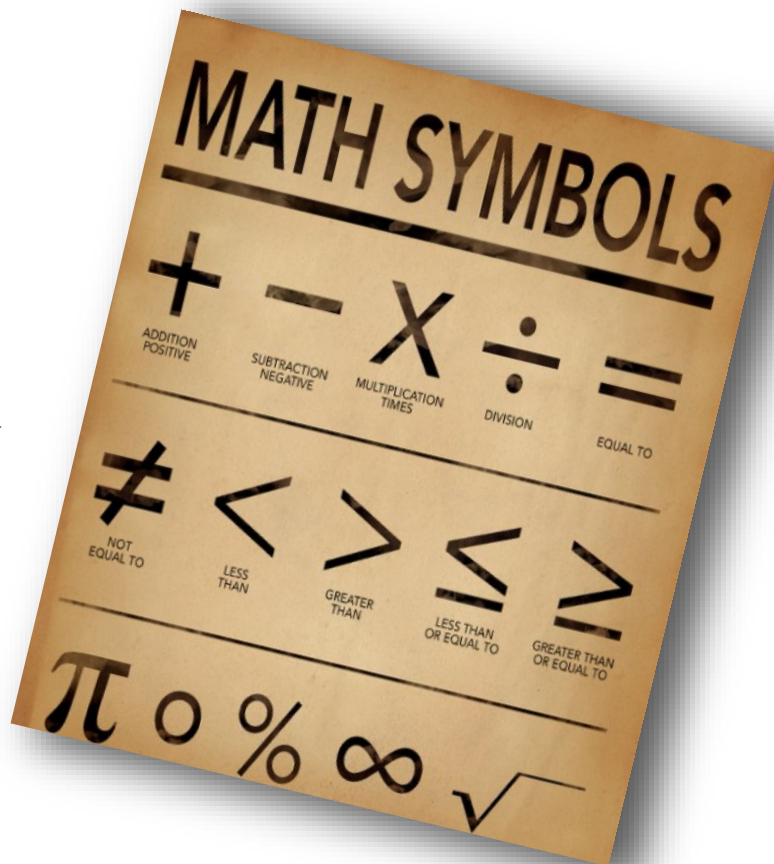
8th grade Algebra classes are working on a Unit 8 Polynomials. They will have 2 remaining units and a project left to complete this last quarter of the school year. The Pre-Algebra classes are beginning our function unit and learning key vocabulary like input, output, domain, range, rate of change, and function.

The math department would also like to remind families that the end of the school year is right around the corner. Please encourage your students to finish the year strong!

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8th Grade Language Arts

We hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing Spring Break. For the month of April we have begun Unit 4 in StudySync which is an argumentative unit. Students will be reading and analyzing what makes an argument strong. We will also be strengthening the skills of making inferences and citing textual evidence as well as determining the meanings of unknown words. These are skills we have been working on all year. The standards we will be covering are RI.8.1, RI.8.4, RI.8.8, and RI.8.9. Please encourage your child to finish the year STRONG. If you need to get ahold of your child's teacher, please feel free to call or email that teacher.



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8th Grade Class Trip

The below information was provided to students in February and sent out via teacherease to all 8th grade families. An updated letter should be sent out in the near future because this trip was just board approved. Until then, we wanted to remind everyone of the criteria that must be met in order to attend the trip this May. "The 8th grade class will be given the opportunity to go on an end of the year field trip. The location and date of the trip are currently being worked out, but we want to give everyone a heads up as students will need to be eligible to attend this trip. Our goal is to reward students who have good academic and behavior standing at North Ridge Middle School. We know that 8th grade is a memorable year for our students and we want to find ways to celebrate with them as we near the end of the year. We will send out more information soon including the location, date, and cost of the upcoming trip. There are several requirements that students must meet to be able to attend the class trip. Please sign the attached form to acknowledge that you have read the requirements. This acknowledges that you are aware your student must meet the academic and behavior requirements above to attend the field trip in May. This criteria agreement is DUE BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH. If this slip is not returned the student will NOT receive the updated information on the trip and will NOT be eligible to attend."

The requirements are as follows: 1. Student must be passing 8th grade. (This means they must have a passing average in all classes at the time of the trip) 2. Students cannot have any suspensions or expulsions beginning February 13, 2023. (This includes bus suspensions.) 3. Students may not have multiple referrals or assignments (for any number of class periods) in the Refocus Room/ Recovery Room beginning February 13, 2023.

Health and Wellness:

Hello 8th grade parents, It is not too early to get your freshmen physicals completed. ALL 9th grade students will be required to have a physical for the 2023-24 school year completed within one year from the first day of freshmen year. Your student will not be able to start High School without a physical on file. You can either fax the completed paperwork to Gabi Ingold (North Ridge Nurse) at 217-444-3484, email it to ingoldg@danville118.org, or drop it off at North Ridge Middle School. Please call me with any questions at 217-444-3484

Sincerely, Gabi Ingold, RN North Ridge School Nurse



Empowerment Summit for the students at North Ridge Middle School. April 13th, 2023, beginning right after school until 6pm. Student must have a ride arranged to stay. The summit will give students a chance to improve student knowledge, self-confidence, and learn about leadership from guest speaker Tony Hoffman. Dinner and a gift will also be provided. Permission slips can be found in the cafetorium and main office and are due back to Mrs. Funk or Ms. Mason by April 6th, 2023. 😊



Builder's Club:

During April, the North Ridge Builders Club will begin working on a project for Teacher Appreciation Week in May. We will also continue to oversee the paper recycling program at North Ridge. Please consider putting the General Mills Box Tops for Education App on your phone. All you need to do is choose North Ridge as your school, and scan your grocery receipts into their app. The process is very easy! Contact Mrs. Delzell if you have questions about the Box Tops app. The money collected from the box tops will help fund our school and community projects. We will be looking for club members to participate at Rally at the Ridge on May 2nd from 5:00-6:30 P.M. Our club members will be asked to help set up our table, casually talk to the incoming 6th graders, and hand out Builders Club information. Look for the Rally at the Ridge permission slips that will be sent home on April 19th. Finally, we are looking for new club members for next year. If your child is interested in participating in community and school service projects, please send an email to delzellk@danville118.org. Our meetings are twice a month on the first and third Wednesdays at 8:05 A.M. in the North Ridge library. The Builders Club upcoming meeting dates are April 5th, April 19th, May 3rd, and May 17th.



NORTH RIDGE BANDS

We're happy to continue making music together! Our next Band Concert will be on Tuesday, May 23rd at 5:15 in the North Ridge Cafetorium. We have many other events over the next few months. The Red Peppers Jazz Band will perform for the D118 Jazz Festival on Saturday, April 1st while many other band students compete in Solo & Ensemble Contest the same day. We also have the music Department Spaghetti Dinner and Auction on April 21st from 5-9, the IESA Music Contest at North Ridge on April 28th, and the D118 Fine Arts Festival on April 29th. The Jazz Band will travel to a competition at Kings Island on May 5th-6th and perform with Shawn Maxwell at the Fischer Theatre on May 11th. Students are encouraged to sign up for free instrument lessons provided by D118 music staff. Interested students should contact Mr. Owens for more information. We look forward to sharing our progress with you at our May concert. Be sure to stay connected through the band website and band Facebook page.

Mr. Owens

Director of Bands

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Choir

The Redcoats and Radiant Reds have completed their competitive season with a case full of trophies. The first stop this year was at the Manteno Main Event. The Redcoats earned 1st Runner Up honors in the Mixed Show Choir Division and the Radiant Reds were named 1st Runner up in the Unisex Division. They also travelled to El Paso, IL for the Show Choir Show Down. The Redcoats were named 5th Runner Up in the Mixed Division and the Radiant Reds were honored as Grand Champions in the Unisex Division. Next was the Watseka Sensational Showcase where the Redcoats were 1st Runners Up and The Radiant Reds were 3rd Runner Up. We finished our season at the Herscher Swing and Sing where the Redcoats were 2nd Runner Up and the Radiant Reds were 3rd Runner Up. Throughout the season these non-auditioned groups have worked hard and loved performing. Several students received individual recognition including Malia Roberson as Outstanding Soloist at Manteno. Outstanding performers throughout the season were Malia Roberson, Amaya Owens, Jahanya Miles, Jessenia Shaw and DaNale Mott. The groups were under the direction of Jericho Maniquis and Jennifer



North Ridge Music Department

Spaghetti Dinner & Auction

April 21, 2023 at North Ridge

Live and Silent Auction, Performances by the Redcoats, Radiant Reds, Orchestra, The Red Peppers Jazz Band, and more!

5-9pm

**Dinner will be served from 5:30-8*

Adults \$10 Kids 12 and Under \$5

**Tickets available for Pre-Sale & at the Door
217-444-3422 or owensa@danville18.org**



8th Grade Social Studies

Happy Spring 8th Grade families, and welcome to 4th Quarter! During this month of April, we will be wrapping up the biggest event of the last 100 years—World War II. During this unit, students will be learning about the causes and effects, the geography, the major events, and the major people involved in the biggest war in human history. We will spend time learning about the mistakes that led to war and the sacrifices and contributions that led to the Allied victory. We will spend time learning about the devastating effects of the Holocaust. Throughout this unit, we will try to learn from history to make sure these events never happen again!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your student's teacher. Thanks!

8th Grade Social Studies Team

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Track and Field 2023:

Track has gotten off to a great start! Practice is every day after school until 5:30 p.m. and unless otherwise stated on the calendar sent home for each month. In April, we will be running from North Ridge to the Danville High School Track. Please make sure you pick up your athlete from the Danville High School Track promptly at 5:30 p.m. If there is inclement weather, we will be practicing at North Ridge. Please be proactive in communicating with your child's coach.

If your athlete is not picked up on time they will be asked not to return Eligibility and Behavior is important to us. Please make sure you are helping your child with their assignments and discussing progress and grades.

April Track Meets:

April 5th- Track meet at Charleston

April 10th-Home meet at DHS

April 13th- Track Meet at Mahomet

April 20th- Track Meet at Rantoul

April 22nd- Track Meet at Kankakee

April 24th- Home meet at DHS

April 25th-Track Meet at Bismarck

Girls Head Track Coach: Courtney Furlong 217.444. 3449

Assistant Track Coaches: Mrs. Mallory Franey: 217-444-3456 Mrs. Brandi Owens: 217. 444.1056

Boys Head Track Coach: Mr. Michael Franey 217. 444.1552

Assistant Track Coaches: Mr. Clark and Mr. Hoskins may be reached at North Ridge Middle School