


The **Niobrara Junior/Senior Prom** will be held on April 16th, 2016 in the East Gym. The theme this year is "Promises", and the place will be decorated beautifully. The Juniors and Seniors will be taking their formal pictures with JUST THE PHOTOGRAPHER at 5:30 p.m. There will be time for families and friends to take pictures at the Grand March and Crowning Ceremony. Following the formal pictures, they will have supper at 6:30 p.m. This year's meal is Chicken Fried Steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, fruit salad, and cheesecake. It is being prepared by Ranessa Kracht and served by the following members of the 9th and 10th grade: Christopher Camey, Angel Grant, Courtney Hrbek, Erika Kitto, Logan Reynolds, Jeanene, Henry, Kobe Keo, and Isabel Rife. The Grand March and Crowning Ceremony will be held at 8:00 p.m., and it will be open to the public. There will be a time following this that pictures of the students and their dates, friends, and groups can be taken. Immediately following the Grand March and Crowning, Soundz Unlimited will be playing music for the dance. Please be sure to make your way down to the school for a chance to see the students in their formal attire!



Third Quarter Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following high school and middle school students:

Seniors - Dani Beaudette, Brittany Eisenhauer, Larissa McCardle, Taylor Redwing, Hannah Stark

Juniors- Ashley Guenther, Dillan Hrbek, Nate Sandoz, Kaylee White

Sophomores- Ricky Bickerstaff, Genesis Saul

Freshman Grade - Jolee Crosley, Evalyn Denny, Karla Gonzalez, Abby Swanson, Brooke Swanson

Eighth Grade - Emil Brandt, Adam DeKay, Camden Eisenhauer, Stran Fritz, Ken Justo, Summer Key

Seventh Grade - Emily Parks, Winona Ware, Makenna Guenther, Kalyn Nielsen, Kiera Moody, Chakira Ferris

Sixth Grade - Daniel Redowl, Dylan Davidson, Tracen Runnels, Octavia Bluebird, Chase Pritchett

Health Office News

Flu Season is here so I thought I would send out a reminder on our school sickness guidelines:

Students who are sent home with a fever 100.5 or higher, vomiting or diarrhea, need to *stay home until they are fever free and free from vomiting or diarrhea for 24hrs.*

If your child has been sick at home, please do not send to school until they have been fever free without medicine and have not had been vomiting or diarrhea for 24hrs

There have been some cases of Influenza. *Symptoms of Influenza include fever, chills, muscle aches, cough, congestion, runny nose, headaches, and fatigue.*

Most illnesses are caused by two kinds of germs: bacteria or viruses. Antibiotics can cure bacterial infections – not viral infections. Influenza is a viral infection and just needs to run its course along with drinking plenty of fluids and taking Ibuprofen/Tylenol as needed for comfort/fever. There is an anti-viral medication called Tamiflu your health care provider may prescribe if you are diagnosed with Influenza. If your child is placed on an antibiotic or any medication, please finish the prescription, even if they are filling better!! Any questions or concerns, please call me at school. **Nurse Chelsey**

Student Council preps for Clean-Up Day

The annual Clean-Up Day will be on Friday, April 29th, Arbor Day. We will be working on the school campus, uptown around the mall, at the Sage Memorial Field and the L'eau Qui Court cemetery, to name just a few projects in the works. And as always, we will be picking up the road ditches and recycling trash. We welcome anyone from the community who would like to join us for the day. Volunteering your time and talents to help our students is always appreciated. As a thank you, we will provide your lunch in the cafeteria.

We encourage our students to dress appropriately for a work day outside. We also appreciate any tools (especially rakes and push brooms) that students can bring from home. We just ask that all items are marked, so they may be returned at the end of the day. This event is a way that our students K-12 help care for the community and make it a better place for all of us to live. It is their opportunity to give back to their community. So, when you see our students out and about on this day encourage them in their efforts.



Dates to Note in April:

5 - Knox Co. HS Track Creighton; Golf Crofton

6-8 - Geology Trip

8 - Kindergarten Roundup

7-9 - State FBLA

12 - Golf Tri Plainview; HS Track Plainview

13 - County Gov't Day; Northeast Jazz;

Ewing Golf Invite @ Summerland;

14 - JH Track Hartington; Honor Society Trip

15 - No Preschool

16 - Prom; Golf Invite Plainview

18 - Golf Quad Creighton

19 - JH Track O'Neill

20-22 - Skills USA

21 - Golf Invite Norfolk; JH Track Creighton

22 - District Music

23 - Golf Invite Bloomfield

25 - No School

26 - NYC Golf Invite North Central; JH/HS Track Boyd Co. Invite @ O'Neill

27 - RTECH Career Expo Yankton

28 - Blood Drive

28-29 - NVC Art Neligh

29 - Clean Up Day

30 - NVC JH/HS Track Atkinson; West Holt Golf Invite @ Atkinson/Stuart

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1-Chakira Ferris

2-Beau Hrbek

5-J.J. Freiburghouse

8 - Natalia Jaimes

10-Tayshaun Kitto

12 - Colt Adema

13-Chelsea Valburg;

Hehaka Frazier

16-Dani Beaudette;

Lavayah Bluebird

18-Logan Reynolds

23-Danika Runnels

25-Carrie Hanzlik

29 - Kady Koehn

30-Ken Justo

MILES OF SMILES

On Tuesday, April 19th, 2016, North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) will offer the *Miles of Smiles* program in Niobrara Public School. *Miles of Smiles* is a school-based fluoride varnish program, available to preschool, elementary and middle school-aged student. We will be offering this program to all students grades Pre-K through 8th Grade. Permission slips will be sent home with students. If you do not want your child to participate, return the form with parent/guardian signature and they will receive a free toothbrush & toothpaste.

Miles of Smiles utilizes Public Health Authorized Registered Dental Hygienists to conduct oral screening examinations and apply the fluoride varnish and sealants. Fluoride varnish can be applied 4-6 times per year and can decrease cavity development by approximately 38%. Sealants are a thin plastic coating placed on the chewing surfaces of teeth to prevent cavities.

North Central District Health Department is an approved Medicaid Provider. A \$15.00 donation is requested for children **not** covered by Medicaid/Kids Connection, but there is no fee to participate in the program and **children will not be denied services due to inability to provide a donation.**

A note will be sent home with your child to let you know what was done during the visit. This service does not replace regular checkups with your family dentist. For more information about the *Miles of Smiles* program, contact Sara Twibell, Outreach Coordinator for NCDHD at (402) 336-2406 or Chelsey Chohon, RN (School Nurse) at (402) 857-3322.

Mrs. Snowdon Notes

Seniors

Just a few reminders as we get closer to your graduation day.

Please bring at least 10 pictures of you for the slide show. Bring them soon to ensure getting them into the presentation.

Please bring me a senior picture and your senior spotlight ASAP for the Niobrara Tribune.

Please check your attendance record. If you have exceeded the limit, you will be required to make up the time. This must be completed before graduation day.

Please pay all bills before graduation.

Please get your invitations printed and sent out to family and friends soon.

Please finish up scholarship applications.

Please finish up all college admission requirements.

Alumni Scholarship Interviews. Please complete your alumni application for interviews on April 17 at 4pm at school. You must be in attendance for interviews to be eligible. The application was sent to your email address.

Juniors

Please start thinking about the colleges of interest. We can get your visits scheduled. It is always best to take a personal visit to see if the campus is a fit for you.

ACT test is April 9. Reminder to get some rest Friday night and be on time or a little early for the test. Take this test seriously. Another date to take the test is in June if you didn't get registered for the April test.

Freshman and sophomores

Freshman and sophomores will be involved in "Connecting the Dots" workshop at Niobrara on April 7 in the east gym. This workshop is from 9:30-3pm. Lunch will be provided.

Niobrara High School Blood Drive

Thursday, April 28th, 8:00-2:00 p.m.

Be a Red Cross blood donor. For an appointment contact the school office at **402-857-3323.**

ATTENDANCE POLICY - Mrs. Guenther

The Board of Education believes it is the shared responsibility of the parent or guardian, the student, and the school to establish and maintain desirable habits of punctuality and attendance. It shall be the policy of Niobrara Public School to report as truant any student enrolled in the District for excessive absenteeism on the part of such student. The term "excessive absenteeism", as used herein, shall mean **all absences, excused and unexcused**, exceeding 10 days per semester or the hourly equivalent (10 absences in any one class). Parents or guardians are responsible to ensure regular attendance, and account for any student absences, of minor youth in their care. The building administrator shall have the authority to determine authorized absences and establish necessary procedures for recording and validating student absences within the following guidelines.

If a student is absent from school and the school has not been notified, the administrator may take the necessary steps to determine where the student is and for what reason he/she is absent. Therefore, if the school office has not been notified by 9:00 a.m., the principal or their designee may place a call to the residence of the student to determine his/her whereabouts and cause for absence.

No student will be excused without a proper note from parent(s)/guardian(s). **All absences require a signed note by the parent/guardian, stating the date and specific reason for the absence and/or a phone call to the administrative office by the parent/guardian, by 9:00 a.m.**

More than 10 absences from any class or classes per semester, for any reason, may result in loss of credit for that class regardless of academic average. Extended absences for medical reasons must be documented, in writing, by the attending physician. **After 10 absences the student may also be suspended from all extra curricular activities, field trips, etc.**

A student who has been absent will be allowed two (2) days for each day absent up to a maximum of five (5) to complete classroom assignments.

Notice of attendance may be mailed to the parents upon the fourth (4th) absence from a class during a semester. After ten (10) absences from a class during a semester, the parent/guardian may be notified by letter of the intended action to be taken by school officials. As warranted, the name of the student(s), the name and address of the parent(s)/guardian(s), and the number of absences per semester for said student(s) will be forwarded to the County Attorney for possible action to ensure student compliance with existing Nebraska attendance statutes.

Academic Awards

Grades 6-12

May 2nd

1:00 p.m.

Niobrara

Athletic Awards

**Niobrara-Verdigre
Cougars**

Grades 7-12

May 2nd 6:00 p.m.

Verdigre

**Treating 1st & 2nd Quarter Honor Roll
Students to lunch! CONGRATULATIONS!!**

