

MILES OF SMILES

On Wednesday, April 4, 2018, 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.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, April 25th, 8:00-2:00 p.m.

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

Third Quarter Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following high school and middle school students:

Seniors - Alex Bustamante, Dakota Crosley, Jeanene Henry, Genesis Saul

Juniors - Jolee Crosley, Abigail Holz, Abby Swanson, Brooke Swanson, Erika Kitto, Logan Reynolds

Sophomores - Emil Brandt, Summer Key

Freshman Grade - Makenna Guenther, Kiera Moody, Kalyn Nielsen, Emily Parks, Ashtyn Holz, Winona Ware

Eighth Grade - Octavia Bluebird, Daniel Redowl

Seventh Grade - Summer Guenther, Wolfgang Hallum, Natasha Henry, Karli Nielsen, Ashley Parks, Kenni Reynolds, Harley Stark, Rachelle Widow, Olivia Holz

Sixth Grade - Winona Avery, Hehaka Frazier, Brooke Henry, Winter Henry, Chloe Reynolds, Danika Runnels, Billie Pritchett, Jessenia Jaimés, Brady Koehn

Dates to Note in April:

- 2 - NO SCHOOL; Knox Co. HS Track Creighton
- 4 - Miles of Smiles; WSC 8th Grade; Purple Loose Strife Interviews
- 5 - Golf Invite Crofton
- 5-7 - State FBLA Conference
- 10 - Golf Tri Plainview; HS Track Neligh
- 11- Ewing Golf Invite Summerland
- 12 - JH Track Hartington
- 12-14 - Skills USA Conference
- 13 - No Preschool & Kindergarten; Kindergarten Round up; 3rd & 4th Grade Field Trip Bloomfield
- 14 - Golf Invite Plainview
- 16 - Golf Quad Niobrara
- 17 - JH Track O'Neill
- 18 - HS Track O'Neill
- 19 - Golf Invite Norfolk
- 20 - District Music Osmond
- 21 - Golf Invite Rolling Hills
- 23 - Honor Society Field Trip
- 24 - NVC Golf Invite Neligh; JH/HS Track Boyd Co. O'Neill
- 25-27 - Geology Field Trip
- 25 - Red Cross Blood Drive
- 26 - Norfolk Classic Track
- 27 - Clean Up Day; N Club Field Trip
- 26-27 - NVC Art Show Stuart
- 28 - NVC JH/HS Track Atkinson; West Holt Golf Invite Atkinson-Stuart
- 30 - Academic Awards; Athletic Banquet

Student Council Preps for Clean-Up Day

The annual Clean-Up Day will be on Friday, April 27th, Arbor Day. We will be working on the school campus, uptown around the mall, at the Sage Memorial Field, at the State Park 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.

If any community organizations have projects they would like us to help them with, please let us know as soon as possible, so that we can purchase supplies and schedule workers to help you. With over 250 people involved, a lot of pre-planning is necessary. Items such as paint must be purchased at least three to four weeks ahead of time, especially where we will no longer be able to just run uptown, if we run out of something.

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.



Niobrara Valley Conference Art Show 2018

Over 1200 pieces of high school and junior high artwork, representing 19 area schools, will be on display Thursday, April 26th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and Friday, April 27th from 8:00-2:00 pm in Stuart, Nebraska at the Stuart Community Auditorium, as part of this year's Niobrara Valley Conference Art Show.

The Niobrara Valley Conference Art Show is open to the public and is free of charge. The artwork on display represents the yearlong efforts of hundreds of art students throughout this area. Categories are as diverse as the students that enter work with drawing, painting, sculpture, textiles, and more.

Schools showing artwork include: Chambers, Clearwater-Orchard, Elgin, Elkhorn Valley, Ewing, Keya Paha, Lynch, Neligh-Oakdale, Niobrara, Pope John, Rock County, St. Mary's, Santee, Stuart, Verdigre, West Boyd, West Holt, and Wheeler Central.

The judges for this year's art show are Joan Swim of Valentine and Jim Taylor of Stuart for the high school and Pastor Cody Kohler of Atkinson and Kimberly Tubbs of Stuart for the junior high.

Make plans to view this year's exhibit Thursday, April 26th, from 5:00-8:00 pm and Friday, April 27th, from 8:00-2:00 pm. This is an excellent opportunity to view the artwork and appreciate the talent showcased in the Niobrara Valley Conference Art Show.

Academic Awards

Grades 6-12

April 30th

1:15 p.m.

Niobrara

Athletic Awards

**Niobrara-Verdigre
Cougars**

Grades 7-12

April 30th 6:00 p.m.

Verdigre

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.



Prom 2018

King Kobe and Queen Genesis



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SCHOOL BREAKFAST

Fun Facts & Benefits

Kid's who eat school breakfast attend 1.5 days more/year and have 17.5% higher scores on standardized math tests.

Students connect with teachers over breakfast and each other.

Improves academic outcomes; combats child hunger; reduces stress and anxiety; enhances social emotional learning.

