

## ***MILES OF SMILES***

On Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Wednesday, April 24th, 8:00-2:00 p.m.

Be a Red Cross blood donor. For an appointment contact the school office at

## **Third Quarter Honor Roll**

**Congratulations to the following high school and middle school students:**

**Seniors** - Andrew Atkins, Chris Camey, Abbigail Holz, Courtney Hrbek, Erika Kitto, Logan Reynolds, Abby Swanson, Brooke Swanson

**Juniors** - Emil Brandt, Adam DeKay, Summer Key, Raquella LaPointe

**Sophomores** - Makenna Guenther, Ashtyn Holz, Kiera Moody, Kalyn Nielsen, Emily Parks, Winona Ware

**Freshman Grade** - Tracen Runnels, Daniel Redowl, Jordayn LaPlante, Beau Hrbek, Octavia Bluebird

**Eighth Grade** - Ava Chohon, Summer Guenther, Harley Stark, Olivia Holz, Angelina Denney, Ashley Parks, Elizabeth Traversie, Chelsea Valburg, Kennedy Reynolds, Wolfgang Hallum, Chrissenna Swalley, Natasha Henry, Rachelle Widow, Yesenia DeAnda, Karli Nielsen

## **Dates to Note in April:**

1 - Knox Co. HS Track Creighton; Golf Invite Crofton  
4-6 - State FBLA Conference  
9 - HS Track Neligh; Golf Tri Plainview  
10 - Ewing Golf Invite @ Summerland  
11 - JH Track Hartington  
11-13 - Skills USA Conference  
12 - No Preschool; District Music Laurel  
13 - Golf Invite Plainview  
15 - Golf Quad Summerland  
16 - JH Track O'Neill  
17-18 - 3rd & 4th Grade Zoo Trip  
17 - HS Track O'Neill; Real World Money 7th Grade; Miles of Smiles  
18 - Golf Invite Rolling Hills  
23 - NVC Golf Invite Neligh; JH/HS Track Boyd Co. O'Neill  
24-27 - Geology Field Trip  
24 - Red Cross Blood Drive; 8th Grade WSC  
25 - Norfolk Classic Track  
25-26 - NVC Art Show  
26 - Northeast Jazz Band  
27 - NVC JH/HS Track Atkinson; West Holt Golf Invite Atkinson-Stuart  
29 - Academic Awards; Athletic Banquet; County Gov't Day  
30 - JH/HS Track Atkinson

From Mrs. Ruda

I would like to thank all the students and parents I have encountered over the past 20 years as I taught at Niobrara Public Schools. I have decided to retire from teaching at the end of this school year. I have many fond memories from the years of working at Niobrara Public School that I will treasure forever. I feel privileged to say I started my schooling in Niobrara Public Schools and

## **MAPs Testing and Attendance**

### **6th—11th Grade**

MAPs Tests will be given to ALL 6th—11th grade students May 20 - 23. This is the last week of school. If you know you may be absent please make arrangements to schedule your students testing in advance. These tests are required by the Nebraska Department of Education. Tests MUST be taken by students before advancing to the next grade level. If you have any ques-



# Niobrara Valley Conference Art Show 2019

Over 1200 pieces of high school and junior high artwork, representing 18 area schools, will be on display Thursday, April 25th from 5:00-8:00 pm and Friday April 26th from 8:00-2:00 pm in Tilden, Nebraska at the Elkhorn Valley High School Gym, as part of this years 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 years art show are Deb Founder of Norfolk and Marilyn Janovec of Niobrara for the high school and Ranae Wacker of Plainview and Jim Taylor of Stuart for the junior high.

**Booster Club:** The first meeting of the newly-formed Niobrara Booster Club will be Tuesday, April 16th<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the flex room. Please use the gym entrance. All parents and community members interested in participating are encouraged to attend. The purpose of the booster club is to support the school, staff, and students in all academic and extracurricular activities. The agenda for this meeting will be to elect officers, set meeting norms, and define our purpose and how we will go about supporting the needs of the school, staff, and

## *Academic Awards*

**Grades 6-12**

**April 29th**

**1:15 p.m.**

## *Athletic Awards*

***Niobrara-Verdigre  
Cougars***

**Grades 7-12**

**April 29th 6:00 p.m.**

# 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 (4<sup>th</sup>) 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.

<b>APR</b>	
<b>IL</b>	<b>BIR</b>
2 - Beau Hrbek	18 - Logan Reynolds; Eva Rodriguez
8 - Natalia Jaimes	<b>THD</b>
9 - Daiisy Murguia	19 - Jamison Medina
10 - Tayshaun Kitto	22 - Unique James; Kash Nielsen
12 - Colt Adema	<b>AYS</b>
13 - Chelsea Valburg;	23 - Danika Runnels
Hehaka Frazier	29 - Kady Koehn



# Prom 2019

**Congratulation to King Chris Camey  
and Queen Brooke Swanson!**

