

Niobrara Public School

May 2017

May Dates:

- ★ 1 - Academic Awards @ Niobrara; Athletic Awards Banquet @ Niobrara
- ★ 2 - JH/HS Track @ Atkinson
- ★ 3 - Nio-Verdigre Golf Invite @ Niobrara
- ★ 5 - Outdoor Expo Niobrara State Park PK-5
- ★ 6 - Graduation 4:00 p.m.
- ★ 8 - JH Track Knox Co. @ Creighton; Golf Hwy 20 Bassett
- ★ 9 - 5th Grade Aqua Fest: Clean Up Day; Purple Loose Strife Dig
- ★ 11 - District Track @ Atkinson
- ★ 12 - Elementary Track & Field Day
- ★ 15 - District Golf @ Hartington
- ★ 19 - Last Day of School PK-12
- ★ 19-20 - State Track
- ★ 23-24 - State Golf
- ★ 29 - Memorial Day
- ★ 30 - June 2 - Driver's Education Class; 30 - 31 - Basketball Camp

Academic Awards

May 1st

1:15 p.m.

Niobrara Gym

Athletic Awards Night

We will be honoring Niobrara-Verdigre students in grades 7-12 at the Athletic Awards Banquet on Monday, May 1st, beginning with a meal at 6:00 p.m. at Niobrara for students, their families and school staff. The Awards Ceremony will follow. This event is open to the public.

Each family please bring a salad or dessert.

We encourage families and the community to come and help our students celebrate their accomplishments during the 2016-2017 school year.

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

Fall 2017-2018...Enroll today!

Classes will run all day - Monday through Friday.

Contact the preschool for more information!

857-3323 or smoody@esu1.org

Fifth Grade - Mrs. J. Guenther

Hello everyone! It has been quite a while since I have filled you in on our classroom. A lot has happened, and there is much more to come.

Third quarter we had seven students make the A/B honor roll in the fifth grade. They were: Jason Ferris, Jessenia Jaimes, Billie Pritchett, Tiffany Thieman, Brooke Henry, Brady Koehn, and Chloe Reynolds. It takes a lot of hard work and persistence to push for this goal. There were a few other students close, but just got caught by one grade of a "C". Now we are pushing to finish the year strong with more students making the honor roll list.

We also studied hard for the spelling bee in the third quarter. After all the hard work and competition, we finally narrowed down our class winner and runner up. Josue Rodriguez represented our class at the Knox County spelling bee, and Jaxton Saul was our runner up. Josue made us proud by coming back with a second-place trophy!

We are winding through our fourth quarter quickly and busily. We continue working through all our subjects while only taking a break to do our NeSA and Maps tests. There was an exception of the NCPPD coming to educate us on electrical safety. That was a nice presentation. We also had days filled with doing our civil duties like participating in cleanup day. As the days pass us by we will get to end our elementary days by going to the Niobrara State Park, Wayne State College, Track and Field Day and Middle School Orientation.

As usual, time has flown this year. You never get the days back. As the teacher of these 19 fun, energetic students I wish them a summer full of adventure and rejuvenation. I leave them with the advice to treasure every moment and represent your family, school, and community well in everything they do. I'll be watching, just as every teacher before and after me does. We love to see how they grow into well-rounded teenagers and successful adults pursuing their dreams.

Lets finish this 2016-2017 school year with pride and enjoyable memories!

May Birthdays

- 1 - Octavia Bluebird**
- 3 - Curtis Torrez**
- 4 - Ember Key**
- 6 - Jessenia Jaimes**
- 7 - Wakute Keeble & Justus Denney**
- 12 - Amber White**
- 14 - Jacob Motacek**
- 15 - Morgan Torrez**
- 16 - Sheldon Winder**
- 17 - Charlie Widow**
- 20 - Keely Koehn**
- 24 - Julius Brandt & Gypsie Prue**
- 26 - Dylan Davidson & Phalynn Rouillard**
- 27 - Jeanene Henry & Alan Rodriguez**
- 30 - Erika Kitto & Whakiyan Rouillard**

DRIVERS' EDUCATION

May 30-June 1, 2017

8:00-1:00 p.m.

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CLEAN UP DAY

Tuesday, May 9th



Looking for Books!!!

The end of the year is fast approaching. We hope everyone is looking for their overdue and lost books. Our policy is that these materials must be paid for at replacement cost if they are not returned. However, we would much rather have the books than your money.

Please look under your bed, behind the couch, under the seat of the family car, in the trunk, on top of the refrigerator, in your closet, in an old book bag or even at your auntie or nana's house. We need your books! This will help the library stretch the budget, instead of spending all our money on replacement costs! It also allows us to get some great new books for you to read.

Check out the Summer Reading Program at the Public Library and we will see you all back in the fall! Have a great summer!

Ms. Weatherwax and Mrs. Stark

National Honor Society Field Trip - By Shania RedOwl

The National Honor Society went on their annual field trip April 13th. We started the day off by traveling to Sioux Falls. First on the agenda was the Washington Pavilion, a museum for the arts, entertainment, and science which offers endless possibilities for fun and learning. At the museum, we had an opportunity to watch a science movie about predators. The theater is in a dome, which made the movie appear very large. The students said they felt like they were IN the movie. After the museum, we ate at Popeyes Chicken. With full tummies, we then went to Escape 605. Escape 605 offers three escape rooms. The students were divided into two groups. Nate, Dakota, Bryce, Brooke, and Abby were in one room. While Shania, Genesis, Ashley, Abigail, Jeanene, and Brooklyn were in another room. We had 60 minutes to use our knowledge and problem-solving skills to figure out codes to escape the rooms. Both teams successfully escaped their rooms in the amount of time given. After this, we went to Skyzone. Skyzone is a big building with many trampolines. We jumped and jumped until we were tired. Skyzone also offered dodge ball, dunking a basketball, and a big foam ball pit. We really enjoyed ourselves and had a great time. Many memories were made that day. We traveled back to Yankton to eat supper at Mongolian Grill.



The National Honor Society students want to give a HUGE thank you to Mrs. Heiser and Mrs. Sandoz for giving us a day full of fun and laughter.

FBLA State Leadership Conference - By Bryce Stark

On Thursday April 6th Stran, Erika, Kendra, Tala, Courtney, Mrs. Heiser, Mrs. Motacek, and I traveled to Omaha, Nebraska for the 2017 Spring Leadership conference. We stayed in the Regency Lodge which was about five miles away from the conference site. We originally were going to be staying at a hotel that was much closer to the conference, but the hotel's pipes busted and we were then relocated to The Regency. The conference started with an opening ceremony that included a Motivational Speaker named Hoan Do. Hoan Do was an American Ninja Warrior and talked about his life and struggles. He also taught us how to overcome negative thoughts. After the ceremony, some of us got ready for tests, while the others hung out in their hotel rooms waiting for their turn to test. Agribusiness, economics, and Cyber Security are a few examples of the



type of tests we took. The 2nd day, all of us were busy with tests. If we were not taking tests, we listened to speakers. Camden, Stran, and I listened to two representatives from Men's Warehouse. These two guys taught us how to dress properly for an interview. At the end of the 2nd day, we went out to eat at the Cheesecake Factory as a chapter. After the family meal, Mrs. Motacek, Courtney, Kendra, Camden and I headed back home that Friday night because we had Prom the next day and Camden had a Golf meet. We arrived home at about 9:00 p.m. The ones that stayed in Omaha attended the dance and had a grand old time. The next morning, the remaining members attended the award ceremony. After the award ceremony, they began their journey home. All in all, it was a very enjoyable time and experience. I think we all are looking forward to next year's conference.



SKILLS USA

On March 30 - April 1st the Niobrara Skills USA students and advisors traveled to Grand Island NE for the Skills USA State Leadership and Skills Conference. Fifteen students and two advisors attended the conference. This is the 4th year that Niobrara High School participated in Skills USA. This year our students competed in the following events: Welding, Drone Technology, Restaurant Service, Medical Terminology, Health Knowledge Bowl, Job interview, Extemporaneous Speaking, T-Shirt Design, Metric 500, and Mouse Trap Racers.

The following students received medals: Brady Pike 1st and Ken Justo 1st place in the Metric 500. Stran Fritz 2nd place in Extemporaneous Speaking. Camden Eisenhauer 2nd and Dakota Crosley 3rd place in Mouse Trap Race Cars.

Students that competed were Ashley Guenther, Nate Sandoz, Jace Fritz, Dillan Hrbek, Isaac Justo, Brady Pike, Dakota Crosley, Bryce Stark, Isabel Rife, Erika Kitto, Ken Justo, Stran Fritz, Adam DeKay, and Camden Eisenhauer. Advisor Mr. Runnels and Chaperone Mrs. Dryak completed the group.

The purpose of the organization is to sharpen both hard and soft Skills. Hard Skills are the Technical contests that students compete in. Soft Skills are Leadership contests that students compete in. Preparation for these events/contests is meant to focus a student on a skill giving them close to the real life pressure of being judged by an employer.

We have been successful in our four years of involvement in Skills USA. To date we have had State Champions in: Job Interview, Chapter Business Procedure, and Metric 500. We have medaled in other events as well: Firefighting, Restaurant Service, and Mouse Trap Racers.

On Monday April 3rd the Niobrara Skills USA chapter held a labor and pie auction. Fifteen students and nineteen pies were auctioned. The fund raiser went well thanks to all the supporters who showed up and bought a laborer and a pie. The purpose of the Labor Auction is to help students gain employment experience and possibly a potential future reference.

Proceeds from the auction fund our hotel expenses, scholarships, memberships, conference registration and other miscellaneous costs.

Mr. Runnels - Niobrara Skills USA Advisor

King Wakute & Queen Ember

