

# NIOBRARA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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**The Scholastic Book Fair** is coming to Niobrara Public Schools from Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup> through Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be open from 8:00 to 4:30 each day. Our Family Event will be Tuesday, December 1st. We will be open until 7:00 p.m. that day. This year's theme is a "Monster Book Fair." We will be set up in the school library. Please enter through the main entrance by the office to come visit us. Our goal for this year is \$2,200. When we meet this goal, we receive 50% of the total to buy books for our library. Last year, we purchased over 150 books for our elementary section of the library. So, it is a "monstrous" good deal for students, families and the school. It's a nice time to shop for the holidays as well. Watch for student wish lists coming home on November 30<sup>th</sup>.



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Daniel James Hernandez
- 2nd Zackary Bolling
- 5th Giovanni Jaimes
- 9th Wambdi White
- 14th Tessa Janak
- 16th Chrissseana Swalley, Addison Reynolds
- 20th Alex Motacek
- 21st Kiera Moody
- 22nd Christian Swalley
- 23rd Erminio Sagaste, Isabel Rife
- 26th Joel Valburg Jr.
- 27th Timothy Reyes
- 29th Starlet Nielsen
- 30th Joseph Ketelsen

# HONOR ROLL FIRST QUARTER

## Congratulations!!!

### Seniors

Brittany Eisenhower - Honors  
Taylor Redwing - Honors

### Juniors

Ashley Guenther - A+ Superior  
Jace Fritz - Superior  
Nate Sandoz - Superior  
Dillan Hrbek - Superior  
Shania RedOwl - Superior

### Sophomores

Jeanene Henry - Superior  
Genesis Saul - Superior  
Dakota Crosley - Superior

### 9th Grade

Abby Swanson - A+ Superior  
Jolee Crosley - Superior  
Logan Reynolds - Superior  
Brooke Swanson - Superior  
Christopher Camey - Superior

### 8th Grade

Camden Eisenhower - A+ Superior  
Summer Key - A+ Superior  
Stran Fritz - Superior  
Tala Henry - Superior  
Ken Justo - Superior  
Adam DeKay - Honors  
Robert Reyes - Honors

### 7th Grade

Kiera Moody - A+ Superior  
Kalyn Nielsen - A+ Superior  
Emily Parks - A+ Superior  
Makenna Guenther - Superior  
Cole Swanson - Superior  
Winona Ware - Superior

### 6th Grade

Tracen Runnels - A+ Superior  
Octavia Bluebird - Superior  
Jordayn LaPlante - Superior  
Daniel RedOwl - Superior  
Dylan Davidson - Honors

## SkillsUSA

We are having a holiday food sale. Our Skills USA members have order forms and are ready to make a sale. The food items are as follows: **Fruit** from Affiliated Foods Midwest, **Cheese** products from Dimock Dairy Dimock, SD, **Butterbraids** from Lester IA, Bakers **Candies** from Greenwood NE, and Trading Post **Pizza Coupons** from Niobrara NE. Thank-you in advance for your support!

This fund raiser supports our annual trip to the State Leadership and Skills Conference. We have also been able to offer Scholarships to our graduating Senior Club Members. If you have any questions, or would like to place an order, please contact me at the school.

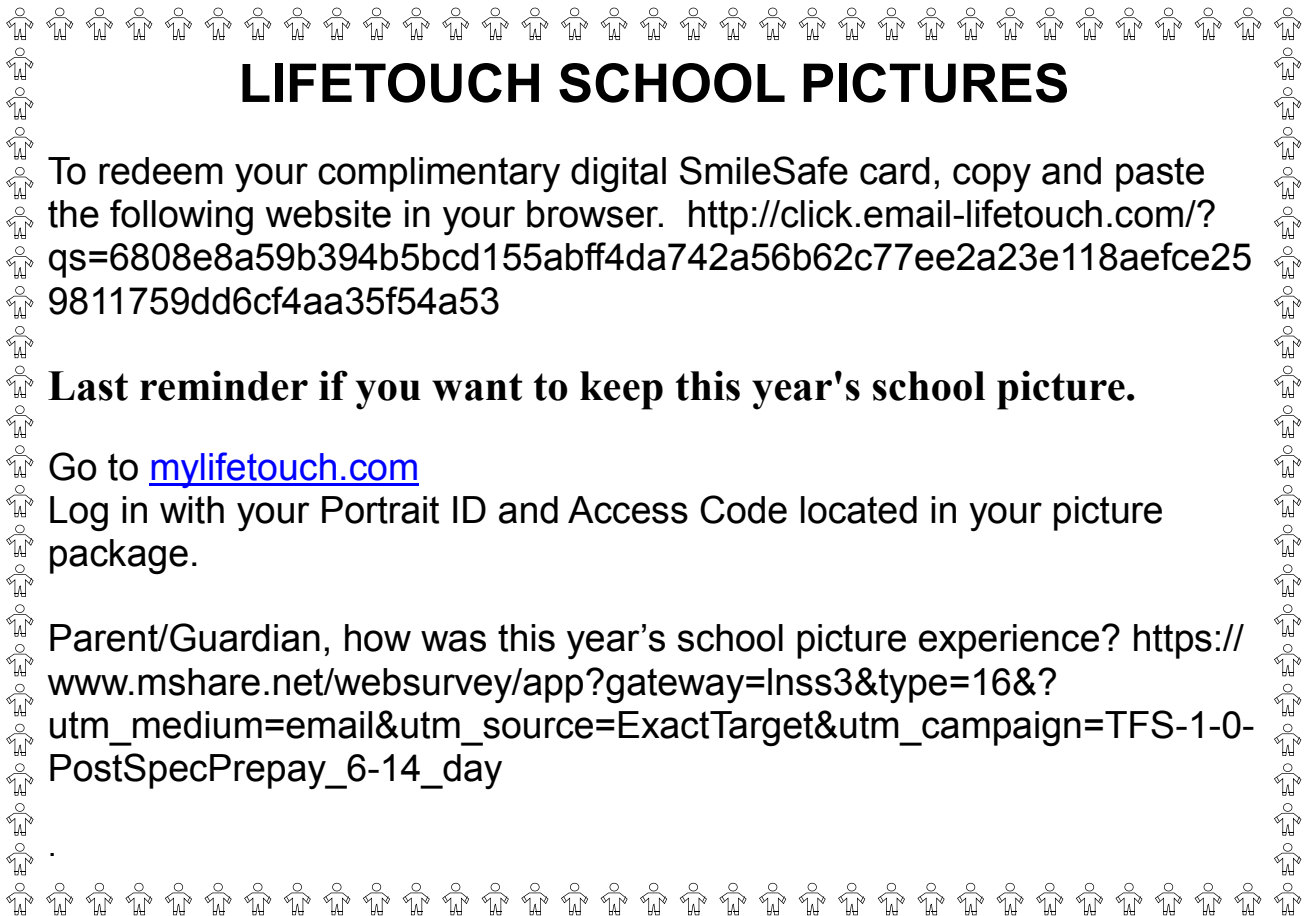
There is an order form attached to this newsletter.

## **March of Dimes: Prematurity Awareness Month**

### **March to the Dimes, Raise to the Ice Cream**

To Support Prematurity Awareness Month, the FBLA will be sponsoring a fund raiser called "March to the Dimes, Raise to the Ice Cream. Classes 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> will compete against each other by bringing in their spare change. The class that raises the most money will be rewarded with an Ice Cream Sundae party on November 25th. Classes will have until November 20<sup>th</sup> to contribute to the cause. The money made will be donated entirely to the March of Dimes and to Mitteis benefit.

One in eight babies is born prematurely. Millions of these children face serious health challenges or have trouble learning in school because they were born too soon. Even the best of care can't always spare a premature baby from lasting disabilities. And premature birth is the leading cause of newborn death in the United States. Prematurity is a complicated and difficult public health problem. Like heart disease, diabetes or cancer, it will take many years to achieve significant impact, but there has been, and will be progress along the way. The March of Dimes, as the leading nonprofit organization for pregnancy and baby health, is leading the way in finding solutions to the problems that threaten babies.



## **LIFETOUCH SCHOOL PICTURES**

To redeem your complimentary digital SmileSafe card, copy and paste the following website in your browser. <http://click.email-lifetouch.com/?qs=6808e8a59b394b5bcd155abff4da742a56b62c77ee2a23e118aefce259811759dd6cf4aa35f54a53>

**Last reminder if you want to keep this year's school picture.**

Go to [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com)  
Log in with your Portrait ID and Access Code located in your picture package.

Parent/Guardian, how was this year's school picture experience? [https://www.mshare.net/websurvey/app?gateway=lnss3&type=16&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=ExactTarget&utm\\_campaign=TFS-1-0-PostSpecPrepay\\_6-14\\_day](https://www.mshare.net/websurvey/app?gateway=lnss3&type=16&utm_medium=email&utm_source=ExactTarget&utm_campaign=TFS-1-0-PostSpecPrepay_6-14_day)

# Souper Family Night

This year's Souper Family night will have a little something for everyone. We will be serving soup and delicious deserts, all for a free will offering. Our staff and students will host a variety of activities showcasing some of the great things we have going on at Niobrara Public School. A few of the activities we have planned are: hands on science activities, 3-D printer demonstration, health screenings and math golf - no tee time required! You can also look forward to a variety of displays created by some of your favorite young local artists. Dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m. and all events will end at 7:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there!

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade News

Wow, first quarter really flew by! The fifth graders have been so busy practicing all the concepts that we have covered. We will fill you in on all the learning they have been doing.

In social studies we are to the point in early American History that the French and British have fought over the Ohio River Valley. We discovered advantages and disadvantages of that battle. Now we are moving into if people wanted to be loyal to England's king (loyalists), fighting to make their new land their very own (patriots), or if they were neutral. They weren't sure if they wanted to change too much from England's way, but they knew they liked it here and wanted to enjoy their new way of life. However, there is still fighting going on because the British keep trying to control the colonists so things like the Boston Tea Party have also happened in what we learned. Before you know it we will be in the age of the American Revolution!

In science we got to see the periodic table of elements. We found out that each element is its very own, and no matter how small of a piece it is, it is still the same element. We also moved into more of the physical science and learned about motion, force, energy, electricity, and magnets. The main points discussed about each of these is the area of Newton's Three Laws of how motion and force interact, examples of potential and kinetic energy, and how electricity and magnets are actually a lot alike. We will be reviewing all these ideas to wrap up our physical science area soon.

In reading we have been using many strategies to help our comprehension. The major one that has been helpful is paragraph shrinking to help us summarize and find the main topic of the paragraph or section. Other strategies and skills we use are cause and effect, compare and contrast, and problem and solution. If we can figure out how the author has written a piece we can use these to help us find the main point in the writing. In reading we also practice our phonics skills and work with prefixes and suffixes so we can read and find the meaning of words on our own.

In math we have been multiplying and dividing LARGE numbers. We found out that each step isn't too hard but staying organized and not making tiny mistakes can be the tricky part. We have also gotten into the order of operations, and just like the other concepts there are rules and steps you have to follow. Next, we will be getting into the converting of measurement.

Those are a few of the major academics going on in our class along with spelling, writing, grammar, and our other classes. We also just finished with our MAPS testing to show how we rank as an individual. We will use these scores to better understand our own learning and try to improve our score. It is kind of a competition against our selves, and that is what it is about. What we can learn to help us achieve!

## Stadium Chairs Being Sold by the FBLA

The **FBLA** will be selling Stadium Chairs through the month of November and December. No more sore backs from sitting on the bleachers and they make excellent Christmas presents. The chair has a metal frame and is royal blue. They can be ordered with or without the Cougar Logo imprinted in white on the back of the chair. To place your order, contact an FBLA member or Mrs. Heiser at the school.

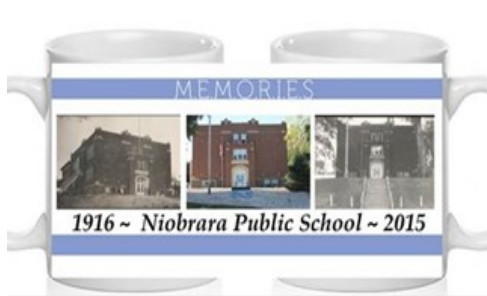
Regular – 15.5” x 17”W x 14.5”H

X-Large – 13” x 20.5”W x 16”H

FBLA members: Brittany Eisenhauer, Tanner Hrbek, Larissa McCardle, Jaylene Greeley, Hannah Stark, Danni Beaudette, Isabel Rife, Bryce Stark, Kendra Hrbek, Courtney Thomas, and Courtney Hrbek



The **N-Club** has mugs imprinted with photos of the old school for sale that would make great holiday gifts for friends and family. These mugs were printed with a stripe that appears to be more purple than blue so they will be sold at a **discount price of only \$3 per mug**. If you are interested please contact any N-Club member or Mrs. DeKay at the school or through her email at [wdekay@esu1.org](mailto:wdekay@esu1.org). Thanks for your support!



## Nebraska Money Smart Week

November 9-13 is Nebraska Money Smart Week. Money Smart Week is a public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances. Organizations, businesses, financial institutions, schools, libraries, not-for-profits, government agencies and the media collaborate to stress the importance of financial literacy and inform consumers where they can get help. The FBLA chapter will be coordinating a financial awareness trivia contest during Money Smart week. For more information about Nebraska Money Smart Week, go to <http://www.moneysmartnebraska.org/>

# ONE ACT

**Twas the night before competition, when all through the school  
Not an actor was worrying, not even the fool  
The lines were learned, with meticulous care  
In hopes of perfect scores during this marvelous affair**

**The actors were nestled all snug in their beds  
While visions of oranges danced in their heads  
Mrs. Foner and Ms. Carbaugh chill and relax  
Because the students have completed their acts!**

**Neither was worried because all kids were ready  
The competition will be difficult and very, very steady  
Come one, come all and see what we've done  
At the home performance, we know you'll laugh at our good fun!**

Competition season is upon us! This year, Niobrara is lucky to be the host of two events for One Acts, Conference and Districts. The One Act chosen for this competition season is full of laughter, physical comedy, willful-suspension of disbelief, and tons of one-liners. *The Love of Three Oranges* is a stylized piece done in the fashion of Commedia dell'arte. Commedia dell'arte is a type of theatre that focuses on the use of "stock" characters and slap-stick comedy. Originating in Padua, Italy around 1545, this art form has become a widespread favorite amongst theatrical improvisational actors. *The Love of Three Oranges* is not a traditional Commedia dell'arte where the actors wear masks, but it is all dolled up with recognizable character types like a handsome prince, evil witches, and much more. Please come and support the Niobrara One Act Team, as they soar to new heights!

**The following dates are our scheduled performances.**

November 17, 2015 Conference One Acts @ Niobrara Public School

November 24, 2015 Niobrara Invite @ Niobrara Public School

December 1, 2015 District One Acts @ Niobrara Public School

December 9, 2014 State One Act Competition @ Norfolk

**Remember fresh is best.** Fresh produce is the healthiest in terms of vitamin and nutrient content. Out of season, frozen fruits and vegetables are a pretty good second choice. These are usually harvested when they're ripe and frozen right away, so they don't lose very much nutrition during the processing. Canned vegetables, although still healthy, should be a last choice because many of the C and B vitamins are destroyed in the cooking process.

**EAT FRUITS AND VEGETABLES!!!**

