

Student Council Representatives

Seniors

Emily Parks
Ashtyn Holz,
Gavin Chohon

Juniors

Bradyn Tschirren
Scotty Klinetobe

Sophomores

Ava Chohon
Natasha Henry

Freshman

Chloe Reynolds
Billie Pritchett

8th Grade

Mya Chohon

7th Grade

Taylen Stark



DATES TO NOTE:

1 - FB @ Bloomfield 7 pm; XC @ West Holt 4 pm
5 - JV VB @ Elkhorn Valley 5 pm
7 - Red Cross Blood Drive 8-2 pm
9 - NO School Pre-K; FB vs. Boyd Co @ Verdigre
7 pm; NVC XC Invite CWC @ Antelope C.C. 4 pm
10 - JV VB Tourney @ Verdigre 9 am
12 - No School Students & Staff; Knox Co. VB Tourney
@ Creighton
13 - Knox Co. VB Tourney @ Creighton
14 - JH VB @ Wausa 130 pm; JH FB @ Wausa 3 pm
15 - Miles of Smiles; XC Districts @ Ainsworth; VB vs.
Winside @ Niobrara CBA 530 pm
16 - VB @ EPPJ @ Pope John CBA 4/515/630 pm
17 - VB Eagle Classic @ LHNE 9am
19 - NVC VB; JH VB/FB @ Wynot 230/4 pm; JV FB @
Wynot 6 pm; No School Students
20 - NVC VB Semi-Finals @ Springview; No School
Students
22 - FB Playoffs 1st Rd
23 - XC State @ Kearney; NVC VB Consolation &
Finals @ West Holt; End of 1st Quarter
26 - VB Sub-districts
27 - VB Sub-districts
29 - ASVAB Testing SO/JR 830 am
30 - FB Playoffs 2nd Rd
31 - VB District Finals

OCTOBER

Birthdays

3rd - Rachele Widow
Ramona Montalvo
5th - Helena Ziegler
Hartison Thorson
9th - Praeson Klug
12th - Ashley Parks
Duwayne Traversie
13th - Gracie Fritz
Bryant Coffman
15th - Jordan Long
19th - Elena Mackey
22nd - Everly Daniels
24th - Anthony Smith
25th - Natasha Henry
28th - Ryan Mackey
30th - Miley Pike

NO SCHOOL

All Students & Staff

Monday, October 12th

NO SCHOOL

All Students


October 19-20

NO PRESCHOOL

Friday

Friday, October 9th





**American
Red Cross**


Blood Drive
Niobrara High School Gym
Wednesday, October 7th
8:00-2:00 p.m.

Contact Chelsey Chohon 402-857-3323 to schedule an appointment. No walk-ins.

Digital Citizenship Tip of the Month

Parents: if you're unsure of a site, game, or YouTube influencer your child is talking about, a great place to look for guidance is <https://www.common sense media.org/>





Do you have questions or concerns regarding your child's development? The Early Development Network helps support families of children birth to age 3 who may have a developmental delay or diagnosed disability.

Call: (402) 287-2061 OR contact your school

Visit: <http://www.esu1.org/early-development-network/>

Middle School Social Studies

For **Patriot's Day** this year, the middle school social studies students wrote letters of gratitude to alumni, family members and friends who were a part of the military, first responders, and healthcare providers. The students enjoyed writing the letters to recognize these amazing people.

For **Constitution Day**, the middle school students learned about the Constitution and why it is important to the United States.

Middle School Science

While learning about explorers, Eighth Grade students got the opportunity to become explorers themselves through the use of Google Expeditions and VR Classes. Students were able to view the International Space Station, Yellowstone National Park, Yosemite, Black Hills National Park, The Great Barrier Reef, and many more. Ask an Eighth Grader where they went exploring.



Class Officers

Senior Class Officers:

President- Emily Parks
 Vice President- Gavin Chohon
 Sec./Treasurer- Kalya Nielsen

Junior Class Officers:

President- Chase Pritchett
 Vice President- Tierre Kitto
 Sec./Treasurer- Beau Hrbek

Sophomore Class Officers:

President- Harley Stark
 Vice President- Kennedy Reynolds
 Sec./Treasurer- Ashley Parks

Freshman Class Officers:

President- Billie
 Vice President- Chloe
 Sec./Treasurer- Jordon

Dear Families and Community Members,

I have been a part of Niobrara Public Schools since July 1, 2020 and have already experienced many wonderful things! Since the beginning of school this year, I have been welcomed into the community with open arms and immediately felt as if I walked into a ready-made family. Thank you.

We are now into October and time is flying by! I have had the opportunity to watch project-based learning, instruction at a collegiate level, students working collaboratively with other peers, athletes giving it their all, amazing artists, and teachers managing both remote learning and in-person learning all at once. I even learned, from students, how to do welding. I must say that the students out welded me!

If your child is coming home exhausted each day, there is a reason! The educational day for your child is packed with learning. I am so proud of our students and their innate drive to learn more and more. We have finished our beginning of year benchmark testing and have a lot of work to do. The good news is that teachers are using the data to drive instruction, and every resource available is being used to meet the needs of all students. GO COUGARS!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Bowen, PK-12 Principal

From the **Health Office**

Happy Fall!! It is so good to have students back in the building! I have a few things I want to touch base on:

COVID – please see the diagram in the newsletter that explains how we investigate school exposure to positive cases. I do the investigation if it relates to school and am the contact for our health department. I will be contacting families or you can contact me with any questions, concerns, etc. I will always follow-up with you about quarantine dates, etc. and when your child can return to school.

Please be patient with me and the school as things are developing with new cases. It all takes time and the Health Department is very busy taking care of our huge district. If you find out of a positive case, please notify us immediately at the school and do not wait for the Health Department to call or notify us. We can get things started quickly on our end to ensure safety of our students and staff.

Free Thermometers for all students – We are taking part in a program that offers free thermometers to all of our students and staff at Niobrara Public Schools. I will be set up during Parent-Teacher conferences to hand them out to families. If you are not attending Parent-Teacher conferences, I will be sending them home with kids along with the information about them and how to use.

Blood Drive on October 7th!! Now more than ever it is important to donate blood if you can. Please contact myself or the school to set up an appointment (or download and schedule via the Blood App). They are not taking walk-ins that day and will be checking all blood donations for the antibodies for COVID. They are checking for the antibodies as it has become a life-saving treatment for those suffering with COVID.

Miles of Smiles – Miles of Smiles was moved from September 15th to October 15th. I have all of the forms that were completed for September and will just use them for the October Miles of Smiles (unless you call to tell me not to have them seen). If you did not complete the blue consent form, you can still turn it in to have them seen on the October 15th date.

Thanks so much for your patience and understanding during this time. I am always available via phone, text or email if you have any questions or concerns so please reach out to me.

Nurse Chelsey

cchohon@niobraraschools.org Cell Phone (402) 394-8520

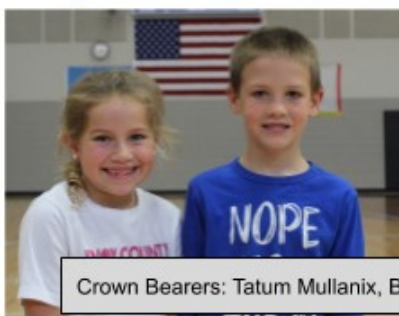
High School Math and Art News

The geometry class has just finished a unit on the basics of geometry, including parallel and perpendicular lines. To culminate the unit Mrs. DeKay, high school math teacher, and Mrs. Schacht, the K-12 art teacher, worked together to direct the students in creating art inspired by Dutch artist Piet Mondrian, who is credited as being the pioneer of 20th-century abstract art. Mondrian's most famous pieces depicted realistic subjects through geometric elements and in 2015 one of his paintings sold for 50.6 million dollars!





2020 HOMECOMING COURT



Crown Bearers: Tatum Mullanix, Blake Kreycik



Freshman Attendants: Jordon Ingebo, Billie Pritchett



Sophomore Attendants: Harley Stark, Kellen Moody



Junior Attendants: Scotty Klinetobe, Hehaka Thomas



King Candidates: Gavin Chohon, Clay Holz, Cole Swanson



Queen Candidates: Ashtyn Holz, Kiera Moody, Emily Parks

7th Grade Tours Sioux City Fire Station 1 Engine 1 (on Zoom)



SCFD Master Firefighter, Josh McClure addresses 7th graders (above)
Zoom Room screens in the flex room provide students access to virtual tours and online classes at NPS



Mrs. Motacek's Seventh Grade Technology class took a technology-focused tour of Sioux City Fire Department Station 1 Engine 1 hosted by Master Firefighter Josh McClure.

McClure's tour covered the station and rigs showcasing the technology that keeps the crew running efficiently. Upgraded mapping systems, sensors, and hydraulics have contributed to improved safety, communication, and response times.

Some of the technology that our students found most memorable was the mapping software firefighters have in their rigs. The mapping software provides fastest routes to sites as well as locations of fire hydrants, enabling firefighters to make their plan while in route. The students noted how updates to technology made rescue equipment like the jaws of life and loading ambulances more efficient.

The Zoom Room equipment in the school's Flex Room allowed students to interact with McClure almost as though we were in the same location. Firefighter McClure answered a plethora of questions from our seventh graders from what one has to do to become a career firefighter to what was the largest fire he'd responded to.

The tour ended when the station alarms went off and two response calls for the firefighters came in at the same time!

BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY NEWS

OCTOBER 2020



Here's what's Going on in Mrs. Motacek's classes

Web Design: Students have learned the Input/Storage/Processing/Output features of computers and apps. Students are beginning to Design websites using HTML and CSS.

Foundations of Computing: Students have learned more about how binary code is used to represent all data for computers including photo pixelation and sound waves for music and video. Students have learned about different methods of compression as well as ethical copyright dilemmas in data representation. Students are beginning to design an app using JavaScript coding. Students have programmed Dash robots and Micro Bits circuit boards with block style JavaScript coding.

Information Technology: Students have gained proficiency in using Google Docs to create and collaborate which will be beneficial for schoolwork and workforce preparation. Students worked up from basics to getting creative with using Wacom boards to add hand drawn art work to their Docs. Students are now working on building data analysis skills with the use of Google Sheets.

7th Grade Tech: Students continued working meeting their typing goals of 30 wpm at 90% accuracy. Many students have met and exceeded this goal! Students are also learning the Input/Storage/Processing/Output features of computers and apps and dreaming up some apps of their own. Students have been programming Dash robots with block style JavaScript coding.

Elementary Tech:

Kindergarten is working to learn the parts of a computer and how to use a mouse to click, double click, and drag and drop.

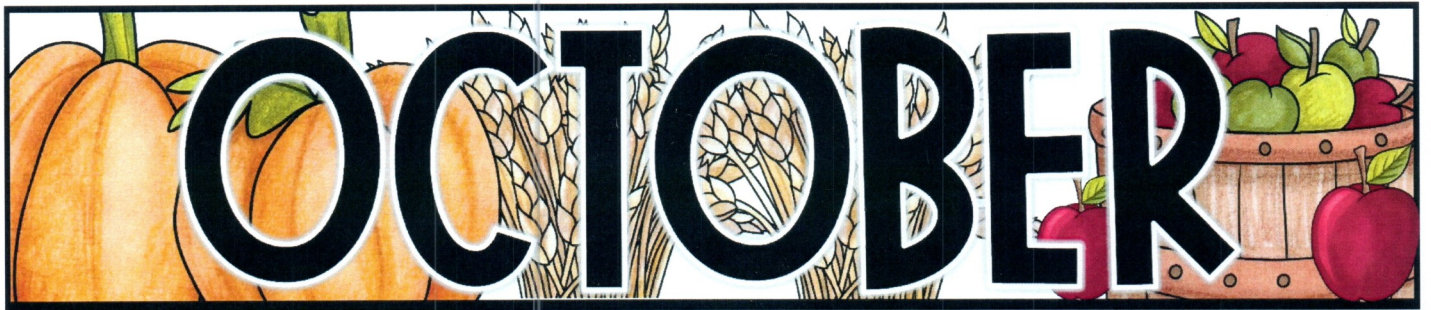
1st grade is learning about input and output devices and locating keys on the keyboard with the proper hand.

2nd grade began a typing program to learn which finger is used to type which key. They are also learning more about what goes on inside the computer to make it work.

3rd grade is learning about a computer processes information. They are in the Typing.com program and working on a goal of 10 wpm at 90% accuracy

4th and 5th grades have learned more about using the THINK (true, helpful, inspiring, necessary, kind) model before posting online. Both grades have been hard at work with their typing goals, 4th grade 15 wpm and 5th grade 20 wpm both with 90% accuracy.





4th Grade Newsletter

Homophones:

Ask your 4th grader about homophones and have them give you examples! They are getting to be masters at identifying them in our writing!

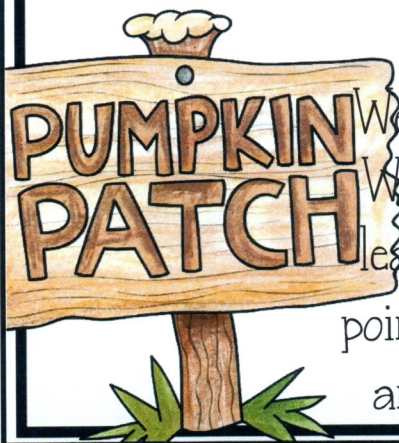
Language:

We have been busy perfecting our writing techniques by peer editing and revising paragraphs. We have been focusing on using transition words, word choice to show description, and organization of our writing. It's been a joy watching them grow already as writers!

Science:

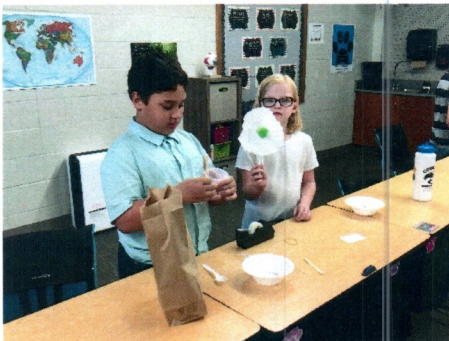
The 4th graders have been investigating the relationship between speed and energy and have done several inquiry activities to support their explanations that objects with a higher speed have more energy in motion - kinetic energy.

Reading:



We will soon be beginning our first novel study - Where the Red Fern Grows. The students will be learning many reading skills, such as character's point of view, cause and effect, character analysis, and many more skills to develop comprehension.

4th GRADE ACTIVITIES



On A Positive Note....

Niobrara Public Schools (NPS) is implementing an important District initiative called Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS). PBIS is a process for creating safer and more effective schools by developing research-based, school-wide behavior support systems.

The PBIS team at NPS meets every week on Wednesday from 4:00 - 5:00. If you are interested in joining the team to provide input into the planning, please contact the school by email at shiggins@niobraraschools.org or by phone at 402-857-3322. We would love to have as many parents involved as possible.



At the beginning of this school year, the students and staff participated in "Behavior Expectations Teaching Rotations". Students rotated through 8-9 locations throughout the building to learn and review the behavior expectations for that area. Areas included the following: cafeteria, bus, parking lot, recess/playground, commons area, hallway, restroom, sporting events, and assemblies. Pictures of the teaching/learning are included.

The PBIS team is currently developing a system to ensure students are reinforced for the following expectations. We look forward to continuing the work to support students and focus on the positive behavior each and every one of them exhibits on a daily basis. Please reach out for any questions, comments, or to join the team!

Mrs. Pritchett's Counselor Corner

Elementary Career Awareness

This year we have implemented a new class during elementary specials time. The students and I have been exploring the world of WORK!! Our topics include: what work is, who works and where, tools used for work, different types of jobs, and how school connects to work in the future. The students have had a lot of fun thinking about their futures. I have enjoyed listening to their future goals!!



NEW!!

Take a look at my new School Counselor's Website. There are many resources for elementary, middle, and high school students on academics, social emotional health, and college/ career planning!!

<http://bit.ly/NPSCounseling>



I'm a senior



What should I be doing to prepare for college?

- _____ Schedule college campus visits for your top choices.
- _____ Complete the FAFSA (Application opens October 1st)
- _____ Schedule a retake of the ACT if needed.
- _____ Apply to at least 3 colleges.
- _____ Apply for scholarships. (EducationQuest ScholarshipQuest, School Counselor's Website—above, general scholarships at the colleges that you have applied at)

Mrs. Pritchett's Counselor Corner

In Career Awareness class, the kindergarteners learned what kind of work goes on at home. We discussed how they can help out at home and then made Chore Charts. Thank you to the parents for submitting the pictures of their children doing work at home!!





Welcome to

PRESCHOOL

Preschoolers have been busy learning about all of the fun parts of the day. Some highlights are centers, recess, lunch, and snack! They enjoy listening to stories. The preschoolers have been excited to see old friends and make new friends. It's great to be back!

