

# dividends of Learning in Northridge Schools



**Northridge Hall of Fame  
Class of 2017**

This month we continue our Hall of Fame articles by featuring **John H. Morrison**.

John H. Morrison was the superintendent of the Northridge Local School District from 1933 to 1956. He followed **D. A. Puderbaugh** who was superintendent from 1926 to 1933. Many people of Northridge consider Morrison the first superintendent of the Northridge Local Schools. Some do not. Their conclusions depend upon the interpretation of the events of that time:

- Ebenezer schools were formed in 1923, and the original phase of Ebenezer Junior High (later named Esther Dennis Middle School) was built in 1926 for grades 6-9. Grades 10-12 attended schools in the Dayton school system. Puderbaugh was hired in 1926.

- On June 16, 1931, the Ebenezer Rural School District became the Northridge Local School District. By 1932 an eighteen-room addition had been added to the Junior High enabling grades 1-11

to attend; seniors continued attending Dayton schools.

- Under the leadership of the newly hired superintendent, John H. Morrison (1933), the first thirty-one member senior class graduated from Northridge Local Schools in 1934.

The dilemma...Puderbaugh was made superintendent in 1926 when the district was called Ebenezer. He continued as superintendent after the district's name was changed to Northridge. He could be considered the district's first superintendent. Morrison was the first superintendent hired by the newly renamed Northridge Local Schools. He presided over the first senior class to attend Northridge schools and to graduate from the same. He could be considered the first superintendent. In either case...

John H. Morrison served Northridge as superintendent for 23 years and before that was principal of the centralized junior high. Morrison guided Northridge through the difficult economic times of the 1930's and the war years of the 1940s. After WW II he had to cope with the rapid expansion of families moving to the suburbs and the rise of student enrollment. Under his leadership, while spending many countless hours of his personal time, he passed bond issues and oversaw the addition of nine more classrooms and a cafeteria at the now centralized school (grades 1-12) in 1945, the construction of Timberlane in 1952, Grafton Kennedy in 1954, and the addition of eight more rooms to Grafton Kennedy in 1955.

As **Hugh Sauer** (superintendent from 1967-76) and others have noted, Morrison was dedicated to Northridge and he was a generous

man. According to Sauer, Morrison often helped teachers and students overcome the lack of supplies by paying for them out of his own pocket. On another occasion, he was found aerating the sewage system performing maintenance for the district. At other times, Morrison sought the aid of and worked as a team with community members and faculty like **Frank Kelley, Dave Herring**, and others to fight for the betterment, not only of the Northridge schools, but the community as well.

As a result of his service, dedication, and generosity the district honored him in 1959 by naming the system's newest building the John H. Morrison Elementary School.

John H. Morrison was nominated by **Ruth Miller Bolen Howell** who was a member of the first graduating class - the Class of 1934.

## Kindergarten Students Honor Veterans

On November 11th, kindergarten students from TLC honored military veterans in a ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial located at the Northridge Stadium. TLC Principal **Tabitha Hardin** and teacher **Amanda Kohorst** assisted students as they placed a wreath at the veteran's memorial.



# Northridge Community NEWS

## Student Achievement Recognition

Several years ago the Northridge School Board began a program honoring achievement in academics, the arts, athletics, extra-curricular activities/clubs and leadership. The awards recognize students who have demonstrated one or more of the 40 Developmental Assets as identified by the Search Institute. These research-based attributes represent everyday wisdom about positive experiences and characteristics for young people. The areas that Northridge Schools are focusing on include: Support, Empowerment, Boundaries, and Expectations, Constructive Use of Time, Commitment to Learning, and Positive Values.



Students are nominated each month by teachers or administrators in their buildings. Students from Esther Dennis Middle School and Timberlane Learning Center who received recognition at the December 5th BoE meeting were: **Jeremy Henry** and **Sydney Holt** from EDMS; and from TLC are **Laila Britt**, **Brayden Butcher**, **William Caldwell, Jr.**, **Elle Carr**, **Deontay Clark**, **Adalee Collins**, **Jasmine Cruz**, **Haylee Daniels**, **Damon Davis**, **Madison Fritz**, **Cambrie Fuduloff**, **Tanner Fugate**, **Christian Green**, **Levi Hawkins**, **Madisyn Hawkins**, **Nicholas Koopman**, **Danielle (Daysi) Mikesell**, **Kinzley Mitchell**, **Cody Moody**, **Shianne Moss**, **Gabriella Nguyen**, **Taelor Norvell**, **Adalynn Oppy**, **Caleb Patrick**, **Nola Patrick**, **Jennifer Perl**, **Teagen Perry**, **Maliyah Pyett**, **Jayden Ramey**, **Brazil Reynolds**, **Sophie Reynolds**, **Kyler Short**, **Amelia Taubert**, **Samuel Walters, Jr.**, **Mi'Auni White**, **Joshua Williams**, **Wesley Willis**, and **Zariah Womble**. Congratulations!



## Northridge Generosity Continues

For more than 40 years, Northridge Local Schools, the Kiwanis Club of Northridge, and the Northridge Teachers Association have joined together to help families in need. This year was no exception. Non-perishable food items were donated by 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students and staff at EDMS @ GK. Northridge High School, John H. Morrison Elementary, and Timberlane Learning Center also contributed food to the cause. The items were collected at GK where students and staff worked together to categorize and equally distribute the donations. Boxes of food, along with Kroger gift cards and wrapped presents, were delivered to the buildings and distributed to 75 Northridge families struggling this holiday season. Thank you to the many generous individuals who have contributed to this very rewarding project.



## Board of Education News

Meeting on December 5th, the Northridge BoE:

- reviewed the financial report and bill listing for November.
- received information on the reorganization meeting to be held January 9, 2017 at 6:45 p.m.
- received donation from STEF to high school art department.
- approved membership in Ohio School Boards Association Legal Assistance Fund for calendar year 2017.
- approved change of status for **Rebecca Hulett**, **Teresa Phillips**, **Kathy Triplett-Henry**, **Debbie Boyd**, and **Caleb Brumley**, from 30 days to 60 days.
- approved supplemental resignation of **LaDawn Bryant**, MS cheer; and **Donald Mays**, MS wrestling asst. coach.
- accepted retirement of **Dawn Oakley-Underwood**, NHS secretary.
- employed **Stacy Finch** and **Melinda Branscomb**, substitute secretaries.
- awarded supplemental contracts to **Donald Mays**, wrestling MS coach; **Robbie Carter**, wrestling MS asst. coach.



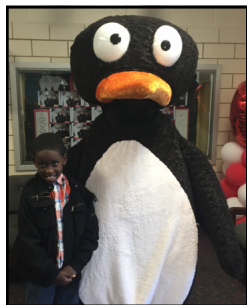


## Math Alive in Northridge

Students from K-12 are using ST Math to help learn and deepen their understanding of math concepts. ST Math is an online game-based instructional software that allows students to visually see math concepts to improve understanding and increase innovative thinking. Spatial-Temporal Reasoning allows the brain to hold visual representations to understand math standards and to aid students in improving their multi-step, problem solving skills.

Teachers across the district attended the ST Math Summit in Worthington, Ohio on November 3rd. **Steven Mills** (2nd grade), **Laura In-krott** (Curriculum Coach), **Kathy Abrams** (7th grade), **Christie Healy** (Kindergarten), and **Tabitha Hardin** (Timberlane principal) learned about strategies to utilize ST Math effectively. Topics included brain research, problem solving in math, helping students find perseverance in solving math problems, and the importance of connecting ST Math time into classroom discussions and lessons.

**JiJi**, the ST Math mascot, even made an appearance at John H. Morrison Elementary and Timberlane Learning Center to help get the students excited about math! Students love to show what they have mastered and use what they learn in ST Math in their classrooms.



## Save The Date



Thursday, September 28, 2017  
1:00 p.m. (Shotgun)

- Sign-in at Noon • Miami Valley Golf Club, Dayton, Ohio



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# EVENTS

## Calendar



- 3 Return to School from Winter Holiday Break
- 5 JHM PTO Meeting - 4:30 p.m. in the Library
- 9 TLC PTO Meeting - 3:40 p.m. in Room 12
- 9 Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 p.m. at NHS
- 13 Staff Development - **No School for Students**
- 16 Martin Luther King Day - **No School**
- 17 NHS Parent/Principal Advisory Meeting - 6:00 p.m. in Library
- 23 Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 p.m. at NHS

## January Sports

### Wrestling



- 7 Bellbrook - 10:00 a.m.
- 21 Triad - 7:00 a.m.
- 27 Lima Central Catholic - 5:30 p.m.
- 28 Lima Central Catholic - 10:00 a.m.

### Varsity Girls Basketball

Game time 6:00 p.m. unless noted.

- 2 Middletown Christian\*
- 7 Madison - 1:15 p.m.
- 12 Dixie\*
- 14 Waynesville - 1:15 p.m.
- 19 Milton-Union - 7:15 p.m.
- 21 Troy Christian - 12:30 p.m.
- 26 Preble Shawnee
- 30 Madison\* - 7:15 p.m.



### Varsity Boys Basketball

Game time 7:15 p.m. unless noted.

- 3 Dixie\*
- 7 Stebbins
- 10 Preble Shawnee
- 13 Madison\*
- 20 Dixie
- 27 Waynesville
- 28 Meadowdale\* - 7:30 p.m.
- 31 Thurgood Marshall - 8:00 p.m.



\* Home

HELP  
Needed!

## Seeking Qualified Substitute Teachers

The Northridge Schools are in need of qualified substitute teachers. A substitute teacher carries out the absent teacher's prepared lesson plans. Note: During a prolonged

absence as defined by board policy, the substitute is responsible for performing all essential functions identified in the absent teacher's job description. For a list of job specific qualifications, please view the job posting at [www.northridgeschools.org](http://www.northridgeschools.org) under the Board tab.

The District provides equal opportunities for employment, retention, and advancement of all personnel. This Board encourages all personnel to assist in the accomplishment of this goal through their personal commitment to the concept of equal opportunity for all personnel regardless of race, color, national origin, ancestry, citizenship status, religion, sex, economic status, age, military status or disability.

## Tech Bytes - News from the Northridge Technology Dept.

The staff and students at Timberlane Learning Center have been part of an exciting pilot experience with Clevertouch Plus Interactive Touchscreens. Each classroom has been using the touchscreen board as part of their daily instructional activities.

Students are able to take part in interactive math activities, read books together as a class, view videos related to classroom content and use the touchscreen as a whiteboard. In addition to allowing for additional interactivity, the mobility of the touchscreens

allow teachers to move the boards around the classroom to better fit instructional activities. Overall, the pilot has been extremely successful and we are looking forward to adding additional boards to other classrooms in the district.



## School Delays/Closings

Inclement weather during the winter months can result in school cancellations because of unsafe travel conditions. The primary considerations in the decision to delay, dismiss, or cancel school are:

- safety of students and staff.
- street conditions.
- current weather and forecasts.
- status of bus fleet.
- condition of buildings and grounds.
- consultation with police, township road department, and other schools.



The delay/closing options for the Northridge Schools are:

- **One-Hour Delay** - all schedules are adjusted one hour.
- **TWO-HOUR DELAY** - all schedules are adjusted two hours except: *A.M. preschool is closed. P.M. preschool reports at normal time.*
- **Closed** - all buildings are closed.

The decision to close and/or delay school is usually broadcast by area TV, radio stations, and the district one-call system by 6:30 a.m. **In order to be sure you receive the district one-call, please contact your child's school to make sure they have your correct phone number on file.**

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