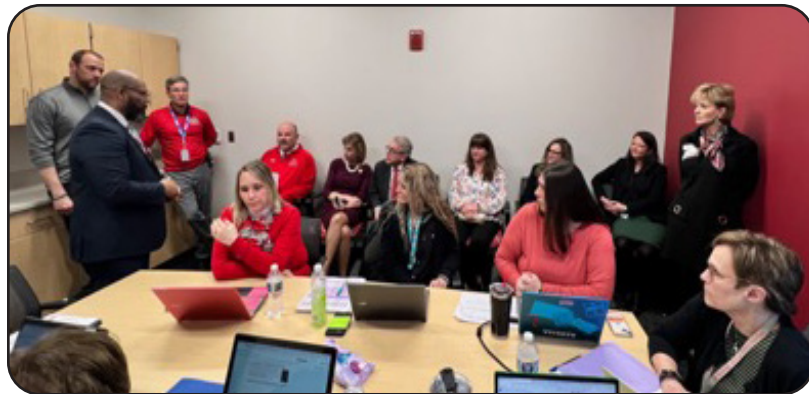


# Dividends of Learning in Northridge Schools

## Governor DeWine Visits Northridge Elementary School

Governor Mike DeWine visited Northridge Elementary School on Thursday March 23rd. He and his wife **Fran DeWine** were welcomed by members of the Northridge Elementary Student Volunteer Core, **Steven Shoup, Jordynn Buchanan, Cooper Lewis,** and **Yocelin Jara Ahuatl.**



trator **Mr. Derrick Thomas** as he led a meeting of the Elementary Multidisciplinary Team at Northridge. Members of this team, **Michelle Wade, Emily Stewart, Jenna Caudill, Karen Cigrang** (seated at the table), use data to monitor the effectiveness and direction of the Tier 2 and Tier 3 literacy interventions at Northridge.

While visiting, Governor DeWine visited a second grade classroom taught by **Dr. Genea White** and **Ms. Chelsea Reid**. They are impl-

During his visit, Governor DeWine and his wife were joined by Interim Superintendent of Public Instruction **Dr. Stephanie Siddens**, Director of Office of Approaches to Teaching and Professional Learning at Ohio Department of Education **Dr. Melissa Weber-Mayrer**, Director of State Support Team 10 **Betsy Apolito** and State Support Team 10 Regional Literacy Specialist **Laura Jones** (along the wall). The Governor observed Student Success Adminis-



menting a curriculum aligned to the Science of Reading that provides students the opportunities to develop the skills necessary for reading while they explore the history of the Civil War to build background knowledge.

Governor Mike DeWine and his wife, Fran DeWine, also observed a literacy intervention led by **Mrs. Amanda Wilson**. Literacy interventions at Northridge utilize evidence-based strategies and programs.



# Northridge Community NEWS



**MAY 26th**  
**Last Day of**  
**School for**  
**Students**



## Optimist Essay Contest

Students in the NHS ninth grade honors English class recently completed entries in the Optimist International Essay Contest, sponsored by Northridge Optimist Club. The topic of this year's contest was *Who is an everyday hero that brings out the optimism in you?*

An awards meeting was held during a pizza luncheon at Little York Pizza on March 21st to announce the winners. Each contestant invited a school friend to attend the presentation with them. The winners were presented as follows: **first place** award went to **Aaliyah Bocock**, **second place** to **Lindsey Jenkins**, and **third place** to **Alaysha Swain**. They each received an Olympic style medallion (gold, silver and bronze) and a framed certificate for their placing. Certificates were also presented for **Honorable Mention** to **Tah'kyan Baker** and **Brooklyn Thomas**.



Aaliyah Bocock's winning essay will now compete statewide with other winning essays for a chance at a \$2,500 scholarship from Optimist International. Certificates of Thanks were also presented to teachers **Sarah Wallace** and **Sheena Burns**.



The Northridge Optimist Club passes along their thanks to all of the students for their fine essays, to the judges **Tina Rezash Rogal**, **Kristen Tomlinson**, and Optimist member **Dave Williamson**, who acted as Master of Ceremonies for the awards event. A special thanks goes to Northridge Schools Director of Curriculum and Instruction **Kim Puckett** who coordinated the contest in the school, implemented the procedures, and facilitated the project from start to finish.

## NTA Awarded OEA Whisper Grant

Northridge Teacher Association (NTA) President **Pete Ziehler** applied for and received the 2022 OEA Whisper Grant for Students in Need. The grant offers direct assistance to an individual student or group of students with educational or personal needs when a hardship is identified. The funds from the grant are for the purchase of items to improve an individual's or group of individual's school learning or academic performance, or to assist with basic needs. Such items include but are not limited to: eyeglasses, personal hygiene items, repairs to a broken wheelchair, etc.

The funds were used to purchase an assortment of supplies for children in the Northridge district. The NTA partnered with School Nurse **Alicia Napier** to learn the needs of families. Socks, undergarments, chapstick, hair ties and other such supplies were purchased. The grant has been put to good use, and we appreciate the opportunity to serve the Northridge students in this manner.



From left to right: NTA President **Pete Ziehler**, BoE Student Representative **Pete Chafin**, NTA Secretary **Dianna Outten**, LPN **Tabitha Kosier**, and NTA member and School Nurse Practitioner **Alicia Napier**.



## News from the Polar Bear Cafe



### PaySchools Central replaces K12 PaymentCenter!

With the change in Point of Sale (POS) systems, the online payment system has changed too. No worries, your balance has moved over to the new system already!

Why an online account?

- Mobile friendly app available
- See what your student is buying in the Polar Bear Cafe
- Add money to student and staff accounts easily
- Get low balance alerts



### Polar Bear Cafe News!

New Point of Sale (POS) system coming Monday (4/10/2023)

What do you need to know?

- Meal service stays the same for all guests!

Middle and High School students & staff

- your PIN number does not change
- Money on your account transfers to new system automatically
- Old scan cards will work
- New scan cards available upon request
- Need a card, complete this form

Watch for more information soon!



# EVENTS Calendar

- 1 School Principal's Day
- 1 Substitute Appreciation Day
- 1 School Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- 1-5 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5 School Lunch Hero Day
- 10 School Nurse Day
- 11 Board of Education Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
- 14 Mother's Day
- 25 Board of Education Work Session - 5:30 p.m.
- 26 Last Day of School for Students**
- 29 Memorial Day



### Need to replace your lunch card for the



You can Scan the QR, Fill out the form, and submit.



### Fast Bites From the Polar Bear Cafe

New Point of Sale (POS) system coming Monday 4/10/23!

IMPORTANT FACTS

Meal service stays the same for all guests!

Elementary

- students will still be counted via a clicker
- Staff will be able to enter their PIN number and make payments, charge on in the elementary line.
- The choice to visit the middle/high school food court instead remains

Middle and High School students & staff

- your PIN number does not change
- Money on your account or balance due transfers to new system automatically
- Old scan cards will work
- New scan cards available upon request
- Need a card, complete this form



A new online payment system will open next Monday. Stay tuned for information on how to register with the new system.

## Curriculum Corner

Northridge Local Schools is committed to providing opportunities for our students to strengthen learning. This summer, Northridge Schools is excited to offer the following summer school programs:

### Camp Invention

(For current 3rd-5th grade students)

June 5, 2023 - June 9, 2023

9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

### 3rd Grade Boot Camp

(For current 3rd grade students)

June 5, 2023 - June 9, 2023

June 26, 2023 - June 30, 2023

9:00 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.

### High School Credit Recovery

June 5, 2023 - June 30, 2023

8:00 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

### Health/Physical Education

(For current 8th-12th grade students)

June 5, 2023 - June 16, 2023

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Our goal is to impact the summer educational slide by providing high quality enriching programs that allow them to move seamlessly through their education. Here are some details about enrollment and acceptance at Northridge.

- Students in Camp Invention, 3rd Grade Boot Camp, and Health/P.E. will receive breakfast and lunch at no cost to the families.
- Transportation will be provided.

If you would like your child to participate, reach out to the school office at 937-275-7469.

## May Sports

### Varsity Baseball

(Game time 5:00 unless noted.)

- 1 Legacy Christian Academy
- 2 Milton-Union
- 4 Lehman Catholic
- 6 Nat'l Trail - DH - 10:00/12:00
- 8 Trotwood-Madison
- 9 Dayton Christian\*

### Varsity Softball

(Game time 5:00 unless noted.)

- 2 Milton-Union
- 3 Belmont
- 4 Lehman Catholic
- 5 Trotwood-Madison

### Boys Varsity Tennis

(Match time 4:00 unless noted.)

- 1 Archbishop Carroll at Cloud Park
- 8 Greenville\*

### Coed Track

(Meet time 4:00 unless noted.)

- 2 TBD\*
- 11 TBD\*
- 13 Riverside\*

Spring weather can cause changes to the schedules. For up-to-date information, visit our website:

[www.northridgeschools.org](http://www.northridgeschools.org) \* Home





## Franklin B. Walter Scholarship Awarded to Kara Weber

Northridge High School senior **Kara Weber** was awarded the Franklin B. Walter Scholarship. Kara was one of 22 students chosen from among all school districts in Montgomery County. The award was presented by the Montgomery County Educational Service Center at a luncheon on April 19th at the Marriott at University of Dayton. The scholarship, named after former Ohio State Superintendent **Dr. Franklin B. Walter**, is a \$1,000.00 stipend that will help defray the costs of college books, fees, as well as other college related expenses.

At the ceremony, Kara had the opportunity to introduce her *teacher of influence*, Language Arts Teacher **Barbara Mendoza**. Kara is the granddaughter of **Terry and Pamela Weber**. Congratulations, Kara!



*Pictured left to right, High School Building Administrator David White, Northridge Schools Superintendent Dave Jackson, Teacher Barbara Mendoza, grandparents Terry and Pamela Weber, and great aunt and uncle, Mark and Linda Brumley*



**GOOD NEWS  
High School  
Edition**



## Leeyah Samuels Signs With Grand Valley State



**Pictured:** Edlia Wong-Lun-Hing, Leeyah Samuels, Jevonte Samuels

Leeyah Samuels, a Northridge High School senior, has committed to attend Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She plans to study psychology and will be a member of their track team. Leeyah is the epitome of the term "student athlete." During her high school career, she was often awarded for her academic excellence, participated in College Credit Plus courses, and maintained a 3.5 GPA. She was active in a variety of academic and athletic activities including student advisory board, student ambassadors, wrestling, and track. The Northridge family congratulates Ms. Samuels on her many accomplishments.

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