

dividends of Learning in Northridge Schools



Northridge Hall of Fame Class of 2015

Each month, the *Dividends* will feature one of the new members of the 2015 *Northridge Hall of Fame*. We begin this month with **Jim Clark**, class of 1972.

A proud 1972 graduate of Northridge High School, **Jim Clark** remains forever grateful to Northridge school and staff members. "They never gave up on me, even when I made it difficult for them." He applauds their dedication and devotion and believes, "They made a big difference in my life."

Jim has furthered his education through classes, course work, and seminars at both Sinclair Community College and Wright State University. Such subject areas include arbitration, business law, collective bargaining, labor studies, and grievance policy.

Jim's many lifetime positions have placed him in the following various service positions: General Motors/Delco, 1973; IUE/CWA, Union Committee representative, 1983; plant chairman representative, 1995; IUE chairman of auto-

motive conference board, 2001; and elected president of IUE/CWA, 2005.

In his current position, Jim oversees the union's manufacturing division, which represents over 300 U.S. facilities, 240 local unions, and more than 50,000 active members. Currently he is spearheading the Division's attempt to improve union members' job security by bringing a union friendly version of high performance or lean manufacturing into IUE/CWA work sites. In his leadership role, he currently sits on the AFL/CIO Industrial Union Council and is an outspoken leader for fair trade laws and a revitalized U.S. manufacturing policy.

His years of service have earned Jim various honors. In 2012, he was named by the White House as a "Champion of Change" for efforts to advance corporate environmental sustainability. Jim received the "David L. Clendenin Award" in 2007 from the Workers Defense League in New York. Earlier in 2005, he was given a "Labor Leadership Award" by the Miami Valley AFL/CIO.

Through commitment and service, Jim stands out for taking a common sense and innovative approach to bargaining for job preservation while still recognizing economic realities in a global market place. He strives to reduce health care costs through community initiatives to assess needs and through education of members and health care providers.

Jim and his wife, **Carla**, have been married for thirty-six years.

They are the proud parents of **Matthew, Megan, and Katelin**. They also have three grandchildren, **Avery, Hadley, and Adeline**.



NHS Student State Finalist

Northridge High School freshman, **Dakota Brown**, is a state finalist in a national *Jobs for Area Graduates (JAGS)* essay contest. Dakota's essay, following the theme of *Why am I one in 1 Million?*, was chosen to represent the Miami Valley JAGS affiliate *Yes for Youth*.

State Jobs for Ohio's Graduates Coordinator **Chris Canova** chose Dakota's essay as one of five finalists in Ohio. The winner of the contest will represent Ohio in the JAGS National Leadership Conference in November in Washington D.C. The winner of the competition will be named near the end of October.



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30 days; and **Sharon Litchfield** and **Sandra Ward**, from substitute bus aide to substitute bus aide after 30 days.



- approved change of assignment for **Glenda Donaldson**, from secretary at TLC to general board of-fice secretary at central office.
- authorized payment in lieu of transportation.
- approved job description Files 217 and 306.
- received update on the State Report Card.

Board of Education News

Meeting on September 22nd and October 13th, the Northridge BoE:

- reviewed financial report and bill listing for September.
- approved resolution accepting amounts and rates as determined by Budget Commission and authorized necessary tax levies and certified them to the County Auditor per O.R.C. 5705.34-5705.35.
- received donation from HOGS to John H. Morrison Elementary.
- received update on Rich and Gillis Law Group, LLC and the wellness program for FY 15.
- accepted retirement/resignation of teachers at Northridge High School: **Lisa Coyle**, **Rebecca Molnar**, **James McDowell**, and **Kathleen Harrington**.

- employed **Cheryl Fender**, school psychologist; **Sharon Litchfield**, event staff worker; **Phyllis Salyer** substitute food service and bus aide; **Lora Leiter-Cseh** and **Sandra Henry**, substitute food service; **Karen Cigrang**, tutor at JHM; and **Teresa Phillips**, tutor at NHS.
- approved seven extended days of pay for NHS counselor, **Trisha Engle**.
- accepted resignation of supplemental contracts from **Jim McDowell**, **Josh Patterson**, and **Michael Rado**, track.
- approved supplemental contracts for: **Kathryn Collins**, cheerleading; and **Josh Patterson**, wrestling.
- approved change of status for **Debbie Boyd**, from substitute van driver to substitute van driver after

Search For Children With Disabilities

The Northridge Local School District, along with other school districts across the state of Ohio, continue participating in an effort to identify, locate and evaluate all children from birth through 21 years of age who may have disabilities. Disability, in this instance, means such conditions as cognitive disability, hearing impairment, speech or language impairment, visual impairment, emotional disturbance, orthopedic impairment, autism, traumatic brain injury, other health impairment, specific learning disability, deaf-blindness, and multiple disabilities. Public schools have responded vigorously to federal and state mandates requiring the provision of a free appropriate public education regardless of a child's disability. Many children with disabilities are not visible because they do not function in the mainstream of the community. Also, some identified children with disabilities are preschoolers.

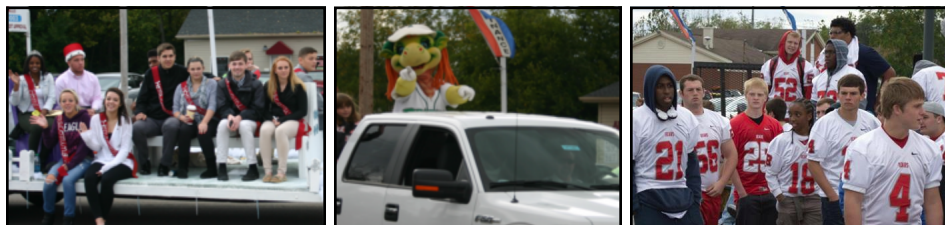
The Northridge Local School District is interested in meeting the needs of children with disabilities. If you have or know of a child who may have a disability or have any questions concerning this notice, please contact **Dave Jackson**, Superintendent, at 278-5885. The district's written policies and procedures for the identification of children with disabilities are available upon request.



A Great Day for a Parade

The 2014 Homecoming Events wound down on Sunday, October 5th with the annual homecoming parade heading up North Dixie on the new parade route to the high school. NHS Homecoming Queen, **Jasmine Furlow** and King, **Jordan Dull** preceded the fighting Polar Bear Football Team. The team was celebrating in grand style its victory over Dixie in the homecoming game on Friday night. Following the team and performing along the parade route were The Northridge Marching High School Band, Polarettes & Flag Corp under the direction of Drum Major **Amber Folin**.

Thanks to all of those behind the scenes who helped with the many parade details. Special thanks to Trustee **Georgeann Godsey**, manager, and **Jim Zeller**, owner of the North Plaza Shopping (Continued on Page 3.)



Varsity Football Players HEROes Off The Field



Northridge High School Teacher and Head Varsity Football Coach **Bob Smith** and his wife **Debbie Smith**, First Grade Teacher at John H. Morrison Elementary, have organized the *HERO (High school to Elementary Reading Outreach)* program this school year. Coach Smith and members of the Varsity Football team travel to Morrison Elementary every week to read with first grade students and to provide literacy intervention. These high school HEROes serve as positive role models to the first grade students who eagerly await the weekly visits. The program will be expanding to include kindergarten students at the Timberlane Learning Center in the near future.

HEROes (from left to right): **Anthony Carroll, Tyler Venters, Drew Ogletree, Kie'Shawn Arnold, T. J. McDaniel, Brad Williams, and Lance Kennedy.**

With first grade students: **Jenna Cline, McKenzie Worley, Myla Smyth, Ramya Lewis, Ja'Kaii Lee, Bre'Ana Howard, Austin Maggard, Daniel Wilson, Nathan Witt, Day'ren Smith, Amiya Isaacs, Aaron Mathis, Mercedes Hawkins, Presley Stewart, Autumn Landis, Julianna Ortiz, and Ethan Cox.**



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Center for allowing us to use their property to stage the parade. Also thanks to **Tony Caserta** of Gem City Home Improvements for preparing the property so the parade could assemble with ease.

This event could not have happened without Sergeant **Rick Moebius** who monitored road conditions. Thanks to Captain **Jeremy Roy** for the security provided along the route to keep

the parade entries and sightseers safe, and to Chief **Mark Lynch** for his help from the very beginning of planning this year's parade and continuing until the parade route closed.

Many teachers, advisors and parents deserve congratulations for helping students design and build floats displaying the theme *People Helping People* and showing that Northridge Local Schools do practice the *40 Developmental Assets*, the building blocks for success, every day.

Mark your calendar! Next year's parade is planned for October 16, 2015.



Calendar

- 10 Timberlane PTO Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. in TLC Library
- 12 Morrison PTO Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. in Library
- 17 Board of Education Meeting
- 7:00 p.m.
- 21 Staff Development/Waiver Day
- **No School for Students**
- 26-28 Thanksgiving Break
- **No School**



November Sports

Varsity Boys Basketball

- 20 Sidney (S) - 5:00 p.m.
- 22 Lynchburg-Clay (S) - 10:30 a.m.
- 28 Twin Valley South (S) - 10:00 a.m.

Varsity Girls Basketball

(Game time 5:30 p.m. unless noted.)

- 5 Northeastern* (S)
- 11 Mississinawa Valley* (S)
- 12 Southeastern Local* (S)
- 22 Brookville (S) - 1:00 p.m.
- 28 Tipp Off Classic* - 6:00 p.m.
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Wrestling

- 22 Miamisburg* (S) - 9:00 a.m.
- 24 Stebbins - 4:00 p.m. * Home (S) Scrimmage

Volley For The Cure

On October 6th, the high school girls' volleyball team held their *Volley For The Cure* game. *Volley For The Cure* is an event to not only help raise breast cancer awareness, but to also raise money for the Susan B. Komen Foundation. The volleyball team sold t-shirts and had a bake sale raising over \$1,300.00 for the foundation. The volleyball team and athletic department would like to thank everyone who came out to support this event and to the Athletic Boosters for donating the pink jerseys worn during the game.





Curriculum Corner New Social Studies Resources

(Excerpts from McGraw-Hill Education.)

Teachers and students in grades 4 - 12 have new social studies books and online materials to replace editions that are 10 - 12 years old. They are excited with the new resources that are aligned to Ohio standards, provide a strong relationship between content and skills, and are relevant and exciting social studies content.

These engaging student materials and manageable teacher resources will help students master the relevant *Ohio Social Studies Curriculum Standards* and develop the skills needed for success in school, college and career, and beyond. Each program integrates the *Ohio's New Standards for English-Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies*. Activities and assessments strengthen critical thinking, close reading, problem solving, and writing skills. Digital materials for students and teachers bring the content to life in the classroom or at home!

Some of the resources included with student editions are primary resource documents, a student resource library, digital media player, biographies, and college and career readiness skill builders. Teachers are looking forward to sharing hands-on, interactive activities to bring abstract concepts to life.

Northridge Optimist Club Celebrates 50th Anniversary



The Governor of the Ohio Optimist District, **Harry Tolhurst**, visited the Northridge Optimist Club meeting on September 23rd. His visit was in honor of the club's 50th Anniversary. He passed along his congratulations to the club members on behalf of the Ohio District and presented President **Alan Schmidlapp** with a proclamation entitled *50 Years of Optimist Service* from Optimist International President **Ron Huxley**.



The Northridge Optimist Club was chartered by Optimist International on September 29, 1964. Its service mission is dedicated to the youth of the community, primarily by providing scholarships to Northridge students, plus sponsoring various youth activities.

More information on the club and its services can be found on the club website <http://www.northridgeoptimist.org/>.

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: **Preschool at the TLC is closed, but kindergarten is on a two-hour delay.**
- **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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