



(Above) Mrs. O'Dell's "lunch bunch" rings in the new school year.

Northside Middle School

North Star News

Gold Star Student Reward Program Continues

The North Star team is proud to continue the Gold Star Student Reward Program for the third nine weeks.

Last semester, students were challenged to create positive habits by consistently bringing required materials to class every day. Materials might include folders, textbooks, pencils or pens and any homework due in class that day.

Twenty-five students achieved this goal in the second quarter. Theses students will be treated to a catered lunch as a reward for their efforts.

This quarter, we challenge the students to maintain those good habits. In addition, we are encour-

aging students to engage in conversations with caring adults about issues at school. Periodically, we will send home important information with your student in the form of the *North Star News*. Sign the Parent Response Form and be sure to include any comments you may have. Your child will return this signed form to his or her resource class.

Timely return of signed forms is a new challenge for students to remain on the Gold Star Student Reward Program list.

If you have a great idea for a future reward, please let us know! We are always interested in learning about ways to motivate your children!



(Above) First quarter Gold Star students enjoy Johnny Carino's served by the teachers.

2nd Quarter Winners!

Melany Alvey
Chase Ballard
Morgan Banister
Zach Brooks
Elizabeth Cox
Emmery Doty
Olivia Frownfelter
Mary Gilham
Kaleigh Goode
Nick Grady
Christina Hetisimer

Kylee Hollenbeck
Jordann Lyon
Megan Miller
Cory Petro
Kayleigh Reed
Jason Sprague
Christian Taylor
Morgan Thomas
Connor Umphress
Macy Wingham
Logan Worton



North Stars Complete Service Project

We won! North Star students worked collaboratively to complete grant requests from McDonald's. With a possible \$500 award to do a hands on activity, the students brainstormed, researched and completed proposals for everything from gardening and exercise to creating a soccer team and caring for class pets.

The grant committee selected a proposal co-authored by a group led by Kaitlin Cummings and Mor-

gan Bannister. Their team wanted to secure funding for materials to make blankets for hospitalized children. Their hard work paid off!

The North Star team made over 36 fleece blankets for patients at Columbus Regional Hospital. Students delivered the blankets along with hand written cards on December 22.

What's next for our team? If you know of a need in our commu-



nity that could be a great service lesson for the students, please share your ideas on the parent response form!

(Above) North Stars deliver boxes of bright blankets to the CRH volunteer office.

Upcoming events:

★ Report cards! Watch your mail the week of January 10th.

★ High School Scheduling! It's already that time...soon 8th graders will be making course selections for their freshman year. Watch for information coming home in January....

★ ISTEP+ testing starts the week of February 28th. Visit www.doe.in.gov for more information about the test and how to prepare.

Helpful Team Contacts

Northside.....812-376-4403

Ms. Calfee...Reading and Writing Workshop
Mrs. Connor...Instructional Specialist
Mrs. O'Dell...Social Studies
Ms. Phillips...Language Arts
Mr. Putney...Science
Miss Smith...Student Teacher/Reading and Writing Workshop
Mrs. White...Math
Mr. Schwenk...8th grade Counselor
Mr. Lax...Dean of Students

Welcome Ms. Smith!

Dear Parents,

My name is Aimee Smith and I will be your student's Reading and Writing teacher this nine weeks. I am a student teacher for Ms. Calfee and will be in the classroom until March 11, 2011. I attended Indiana University in Bloomington and majored in Secondary English Education with a minor in Spanish. After I finish my student teaching at

Northside, I will be going to Spain to teach English to secondary students.

This is my third year in Ms. Calfee's class. I have had the pleasure of working with your students during the first semester and cannot wait to work with them throughout this semester. If you have any questions at any time, please feel free to contact me at calfeej@bcsc.k12.in.us or

812-376-4403. Be sure to ask for Julie Calfee's room to access the school voicemail system.

Sincerely,

Aimee Smith



Follow the North Star Field Trip Announced

*The following is an excerpt from www.connorprairie.org. Visit the cite for more information about the Follow the North Star program and watch for field trip permission slips to come home soon! **Due to the intense nature of this program, it may not be for everyone.***

A mandatory parent meeting for any students attending the trip will be scheduled in February.

Questions? Contact Mrs. O'Dell, o'dellj@bcsc.k12.in.us

Leave the comfort of the world you know...

Become a fugitive slave on the Underground Railroad, fleeing from captivity, risking everything for freedom. What will you experience on your quest for a new life?

Come face-to-face with slave hunters, see fear and hope in the eyes of a fellow runaway and be encouraged by a Quaker family. Truly experience life as a fugitive

slave during your journey through one of the most compelling periods in Indiana's history.

Conner Prairie's nationally-acclaimed, award-winning Follow the North Star experience, developed from years of extensive research, is unlike any other. This interactive glimpse into our shared past will affect you in ways that reading a book or watching a movie about it cannot.

Experiential Learning: The process of making meaning by direct experience.



Parent Response Form

(Please return to resource teacher by Friday, January 14th.)

I have read and discussed these team events with my child.

Caring Adult Signature

Student Signature

Comments:

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