



NMS REGION III TEACHER OF THE YEAR



P.R.I.D.E.

Politeness

Respect

Integrity

Determination

Excellence

Congratulations to Mrs. Latasha Lee for her achievements and recognition as 2020 Teacher of the Year for Region 3 for the state of Virginia. Mrs. Lee is amazed and ecstatic about being a "Regional Teacher". She loves teaching at Northumberland Middle School. Mrs. Lee said she is from "The awesome place where I love it, Northumberland!" Mrs. Lee use to live and teach in Richmond but she moved back home in 2013 to teach. She is very talented and loves to do many different things and has a crafting business making earrings, mugs, t-shirts and many more things. She is an amazing teacher. She loves working with her students and always likes to help. Mrs. Lee enjoys music because it is universal and she feels like everybody can relate to all different kinds of music. We are truly glad to have Mrs. Lee at Northumberland. Thank you for everything and for all your help.

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER 2019

November 11



November 14

Student Early Release @ 1 PM

Parent Conferences/
Family Engagement
2-6 PM



November 27-29

DECEMBER 2019

December 10

Q2 Interims given to students

December 19

Choir/Band Concert
6:30 PM

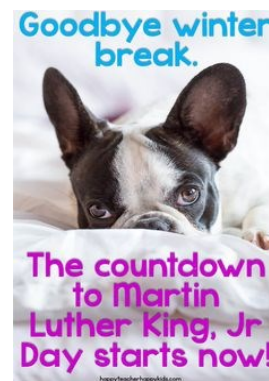
December 23- Jan. 3



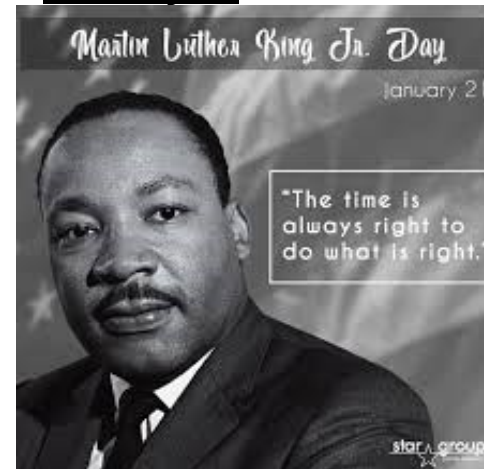
JANUARY 2020

January 6

First Day Back from Break



January 20



Contact us at nmsnewsletter2019@gmail.com

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Every child deserves a champion –an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be”.

~Rita F. Pierson~

TAG STUDENTS ON THE BAY

Greetings NMS students, parents, and families!

We are off to a great start here at Northumberland Middle School! Teachers are working hard to make sure that students are getting the information they need in order to be successful in their course. Please continue to encourage your student to come to class prepared, ready to learn, and showing their NMS P.R.I.D.E.

Don't forget you can check your student's grades and progress through the parent and student portal in Power School. Contact our counseling department if you need login information. We want all of our NMS students to be successful!

If you haven't done so already, please "Like" us on our NMS Facebook page! and follow us on the @NMSIndians twitter page. We are posting announcements, upcoming events, and schedule changes on these social media pages. This is a great way to stay in the loop!

Thank you for your continued support of Northumberland Middle, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns, or feedback. My door is always open to you.

Javornda M. Ashton
Principal



1st row: Chase Hymes, Trey Felton, Chloe Bustle, Mary Clare Hodges, Ryland Pearson,
2nd row: Alvaro Acosta-Reyes, Christ Cauja-Benacourt, Meghan Downing, Cason Rogers, Ann Rice, Olivia Metsala, Madison Jones, Morgan Dunn, Isaac Faulkner, Cameron Minor, Ginny Swann, Zoe Paone, Amiya Lee, Rivah Carter, J.P. Withers, and James Blake.

With a generous grant from the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund and the Virginia License Plate Initiative, NMS 6th grade TAG students traveled to Port Isabel. They spent three days and two nights doing activities such as night hikes, marsh mucking, crabbing, scraping, and learning about Chesapeake Bay species. In the heart of the Chesapeake, students and teachers experience the Bay at its wildest and most remote. Through hands-on activities and lively discussions students learned that wetlands, grass beds, and tidal flats teamed with life, and offer many opportunities for exploration and investigation by foot, canoes, and workboats. Students and teachers also have the opportunity to interact with the local community members to learn how the livelihoods of watermen are connected to the Bay. Students gained firsthand knowledge of academic disciplines such as earth science, biology, chemistry, civics, economics, and government in addition to practicing sustainable conservation and responsible citizenship.

NMS STOMP OUT BULLYING

October is STOMP Out bullying month! This month we are determined to put an end to bullying and cyberbullying! We want to show kindness and challenge friends and classmates to pay it forward with their acts of kindness, such as make friends with someone you don't know at school. Every morning, Mrs. Ashton encourage us to do a new act of kindness, by giving us a "Kindness Challenge for the day. Also, words of encouragement and motivation are posted on the "Pass on the Positivity" bulletin board in the cafeteria for students or to share with a friend in need. When you see someone being bullied, be brave and STAND UP for them. You can also anonymously report incidents of negative activities by using the Anonymous Alerts system. "Be the change you wish to see in the world," says Gandhi. If you see something say something. Lets stop bullying one step at a time!



TAG STUDENTS OFF TO THE MUSEUM

NMS 7th & 8th grade TAG students traveled to Yorktown, Virginia, to the American Revolution Museum for their first field trip. The students had a historical interpreter that led the tour. Students learned that the British troops wore redcoats so they could be seen through the smoke and they also wore tall hats on the battlefield to make themselves look tall and intimidating during the "The Battle of the Great Bridge". They went to the 4D-experiential theater that transported them to the Yorktown battlefield in 1781, "Siege of Yorktown" with wind, smoke and the thunder of cannon fire. Students were shown the Continental Army encampment where they discovered aspects of military life, from enlistment to troop supplies and flintlock muskets to 18th-century medical care. Beyond the encampment, a farm house, kitchen and tobacco barn and a building representing quarters for enslaved people, along with crop fields, corn-crib, kitchen garden and orchard. During and after, they took knowledge with them, they had a great time discovering the story of the American Revolution.



CHEERLEADERS

The cheerleaders currently cheer for the girls' basketball team. This year the squad goal is to focus on "teamwork" and by working together they have an excellent squad. The cheerleaders have a great positive attitude from everyone and they are very excited to represent Northumberland Middle School! Victoria West is the Coach and Ty'asia Seldon is the Manager. The members are: Faith Taylor, Natalyah Noel, Kaya Ball, Amiya Lee, Tatianna Hammoudeh, and Chelsea Romain.

NMS ACADEMICS

TWENTY-ONE NEW NMS BETA MEMBERS

The Northumberland Middle School Junior Beta Club held its 2020 Induction Ceremony on October 16, 2019. The purpose of this program is to install into membership 21 new qualified members.

The National Beta Club is an organization that has been in existence since 1934. The organization strives to acknowledge and reward students for their hard work and determination.

The mission statement for the National Beta Club is to promote the ideals of academic achievement, character, service and leadership among students. Beta Clubs honor students for their academic achievements, prepare them to be leaders of tomorrow and shows the importance of giving back to the community.



New Members: Chelsea Wiggins, Olivia Newsome, Anne Shackleford, Braxton Cooper Haynie, Olivia Byrd, Alliysia Newton, Alliya Newton, Markiel Cockrell, Jasmine Rankins, Mikayla Hayden, Joline Haynie, Jon Wijnand, Ekari Scott, Seriyah Nickens, Ava Wilson, Itzel Santamaria, Ava Burns, Addison Gordon, Chloe Brann, Harry Booth, and Madahsyn Thomas. Not Pictured: Sarah Donovan

NMS SCHOOL MENU

Good News!!! Every school day, all students are eligible to receive healthy breakfast and lunch at NO CHARGE. The menu will be:

- Southern Mondays
- Taco Tuesdays
- Breakfast and Sub Wednesdays
- Asian and Wrap Thursdays
- Italian Fridays

Additional menu items (a la carte) will be available for purchase. Prices vary.



Just remember, regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare for success, both in school and in life. When you make school attendance a priority, you get better grades, develop healthy life habits, social skills and friendship, and have a better chance of graduating from high school, setting yourself up for a strong future. Also, those who had perfect attendance for the previous week, names are placed in a drawing and announced every Monday to receive a prize.

NMS FALL SPORTS

SOCCER



Our soccer players played with determination and team work. The team members worked hard for a good season. The coach was Lon Patrick and team members were Eric Veney, Charlie Hapgood, Christopher Nava, Carter Mitchell, Elijah Bryd, Bryant Lane, Mathew Waddy, Braeleigh Weatherford, Bevan Ransone, Kyle Dobyms, Willard Felton, Braeden Cummings, Ryland Pearson, Olivia Metsala, Alvaro Acosta, and Reagan Brent.

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

The members of the volleyball team started off the season being in charge of the court, defeating the first three teams by scoring 2-1 against Chesapeake Academy, Richmond County Intermediate, and our long time rivals the Lancaster Red Devils. The Lady Indians worked hard as a team in every competition, ending the season with a 6-4 record. This is NMS volleyball team second year. Great work! Go Lady Indians!!



Katlyn Orem was the Coach and Carrie George is the Manager. The members were: Mary Clare Hodges, Carmen Lucas, Michelle Wallas, Ginny Swann, Megan Downing, Chloe Brann, Addie Gordon, Ava Wilson, Emmalee King, Seriyah Nickens, Haley Diggs and McKenna Dooley.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL



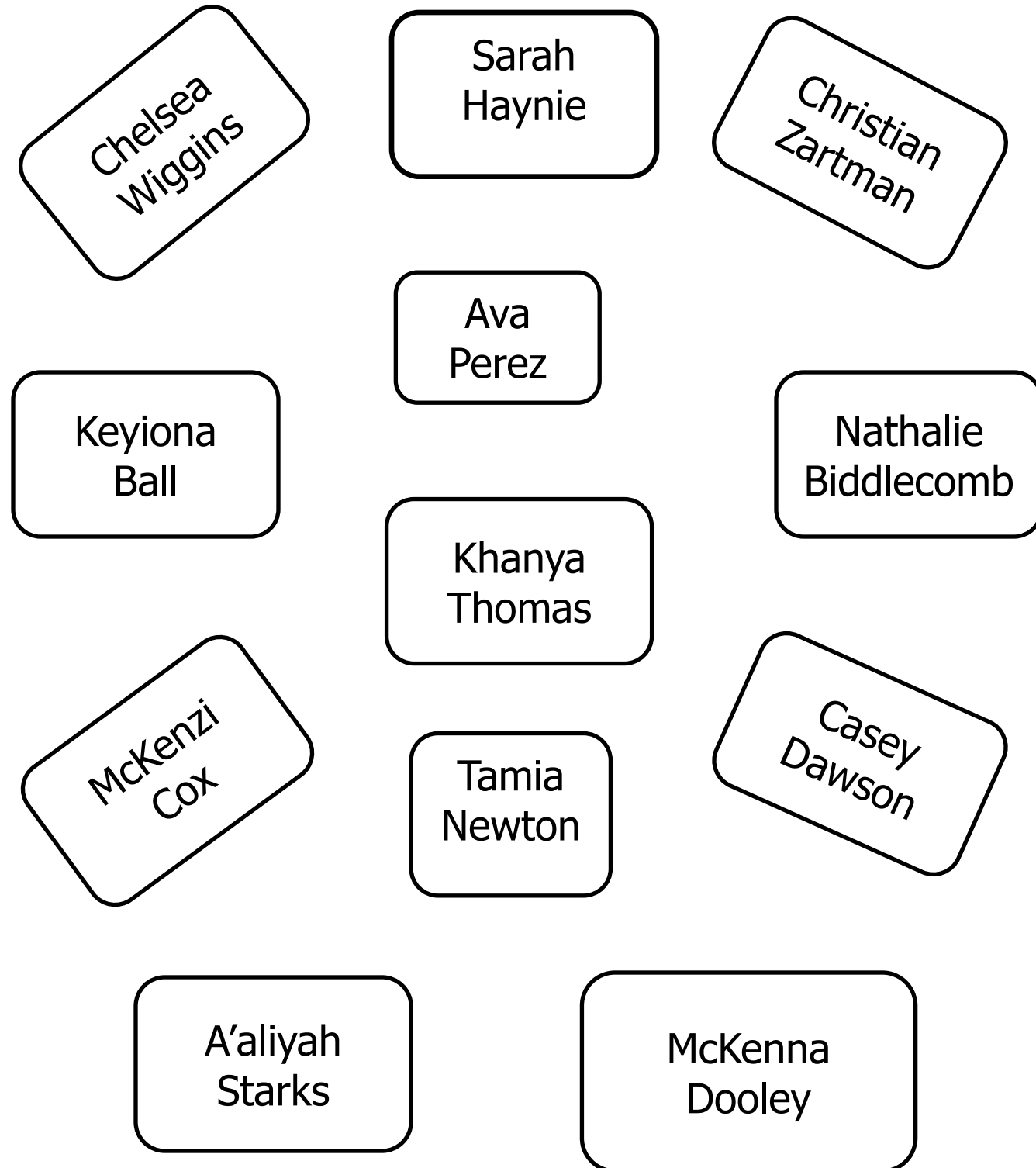
The majority of the players just started playing for NMS this year. The team members made great improvements and worked hard for a great season. The coach was Terrell Diggs and the managers were Kiara Morris-Thompson and Sereniti Conley. The team members were Makiyah Morris, Soniyah Johnson, Eryn McCrae, Samaya Seldon, Ty'Meera Newton, Azoryona Haskins, Berenice Cauja-Betancourt, Indyia Blackwell, Ketiya Walters, and Madahsyn Thomas. Madahsyn was injured during the Colonial Beach game and she will be out for the season. Speedy recovery Madahsyn.

GOLF



Our young Golfers has had a wonderful time on the golf course teeing off and getting the golf ball into the hole on the putting green. The team won the tournament and Amanti Starks was named MVP for the tournament. Great job Indians!! The coach was Eddie Barnes and team members were Isaac Faulkner, Harry Booth, Amanti Starks, Cooper Haynie, Dezmin Palmer, and Willee Bowles.

INTRODUCING THE NMS PHOTOJOURNALISM TEAM



If you would like to enter a story in our next edition for Quarter 2, please email us at nmsnewsletter2019@gmail.com

NMS P.R.I.D.E.

POLITENESS RESPECT INTEGRITY DETERMINATION EXCELLENCE

You should always show your Northumberland PRIDE. There are lots of things you can earn by showing positive behavior in the class, hall, cafeteria and bathroom. There are several ways you can be rewarded by showing PRIDE. In the classroom, your teacher can give you a positive behavior reward ticket. You can get a Positive Office Referral for showing the NMS PRIDE expectations. You can also earn a "Shoutout"!! Another thing you can earn is a PRIDE postcard that is mailed, letting you and your family know that you had demonstrated NMS PRIDE. Surviving the 1st nine weeks with NO referrals you get a coupon for ice cream during lunch; 2nd nine weeks you will get to see a movie with popcorn during your electives; 3rd nine weeks you will have a pizza party with games and music in the gym; and the 4th nine weeks you get to have a fun day at Kilmarnock Entertainment Center or Stan's Skateland.

SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Each month NMS recognizes two students from each grade level that model the positive behavior expectations. For the month of SEPTEMBER the character word was POLITENESS.

6th Grade: Ethan Fitzgerald
Karmen Lucas



8th Grade: Julius LaSalle
Nathalie Biddlecomb



7th Grade: LaDanion Thomas
Chloe Brann



FUNDRAISER

NMS had a fundraiser that ended on October 1st. The magic number was for each student to sell 7 items. If a student sold 7, 10 or 20 items they won different items and even won cash prizes. If a student sold 30 items they will get to ride in a limousine to have pizza for lunch. The fundraiser goal is \$15,000. If the goal is reached, we will have a basketball games with players doing tricks. Meeting the goal also mean that the students who sold the items will be able to help turn Mrs. Ashton into a human ice cream sundae.



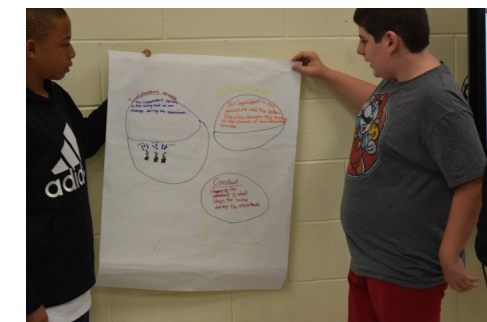
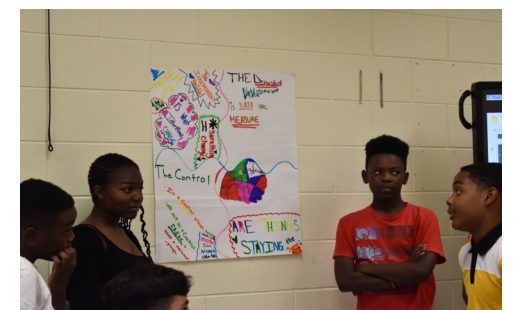
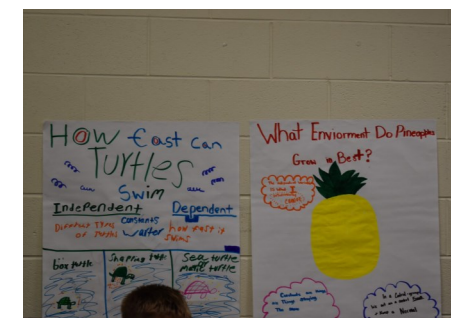
OSMOSIS EXPERIMENT WITH GUMMY BEARS

Mrs. Ambrose's 8th grade science class learned about scientific method. Students used gummy bears to observe how a gummy bear is affected by water, salt water, vinegar and no solution.



INDEPENDENT OR DEPENDENT THAT IS THE ?

Mrs.Vessels' 7th grade science class learned about independent and dependent variables. Some students used turtles, anchor charts or fruits to show independent and dependent variables. The pineapple illustration showed how the environment was the independent variable and the pineapple was the dependent variable.



MEET NMS NEW TEACHERS



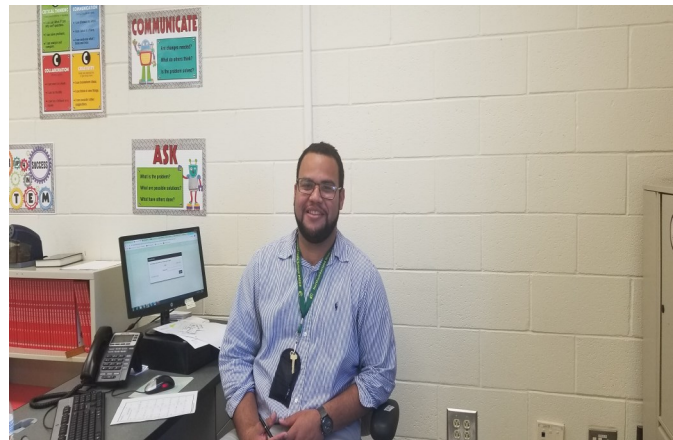
Mrs. Barnes is the 8th grade Pre Algebra teacher. She has taught math for six years. She likes to fish, play volleyball, and make music videos on different math topics. Her favorite TV show is "Veronica Mares". Mrs. Barnes went to the University of Mary Washington and grew up in the state of New Jersey. Mrs. Barnes likes NMS and the students.



Mr. Markish is the 8th grade English teacher. He became a teacher because he want to positively impact our future, the students, and he likes seeing their appreciation. Mr. Markish was raised in Stratford, VA. In his free time he likes to watch sports and play with his dogs. Mr. Markish loves it here and he has a great group of kids. He is very excited about the rest of the school year and the years to come.



Mrs. Madeline Lee, the new Band teacher likes teaching at NMS because of its closed sense of community, and welcoming and warm environment. Mrs. Lee is from Stratford, VA. She teaches band so she can share her passion for music. Her hobbies are writing music and working in her own business which is publishing music. She started her undergraduate degree at the University of Missouri; but, graduated from Columbus State University. Her favorite instrument is the French horn which she studied in college. Mrs. Lee is very happy to be here, she is so excited to work at a school that has a good reputation.



Mr. Caban is the 7th grade Math teacher. He said he likes the school here and it is very nice. After teaching two years in Orlando, Florida, he moved here to Northumberland County. Mr. Caban was born in Puerto Rico where he lived for most of his life. He went to the University of Puerto Rico. Things that Mr. Caban likes are robotics, technology, and practicing more math. Mr. Caban likes NMS and he likes being a math teacher.

NMS TEACHERS SWITCHED



Mr. Kocher (a.k.a. Mr. K) is now teaching 7th grade U.S. History II. Last year he taught 8th grade U.S. History II. Mr. K likes teaching history, it is the subject he majored in at Moravian College. He use to live in Whitehall, PA. His hobbies are playing the piano and video games. His favorite video game is "Bio Shock". Mr. K likes the students at NMS and he said it is a change from the other schools where he had taught. At the other schools he had at least 20 to 27 students in one class. Here at NMS his classes are much smaller and he can get to know his students.



Mrs. Taylor is now the 8th grade Civics teacher. Last year she taught 7th grade Civics. Mrs. Taylor was very excited about the move, it felt like she was starting something new. One of the main reasons Mrs. Taylor teaches civic is because she has always been interested in the government process throughout high school and college. Mrs. Taylor was raised in Northumberland County. She went to University of Mary Washington and Averett University and received masters degrees from both colleges in Curriculum Instruction, and Administration and Supervision; respectfully.