

Upcoming Events

MARCH 2023

March 31
Report Cards

APRIL 2023

April 3-10



April 20
Grade 8 Reading Field Test

MAY 2023

May 2
Q4 Interims given to students

May 4
Grade 8 Art Field Trip

May 10
6th Grade Reading SOL

May 11
8th Grade Reading SOL

May 12
7th Grade Reading SOL

May 16
Science & Civics SOL

May 17
8th Grade Math & Algebra SOL

May 18
6th Grade Math SOL

May 19
8th Grade Math, Algebra & Geometry SOL

MAY 2023

May 23
Reading SOL Expedited Retakes

May 24
Science & Civics SOL Expedited Retakes

May 25
Grade 8 Field Trip

May 26
Math SOL Expedited Retakes

May 30
STAN's Skateland

May 31
Last Day of School
(12pm Early Dismissal)

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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

JUNIOR BETA COMPETITION



P.R.I.D.E.

Politeness

Respect

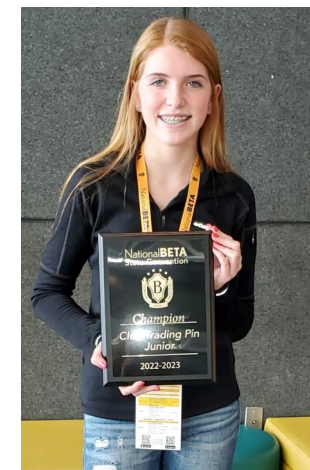
Integrity

Determination

Excellence



On February 8-9, 2023, the Junior Beta students and sponsor Cindy Swift traveled to the Junior Beta Competition at the Hampton Roads Convention Center in Hampton, VA. The Beta Club entered in several categories such as Apparel Design, Creative Writing, Engineering, Digital Art, Sculpture, Recyclable Art, Onsite Painting, Color Photography, Trading Pin, and Academics in Math and History. Contestants who participated are Lyryc Bea, Braylin Beauchamp, Ally Biddlecomb, Talen Bowis, Jacob Brann, Jordan Bunn, Jaden Bundy, Haleigh Burrell, Ashley Dawson, Lilly Hayden, Eliza Leo, Lily Lewis, Mia Livingston, Landon Shirilla, Luke Sisk, and Emma Somers. The students had fun competing in the various events. NMS had several winners that will be going to the Nationals in Louisville, Kentucky, in June. The winners are Ally Biddlecomb (1st place in Trading Pin); Jordan Bunn (2nd place in Creative Writing); and Lyryc Bea, Braylin Beauchamp, Eliza Leo, Landon Shirilla, and Luke Sisk (1st place in Engineering). Congratulations and Good Luck at the Nationals.



Ally Biddlecomb



Jordan Bunn



Luke Sisk, Lyryc Bea, Eliza Leo, Landon Shirilla & Braylin Beauchamp

PRINCIPAL’S CORNER



Hello Northumberland families-

Here we go - once we get to Spring Break, time flies even faster! I am so proud of all the NMS students. They have had a fabulous school year thus far. After Spring Break, we will give it our all as we continue to buckle down and prepare for our SOL tests. All students will take a Math and Reading SOL. Our 8th graders will take either Civics or Science depending on their course enrollment. Teachers are staying after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays to offer additional review and remediation. All students need to take advantage of this!

Our sporting teams are finishing after school practices and gearing up for games. Come out and enjoy the beautiful spring weather and cheer on our baseball, softball, track, and soccer teams!

Shellie Lipton
Principal

“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~

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Order online at jostensyearbooks.com to pay with credit card, debit card or PayPal.



Order at school by taking the order form to Art Room 2 to pay with cash, check or money order. Please make payment out to NMS.

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW
EVERY DAY COUNTS!
#GO2SCHOOL



Attendance is essential to school success, but often students and parents do not realize how quickly absences - excused or unexcused - can add up to academic trouble. Making regular school attendance a priority is one of the most powerful ways students can prepare for a lifetime of success. Learning good work habits early will support their success in life. Positive school attendance is a joint effort of home and school. Form good attendance habits - being present each day and on time - that will help them succeed in school and beyond. Showing up makes a difference. Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow!

NMS AGAINST BULLYING



Report urgent student concerns quickly to school officials



This year, NMS will be taking a better stand against bullying. We will treat everyone with respect and be polite. Stop and think before we say or do something that could hurt someone. You can support a bully victim by not laughing, not encouraging the bully in anyway, not participating, not making a video and posting it online and telling an adult. It can be scary to confront a bully, but it’s time to stand up and take action. Help the bully victim in any way you can - reaching out in friendship, inviting them to join you if they’re being isolated, or including them in your activities. Speaking out against bullying takes courage, assertiveness, compassion and leadership. You must take action to tell the bully to stop, get others to stand up to the bully with you, help the victim and shift the focus and redirect the bully away from the victim. It takes courage to tell a friend who is bullying to stop, but you are ultimately doing them a huge favor by helping them stop hurtful behavior. Your friend, and others, may not realize they are bullying someone. By taking small steps like saying “that’s bullying”, “stop it now”, you can really open others eyes to the problem. Be a leader in your social group and speak up - teaching others to recognize bullying and take steps to help **STOMP Out Bullying!**

Our school has an Anonymous Alert system to combat bullying and negative activity. It empowers students to come forward to help themselves, others, and our school in reducing negative behavior. Students or parents can anonymously submit any suspicious activity, safety threats, bullying, alcohol or drug use, depression, harassment, family issues, gun violence/ threat, weapons brought to school or discussed about using them, campus safety concerns and self-harm issues to school administrators. Students who **See Something, Do Something** anonymously using the mobile applications and Web-based reporting system. With Anonymous Alerts, students can maintain their anonymity and feel confident that someone will handle the issue.

Select a language ▼

Anonymous Alerts report it

Available on the App Store
GET IT ON Google play

Step 1 of 3:

Students or parents in the school community can anonymously submit any suspicious activity, bullying or other student related issues to a school administrator(s). We encourage you to report important issues. Once you complete the contact form below, you will receive a confirmation that your information has been submitted to the school district.

False reporting will be taken seriously to the full extent of the law.

This system will be monitored between the hours of 7 am to 5 pm during the school year. Any reports submitted outside of these hours or during holidays will be responded to during the following normally scheduled school day.

Please do not use this system for issues requiring immediate assistance.
If this is an emergency requiring immediate assistance, please call 911.

Submitter Type: Select Submitter Type ▼

School: Select a School ▼

Location: Select Location ▼

Report Incident: Please describe the events (Be specific - include date, time, specific location, victim(s) and person(s) involved)

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Do Your Part
#BeCyberSmart



KINDNESS WEEK

NMS promotes and foster kindness all school year; however, we celebrated National Random Acts of Kindness Week February 13-17, 2023. During this week, we were encouraged to put kindness first and share it everywhere we go. To show the kindness surrounding us at NMS we dressed up for the week.

RANDOM ACTS OF KindnessWeek

Virginia Kindness Week Feb. 13th-17th

NMS Spirit Dress Up Days

Everyone across Virginia comes together to perform simple acts of kindness. The sole purpose of this week is to focus on the kindness that surrounds us every day. It's a week to acknowledge, teach, and share our kindness with others.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
"Dream of Kindness"	"Peace Love and Kindness" Be kind to yourself	"Round up your Kindness"	"Think with your head before speaking & Be Kind"	NCPS Pride-- Proud to be Kind
Wear school appropriate PJs	Wear Red, purple, or pink	Western Wear	Hat Day / Crazy Hair Day	Wear your NMS spirit gear

Here are some pictures from Kindness Week.



Mrs. Cockrell & Wyatt Gracik



Mr. Johnson & Kavan Middleton



London Williams

SPELLING BEE

On January 30, 2023, the school level spelling bee competition was held in the NMS/NHS Auditorium. The bee helps students improve significantly at reading, writing and speaking. The qualifiers were Victoria Jett, Kentrez Rice, Josephan Brandon, Lyndon Williams, DeAnna Mothershead, Brionna Turner, Ava Withers, Ethan Dixon, Nevaeh Butler, De'Maure Palmer, Trystan Campbell, Ziyon Barber, Robert O'Bier, James Scripture, GaiBreella Craigway, Zalea Gaskins, Rachel Barnes, Precious Rosado, Aidan Stokes and Eme Watkins. It was a fast-paced competition of 24 rounds. The pronouncer was Angela Ellis and the judges were Kim Jett, Kennedy Jenkins and Shelli Lipton. The first place winner was Rachel Barnes. Trystan Campbell won second place and Nevaeh Butler won third place. Rachel and Trystan continued to the District Spelling Bee.



Rachel Barnes

Trystan Campbell

Nevaeh Butler

On February 10, 2023, the District Spelling Bee was held in the NMS/NHS Auditorium. The spellers were Allyssia Anderson (5th Grade), Rylee Beauchamp (5th Grade), Jaden Palmer (5th Grade), Rachel Barnes (6th Grade) and Trystan Campbell (7th Grade). Our District Spelling Bee champion is Jaden Palmer and our runner-up is Rachel Barnes. Congratulations to Jaden Palmer and Rachel Barnes.

Special thanks to the pronouncer, Angelia Ellis, the judges (Jamie Sears, Katie Wilkins and Sarah Gordon), and spelling bee sponsor, Ami Coyle.



Miss Coyle & Jaden Palmer



Jaden Palmer & Rachel Barnes

SCHOOL COUNSELORS

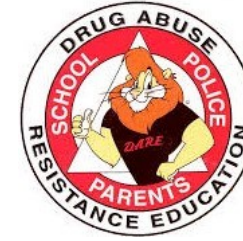
NMS celebrated School Counseling Week from February 6-10, 2023. This year's theme is "School Counselors: Helping Students Dream Big". Throughout the week the students expressed their appreciation to our school counselor, Miss Tiffany Rombold and the Counseling Team as well for what they do to help. The students decorated the Counseling Office window to show recognition and appreciation of their unique contribution and the tremendous impact they have in helping them achieve school success.

They are no longer called Guidance Counselor because their role has expanded to include academic advising in helping students examine their abilities, strengths, interests and talents and working in a partnership with parents as they encounter the challenges of raising children in today's world. Our counselor actively focus on positive ways to enhance students' social/personal, educational and career development, and work with teachers and other educators to provide an educational system where students can realize their potential and set healthy, realistic and optimistic aspirations for themselves. Thank you for everything and all your help.



D.A.R.E.

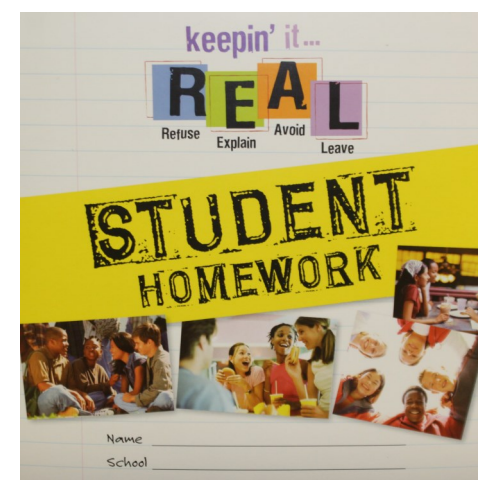
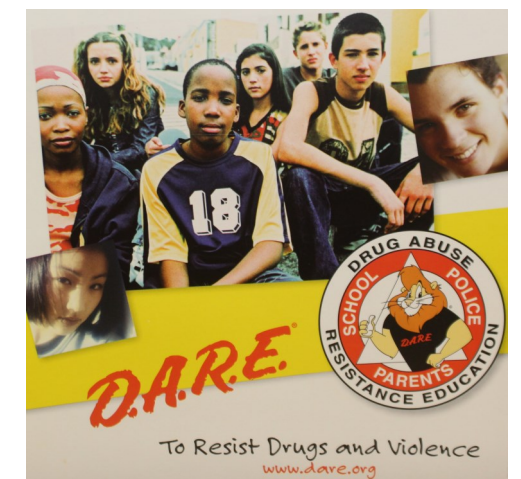
Drug Abuse Resistant Education



D.A.R.E.'s "Keepin' it REAL" at NMS. D.A.R.E. is a highly acclaimed program that gives kids the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs, and violence.

Officer Kevin Keeve, NMS SRO and a Certified D.A.R.E. Officer, lead a series of classroom lessons that teaches the 8th grade students how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives.

The acronym REAL is the central message of Officer Keeve's curriculum and teaches the students four ways to refuse drug offers — Refuse, Explain, Avoid, and Leave. These strategies will help our youth to stay away from drugs by preparing them to act decisively and responsibly in difficult situations. The curriculum also teaches students how to resist drug offers by presenting practical strategies that are easy for them to remember and use.



PRIDE

Politeness Respect Integrity Determination Excellence

Throughout the school year, students are taught how to behave according to the five expectations. Our school wants each and every student to remember to be polite to one another, respect teachers, students and other staff members, show integrity and determination, and always show excellence in all the work you do. Students should always show their Northumberland PRIDE. You can earn PRIDE Bucks by showing our school wide positive behavior expectations. Another thing you can earn is a PRIDE postcard that is mailed, letting your family know that you had demonstrated NMS PRIDE. The PRIDE Bucks are spent at the PBIS Store that is open every Friday during lunch. Students really enjoy buying fun toys, school supplies, chips and candy.

The following students was selected as student of the month and received a certificate, \$5 PRIDE Buck and special snack bag.

JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

NMS recognized two students from each grade level that model the positive behavior expectations. For the month of January the character word was **POLITENESS**.

- Be attentive and give eye contact.
- Raise your hand before speaking.
- Remain seated unless given permission.



Sarah Self



Wyatt Jackson



Brandi Parker



Cordell Cummings



Keymah Clarke

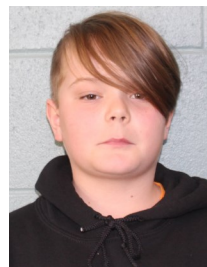


Mia Livingston

FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

NMS recognized two students from each grade level that model the positive behavior expectations. For the month of September the character word was **RESPECT**.

- Accept feedback and discipline from staff.
- Follow directions the first time given.
- Remain seated unless given permission.



David Banes



Lillyth George



Erika Johnson



Jarvis Johnson



Jessey Noel



Saprina Williams



Our Quarter 3 "No referrals Celebration" will be held for 6th Grade-March 29th; 7th Grade-March 30th; and 8th Grade-March 31st from 2:30-3p.m. with ice cream & social time on the soccer field, if weather permits. The students that have had a day of ISS, OSS or After School Detention will be in Study Hall during that time to help make-up any assignments.

NMS SRO

On February 15, 2023, NMS celebrated National School Resource Officer (SRO) Appreciation Day! We recognized the valuable work of our SRO, Officer Kevin Keeve. Officer Keeve is a fixture at NMS, always in place to help us feel safe. The SRO assignment is unique within the law enforcement profession. Officer Keeve fill a three-part role, serving as informal mentor or counselor, law educators and law enforcement officer to support the students and community. Officer Keeve is valuable and essential member of our education community who deserve unwavering respect and support from the community in the pursuit of keeping the students, faculty and staff safe.



Chyna Wormley

Officer Keeve

Kayci Johnson



On February 23, 2023, our Drama Club performed the play "Big Bad". The play consisted of 12 cast members and 3 backstage members. The play was free and opened to the public. The play was smart and wickedly funny that lets the audience determine the outcome. The most notorious criminal in the fairy-tale world, Big Bad Wolf, was being slapped with a class-action lawsuit by the countless quirky characters she has wronged. Now, the two greatest legal minds in the Enchanted Forest - the Evil Stepmother and the Fairy Godmother - will clash (on live Court TV, no less, with Sydney Grimm as commentator!) in a trial that will be remembered forever after. As Little Red Riding Hood, Her Grandmother, the Three Little Pigs (A pig with a personality disorder) and the Shepherd in charge of the Boy Who Cried Wolf testify, the wolf seems deserving of all that's coming. But, even though the disreputable Evil Stepmother couldn't be less interested in pro-bono work on such as obviously futile defense, Ms. Wolf makes a good case for herself. Was she born a criminal, or made one? Perhaps she does deserve compassion instead of condemnation? What will the verdict be? Only the jury - the audience - can decide, when the doddering old Judge invited the audience to determine the outcome of the trial... and the play!

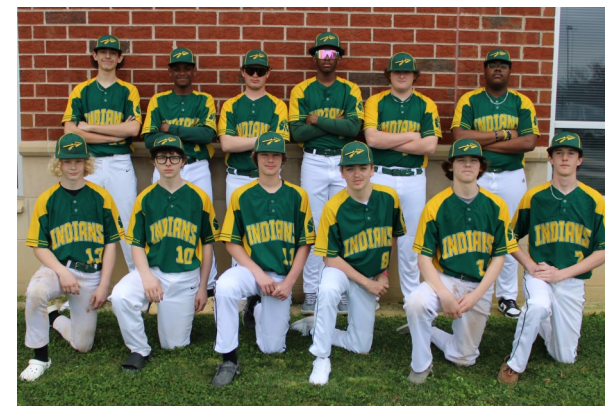
The cast of characters included Sydney Grimm (Lillian Hayden), Fairy Godmother (Eme Watkins), Little Red Riding Hood (Precious Rosado), Grandmother Hood (Hailee Powell), The Three Little Pig (Shrade Knowlton), Bill Woodcutter (James Scripture), Shepherd (Selena Bryan), Boy Who Cried Wolf (Aidan Stokes), Big Bad Wolf (Kayci Johnson), Judge Wise Old Man (Treon Morris), Evil Stepmother (Joey Gee) and Miss Muffitt (Kyndal Johnson). The Crew members included stage manager (Lillyth George), Light & Sound (Gabe McCaslin), Costume/Property Manager (Lydia Hall), Technical Director (Mrs. Julie White), and Creative Director (Mrs. April Walker).



SPRING SPORTS



NMS BASEBALL: The team started off the season defeating Caroline County with a score of 10-6 on March 20, 2023. The team is working hard for a great season. The team members are (kneeling): Talen Bowis, De'Maure Palmer, Charlie Lane, Tripp Garland, Wyatt Gracik, Brock O'Bier; (standing): Ronnie Rock, Jake Brann, Kamden Dobyns, Caden Jones, Jacob Smith, Brooks Dameron and Bryce Woolard (not pictured Trent Dameron and Coaches Allen Garland and Clay Woolard).



JV BASEBALL: The team is working hard for a great season. The team members are (kneeling): Colby George, Ryan Croxton, Camden Brann, Caleb Timberlake, Tyler Smith, Bryce Newman; (standing): Carter Bryant, Marcu Crawley, Cason Rogers, Lyndon Williams, Ryan Perkins, Kaleb Roane (not pictured Cameron Gross, Bryant Lane, Coaches Rob Etzold and Andrew Wyllie).



JV TRACK: The team is working hard for a great season. The team members are Jessey Noel, Kentrez Rice, Luke Sisk, Ally Biddlecomb and Rayana Haynie (not pictured Coach Aaron Lewis).



NMS SOFTBALL: The team is working hard for a great season. The team members are (kneeling): Hailee Powell, Riley Thorne, Precious Rosado, Abigail Sisson, Naomi Gough; (standing): Logan Falin, Joey Gee, Lilly Hayden and Haleigh Burrell (not pictured Sarah Self and Coaches Joey Self and Robert Thorne).



JV SOFTBALL: The team is working hard for a great season. The team members are (kneeling): Ava Withers, London Williams, Regan Lucas, Abigail Bates, Emma Somers; (standing): Riley Milau, Tawny Bowis, Lacie Self, Presley Gracik, DeAnna Mothershead and Braylin Beauchamp (not pictured Coaches Justin Bowis and Wade Self).



JV BOYS SOCCER

The team is working hard for a great season. The team members are (sitting): Lyruc Bea, Abiram Conteras, Eric Vargas, Uriel Arias; (kneeling): Willie Bowles, Eric Veney, Christ Cauja-Betancourt, Leon Zarraga, Chris Vargas, Alex Ponce; (standing): Coach Nick Tallent, Mekhi Ball, Matthew Waddy, Braedan Cummings and Landon Shirilla (not pictured Isaac Faulkner, Charlie Hapgood and Timothy Kirby).

WINTER SPORTS



BOYS BASKETBALL

The season was from December 1, 2022 to January 30, 2023. They played with determination and team work. The team members worked hard as a team in every game, ending the season with a 8-3 record. The following is the team scores for all their games.

Montross (H): 34-25 (L)	Colonial Beach (H): 32-14 (W)
Richmond County (H): 36-32 (W)	St. Claire Walker (H): 46-28 (W)
Lancaster (A): 35-31 (W)	King George (H): 37-27 (L)
Richmond County (A): 29-8 (W)	Colonial Beach (A): 20-12 (W)
Montross (A): 35-26 (L)	Lancaster (H): 38-33 (W)
St Claire Walker (A): 63-49 (W)	



JV BOYS BASKETBALL

The JV season was from December 6, 2022 to February 10, 2023. They played with determination and team work. The team members worked hard as a team in every game, ending the season with a 16-3 record. The following is the team scores for all their games.

Middlesex (H):55-36 (W)	West Point (A):61-20 (W)
Mathews (H):48-35 (W)	Westmoreland (A):61-35 (L)
Nandua (A):77-67 (W)	Rappahannock (H):49-33 (W)
Mathews (A):40-34 (W)	West Point (H):62-20 (W)
King & Queen (A):49-33 (W)	Essex (H):50-39 (W)
Rappahannock (A):40-27 (W)	Lancaster (A):51-28 (L)
Essex (A):40-23 (W)	King & Queen (H):53-17 (W)
Lancaster (H):54-23 (L)	Colonial Beach (A):62-20 (W)
Colonial Beach (H):1-0 (FFW)	Westmoreland (H):54-34 (W)



JV GIRLS BASKETBALL

The JV season was from December 6, 2022 to February 9, 2023. They played with determination and team work. The team members worked hard as a team in every game, ending the season with a 6-7 record. The team defeated our rival Lancaster in both games. The following team scores for all their games.

Middlesex (A): 28-23 (L)	Middlesex (H): 23-10 (W)
Rappahannock (A): 28-11 (L)	Essex (A): 25-16 (L)
Essex (H): 24-22 (W)	Lancaster (A): 19-16 (W)
Colonial Beach (A): 42-10 (L)	West Point (A): 31-22 (W)
Westmoreland (A): 36-21 (L)	West Point (H): 20-14 (W)
Lancaster (H): 30-17 (W)	Colonial Beach (H): 33-24 (L)
Westmoreland (H): 30-26 (L)	

A = Away H = Home
W = Win L = Lost
FFW = Forfeit Win

VALENTINE SOCIAL

On February 9, 2023, the SCA sponsored a Valentine Social and dance. SCA invited all NMS students. They had music by DJ Gracik and food. Everyone had a very good time and the turnout was good.

The SCA also sold about 75 carnation flowers. The students filled out a note and it was attached to the flowers when it was delivered to their friends and/or teachers on Valentine's Day.





ART PROJECT

7th Grade: Ceramic Art Projects
Students learned how to create beautiful ceramic art by using clay and glaze finish.



Lillian Hayden



AuNesti Coleman



Nevaeh Butler



Alayna Lewis

8th Grade: Gnomes Art Projects
Students learned to hand build a gnome by using clay and glaze finish.



Tessa Stowell



Ally Biddlecomb



Lydia Hall



Treon Morris



Presley Gracik



MRS. AMBROSE'S 8TH GRADE SCIENCE PROJECTS



Kipton Cockrell Mia Livingston & Tessa Stowell

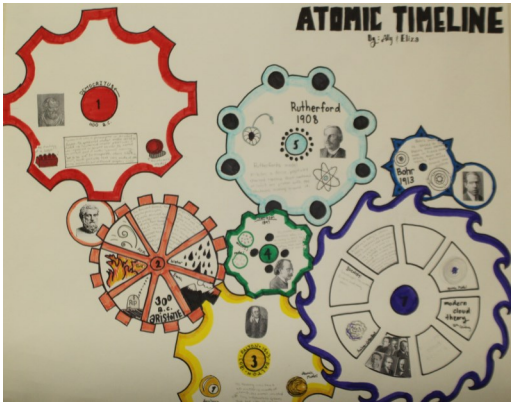
The students learned about chemical reaction using vinegar and baking soda that released carbon dioxide into a balloon.



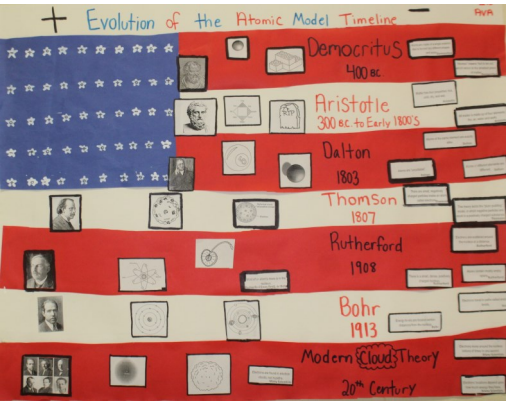
The students used litmus paper to test 15 household substances in liquid form such as milk, orange juice, apple juice, tide detergent, water, etc. to determine if they are an acid or base and their pH value.

EVOLUTION OF THE ATOMIC TIMELINE

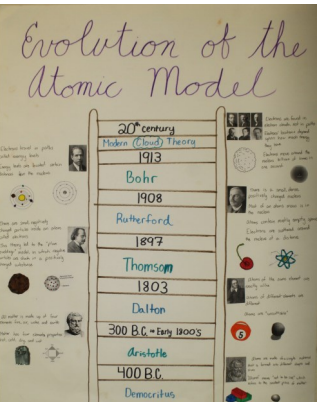
Mrs. Ambrose's 8th grade science class focused on how the model of the atom has changed over time using a timeline including the historical contributions of the scientists involved.



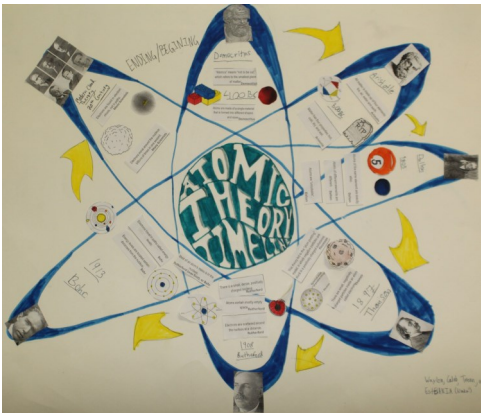
Ally Biddlecomb & Eliza Leo



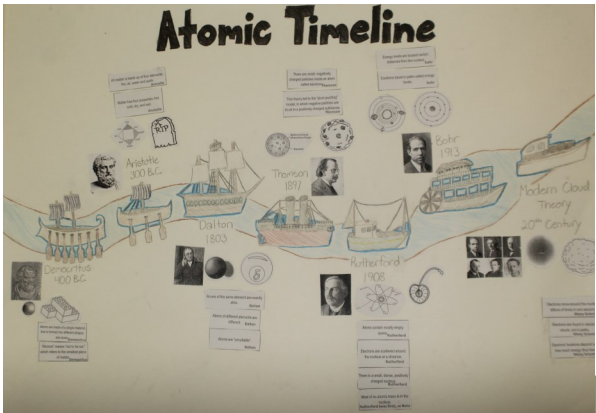
Tawny Bowis & Ava Withers



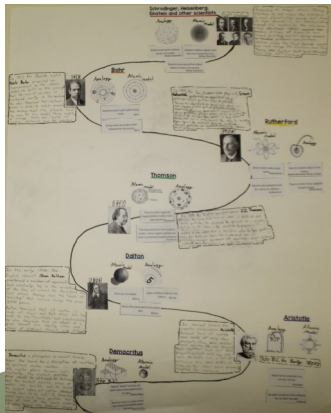
Emma Somers & Presley Gracik



Waylon Hymes, Caleb McCall, Treon Morris & Estefania Diaz-Zamora



Victoria Jett & Luke Sisk



Evelyn Saunders & Isabelle de Rosa Fries

BLACK HISTORY DOOR DECORATION



Miss VanGuilder



Ms. King



SRO Keeve



Mrs. Curry



Mrs. West



Mrs. Packett



Mrs. Ambrose



Mrs. Ellis



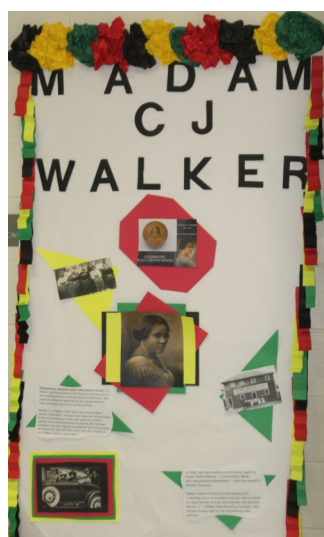
Mrs. Stacey Lee



Mrs. Powell



Mr. Felton



Mr. Etzold



Mr. Bazemore/Mr. Boarman



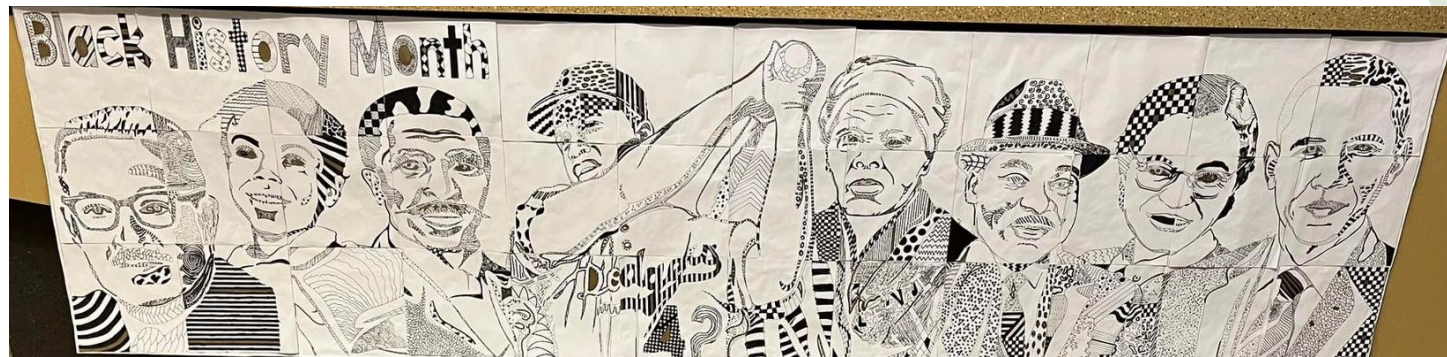
ART CONTEST

The Virginia School Board Association (VSBA) sponsors an art contest every spring to showcase art from each region. The VSBA Regional Art Contest was started in 1989 to promote the artistic talents of Virginia's public school students. Each school division submits an elementary, middle, and high school entry. The artwork is judged and artwork selected for first place is framed and displayed on a rotation basis in the offices of the Secretary of Education/State Superintendent and the Virginia School Board Association throughout the year. NMS 8th grader, Gabrielle Burnett artwork "Hands of Compassion" watercolor painting is the Region 3 first place winner. Gabrielle chose to use holding hands with flags from different countries around the world to visually express what a peaceful future looks like with compassionate leadership. Congratulations to Gabrielle Burnett and our proud art teacher, Mrs. Cockrell.



Mrs. Cockrell

Gabrielle Burnett



Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of blacks in U.S. history. For many years, the second week of February was set aside for this celebration to coincide with the birthdays of abolitionist/editor Frederick Douglass and President Abraham Lincoln. In 1976, as part of the nation's bicentennial, President Gerald Ford officially expanded the week to a month, calling upon the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history".

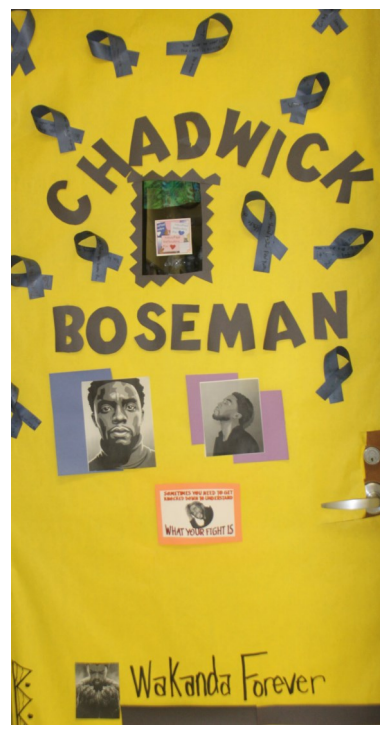
To celebrate Black History Month, NMS decorated classroom doors to share the historical contributions of notable African Americans. On the door, it included pictures, inspirational quotes, timelines, facts, etc. During the Language Arts Classes, students had a walking tour throughout the building to take notes and discuss the great accomplishments that had been displayed. We also had a door contest. The judging criteria were organization, quality of construction/craftsmanship, creativity and design. The top (3) three winners were Mrs. Whangler, Miss Rombold and Mrs. Swift; however, unofficially all doors were winners.



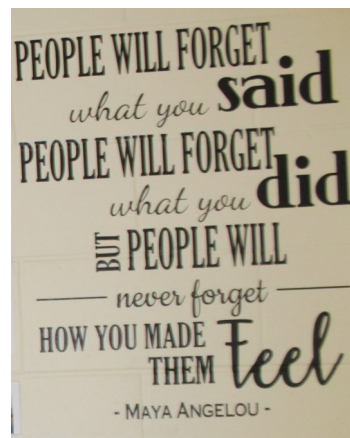
Mrs. Whangler



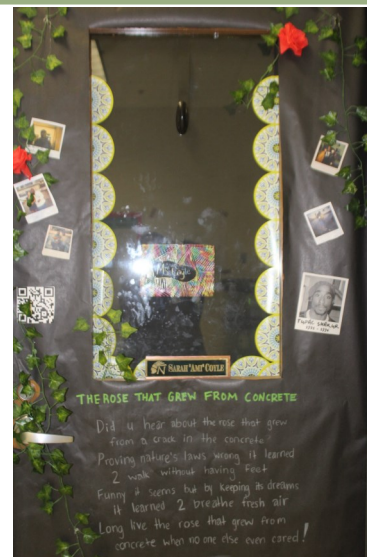
Miss Rombold



Mrs. Swift



BLACK HISTORY DOOR DECORATIONS



Miss Coyle



Mrs. Felton



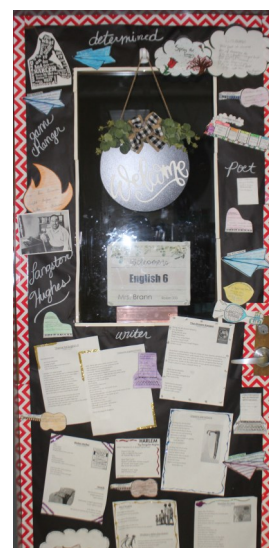
Ms. King



Miss Jenkins



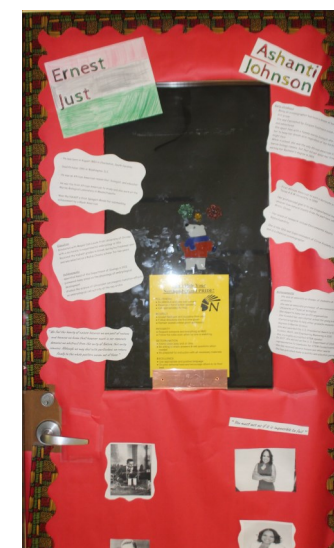
Mrs. Jett



Mrs. Brann



Mrs. White



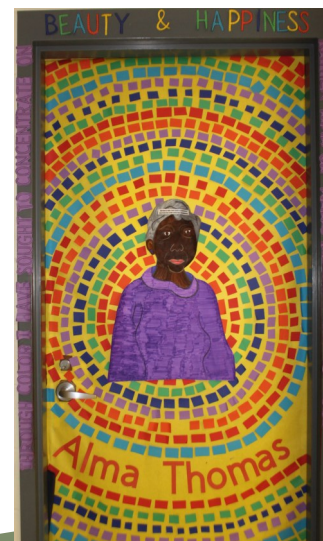
Mrs. Gordon



Mr. Cockrell



Mrs. A. Walker



Mrs. Cockrell



Counseling Office