

Cougar Paws

NORTH PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 5
Parent Ed Night
- October 10
Reality Fair
- October 13
FCA Dance
- October 17-20
Pink Week
- October 21
Fall Break—No School
- October 24-28
Red Ribbon Week
- October 27
No school
P/T Conf.

As October comes and goes, we are reminded that winter is around the corner. With the last of the great weather upon us, it is hard to focus on school work. We have some fun and educational things scheduled for the month to help.

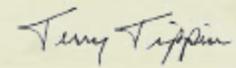
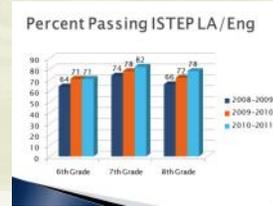
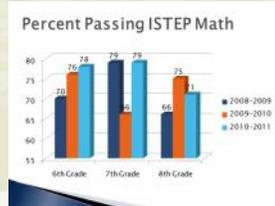
October 5 is Parent Education Night featuring Harmony. Parent Paws in sponsoring minute-to-win-it for the students. October 10 is the Reality Fair for 8th graders. October 13 is FCA Dance and October 29 is the Spooktacular Fright

Night dance sponsored by Parent Paws.

In addition, we have fall break October 21 and no school on October 27 for P/T conferences

Enjoy fall and welcome winter.

Educationally yours,

WELCOME SIXTH GRADERS

We are so excited to have new faces in our building, and we look forward to a wonderful year of teaching and learning. In order for our school year to run smoothly and effectively, the 6th Grade Teachers have compiled a list of rules and guidelines that are sure to help make the first year at NPMS a successful one:

* Stay organized! When your environment is organized, your mind is organized and ready to learn. Clean out your locker, trapper, and book bag on a regular basis.

* Bring your assignment book to every class and fill it out before you leave.

* Turn your work in on time. Late work is 50% off.

* Be prepared and responsible. Each 6th Grade Teacher gives a responsibility grade worth 10% of your final grade each grading period. If you come to class late, not prepared, have gum, or need to leave the classroom to get something you forgot, this will impact your responsibility grade.

* Report Bullying. Bullying is not tolerated at NPMS, and we ask that you report it to an adult in the building immediately.

Yours in Education,

The NPMS 6th Grade Team

PINK WEEK OCTOBER 17-21

In an effort to raise money to send to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, Ms. Depp is leading a Pink Week Campaign the week of October 17-21. The goal is to raise at least \$500.

Monday: The grade with the largest number of students wearing pink will receive free days in SPARK for the rest of the week.

Tuesday: Hat day. Students may wear hats for \$1.

Wednesday: Pin, Bow, and Pink Ribbon Day.

Thursday: Bubblegum Day. The bubblegum will be purchased from Mrs. Depp. (Some classes may require no gum for the period.)

Thank you for all of your help and support,
Ms. Depp

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Dress right, Act right, Think right

Vision Statement:

NPMS students will be highly motivated productive citizens who are prepared for high school and the work force of the 21st century. Our students will be life-long learners and high achievers. They will be nurtured by parents, teachers, and community members in an environment that promotes emotional, physical, and intellectual growth.

**RED RIBBON WEEK
OCTOBER 24-28**

To help celebrate Red Ribbon Week Ms. Ward has planned a week of dress-up days.

- Monday: Pajama Day
- Tuesday: Hat Day
- Wednesday: Wear Red Day
- Thursday: Sunglasses Day
- Friday: School Spirit Day

**SAVE YOUR
PENNIES
FOR
PENNY WARS!**

**C O L L E G E
G O**

Ms. Ward had students participate in College Go. They each pledged to attend a college after graduating.



**WHEELCHAIR
DONATED**

Parent Paws recently accepted the donation of a wheelchair for use in at NPMS from Todd Parker of AHHE. Pictured below are Mr. Tippin; Mrs. Unger, NPCSC nurse; and Parent Paws president, Kristine Jarboe.



**Spooktacular
Fright Night**

Parent Paws PTO is sponsoring a Spooktacular Fright Night Dance on October 29 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at NPMS. They held a contest for the students to name the dance. Kelsey VanScoyk came up with the winning name. Congratulations to Kelsey.

The cost is \$4.00 and we encourage each student to

**8TH GRADE STUDENTS
GET "REAL"**

The 8th grade students will get "real" as they travel to the Reality Store in October. Each student will get a dose of reality as he/she thinks about the future. This event is held at the Putnam County Fairgrounds and is sponsored by the Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary, Circle K, Kappa Delta Phi, and Delta Theta Tau. The purpose of this trip is to help students realize the importance of making a good career choice for the lifestyles they desire. This simulation also helps students realize the importance of education.

One of the goals of the Reality Store is to help students understand the value of money and the expenses involved in everyday living. Before visiting, students will learn how to keep a checkbook register, will learn about taxes and insurance, and will take a career interest inventory to help them decide on a future career.

At the Reality Store, students are confronted with many decisions on how to spend their money and keep within a budget. Many students will quickly discover that they need a second job to make ends meet. Decisions on buying a car, paying rent or mortgage, paying for health and life insurance, childcare expenses, and other "hard" choices prove to be very frustrating to the students.

This is a very educational and fun experience that will be remembered by students as they continue to plan for their futures.