

Cougar Paws

NORTH PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 28
21st Century Scholars for parents 1:00
- February 28
Glow in the dark Zumba
- February 29
Parent Paws PTO meeting
- March 6
ISTEP begins
- March 26-30
Spring Break
- April 7
5K Run/Walk

The following is a timely article from a newsletter of Alyssa Chew titled "Success in the Classroom."

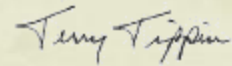
The winter season finds so many of us longing to be outside and dreaming of warm spring weather that is just around the corner. But this time of year also often finds students relaxed into the school environment. That's why it is important to remind students of the importance of keeping the classroom/school environment as suc-

cessful as possible.

A refresher of class rules and expectations both at school and at home, is key. Things such as bringing books, pencils, paper, etc. are always a big key to success. Making sure students are staying quiet during class instruction to ensure they and others are hearing all the possible information that is given during instructional time is another big key to success. Completing work when it is assigned allows for students to get ques-

tions and concerns answered and worked out before tests or quizzes. Finally, asking questions about the topics of study when the questions arise in class is another great tip. If students hear these keys to success both in and out of school, we can create the best possible learning environment for each and every student here at NPMS.

Educationally yours,



8TH GRADERS AT AREA 30

The 8th graders visited the Area 30 Career Center located in Greencastle on February 3rd. Area 30 offers vocational programs for students in high school. 8th graders



Management, Web Design/Digital Multimedia, 3D Animation, Early Childhood Education, Teacher Education, and Culinary Arts.

These career and technical education programs prepare students for careers by teaching core technical proficiencies, employable skills, and job seeking strategies while integrating academic standards.

were invited to visit so that they may begin planning for their futures. At the center, they were able to explore different programs. The areas offered to visit were Building Trades, Construction Equipment Operator, EMT, Nursing, Veterinary Assisting, Computer Systems Networking, Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice, Automotive Services Technology, Auto Collision Technology, Landscape



5K RUN / WALK FOR CAMP TECUMSEH

NPMS 6th grade is excited to announce the fund raiser for the Outdoor Education Program. The 6th grade will be visiting Camp Tecumseh April 24th-25th. To help support the trip, we will be hosting a 5K Run/Walk and Benefit Breakfast on Saturday April 7th from 8:00-12:00. Registration will include a T-shirt, and a chance for door prizes, the cost is \$15. All ages and fitness levels are invited to participate in this worthwhile event!

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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.

**Valentine's Dance
February 4th**



21st Century Scholars

Please join us on February 28th at 1:00pm in the North Putnam Middle School gymnasium to hear a representative from Indiana State University give information about 21st Century Scholars.

This is a 7th & 8th grade event ONLY.

Paper applications are available in the Counselor's office OR you can visit www.scholars.in.gov for online applications. **Please note:** paper applications may take up to 12 weeks to be processed and online applications are processed IMMEDIATELY.

Deadline to apply is June 30, 2012

PARENT PAWS

CORNER

Next PTO Meeting

will be on
February 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the Middle
School Media Center

**NO REFERRAL
INCENTIVE**

For the 3rd nine weeks, beginning Monday, January 16, any student who has no classroom or office disciplinary referrals will be invited to participate in a school wide celebration event. The event will include music, games, and activities in the gym and/or pool. Good luck!!!!