

Cougar Paws

NORTH PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 12
End of 1st grading period
- October 18-19
Fall Break
No School
- October 22
Parent / Teacher Conferences

It is exciting to be starting a new school year. We have many new class offerings to address writing and reading skills. They are Explore Our Language, Explore Children's Literature, Creative Writing, and Contemporary Young Literature. We also opened our 7th grade pre-Algebra class to our top 6th grade students and we are fortunate enough to offer World languages.

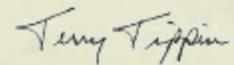
To address remediation needs we have expanded our Response to Instruction program by including Math and English remediation classes and small group instruction during SPARK classes.

Just a reminder that October 18, 19, and 22 will be no school for the students. October 22 will be Parent / Teacher conferences. The scheduling will be

done by the SPARK teachers. If you have not been called or e-mailed to schedule a time slot, please feel free to call the school at 765-522-2900.

Let's make this year a great and productive time for each and every student.

Educationally yours,



6TH GRADE OUTDOOR EDUCATION DAY

Last Friday, the entire 6th grade enjoyed a day of outside learning. The morning began with classes focused on the five character traits (e.g. Self-confidence, Leadership, Trust, Problem Solving, Communication). We



challenged the students to concentrate on using these traits throughout the rest of the day and, ideally, throughout life.

After lunch on the outdoor track, we ventured into Fortune Woods for a two hour hike. Students were able to see what they were learning in Science first-hand. They saw how the trees relate to the fast track

carbon cycle, and they were able to walk through old-growth forests.

The 6th grade teachers would like to thank their students for making the most of this experience. They hope that the students continue practicing the five character traits and realize that learning can happen anywhere we want it to.

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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.

**NPMS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

A newly formed advisory committee comprised of students, parents, teachers, administrators, and community members will work in partnership for the betterment of North Putnam Middle School students.

The committee will meet to discuss formative and summative assessments to adjust curriculum, programming and offerings.

**8TH GRADE STUDENTS GET
REAL**

The 8th grade students got “real” as they traveled to the Reality Store on October 8th. Each student had a dose of reality as he/she considered the future. This event was held at the Putnam County Fairgrounds and was sponsored by the



Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary, Circle K, Kappa Delta Phi, and Delta Theta Tau. The purpose of this trip was to help students realize the importance of making a good career choice for the lifestyles they desire. This simulation also helped students realize the importance of education.

One of the goals of the Reality Store was to help students understand the value of money and the expenses involved in everyday living. Before visiting, students learned how to keep a check-book register, learned about insurance, and took a career interest inventory to help them decide on a future career.



At the Reality Store, students were confronted with many decisions on how to spend their money and keep within a budget. Many students quickly discovered that they needed 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 proved to be an eye-opening experience for the students.

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

