

Cougar Paws

NORTH PUTNAM MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 7
Math Education Night
- December 10
Monster Golf fundraiser
10–2 @ Avon Monster Golf
- December 12
Band/Choir concert
- December 14
Parent Paws PTO
- December 21
Last school day before break.

The students at NPMS are taking the Performance Series test the first two weeks of December. One of the scores they receive will be their Lexile measure.

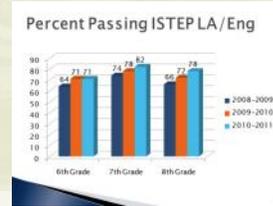
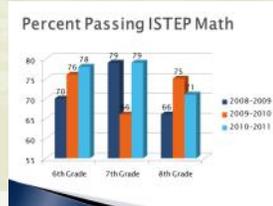
The Lexile Framework evaluates both reading ability and text complexity on the same scale. Unlike other systems, the

Lexile Framework uses assessment results to match readers with texts essential for growth and monitor their progress toward standards.

It can be difficult to engage struggling readers with books. Often, they've fallen years behind their classmates. Reading may be an activity they

associate with failure because the difficulty level of the reading materials for school has risen faster than their reading ability has grown. Lexile measures can be used to quickly find appropriate books for struggling readers.

Find out more about the Lexile Framework at www.lexile.com.



Educationally yours,

VETERANS HONORED

The eighth grade recently concluded its Veteran's Day unit by honoring veterans and military personnel with a combined convocation of the middle school and high school. Each eighth grade student created a project honoring veterans. Some of the projects were poems, acrostics, letters to soldiers, posters, military models, and Power Points. Jimmy Rutter and Chad Brouhard created the Power Point presentation that was viewed by the audience at the program. These displays of appreciation were used for decorations during the program. Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students created a

display of stars that listed names of family members and friends that have served or are currently serving our country. Students



also learned about the importance and the history of Veteran's Day.

Senior, Nate Bryan, was the Master of Ceremonies for the program. The program commenced with the Presentation of Colors by our local VFW. *The Star*

Spangled Banner was sung by Alexis Sims, a Junior. Three eighth graders shared their essays on "What is a Veteran". These students were Trae Straziscar, Sierra Spencer, and Emily Harrington. They did a very nice job and their essays touched our hearts. *We Sing America* was shared by the seventh and eighth grade choirs. As the high school band played *America's Finest*, eighth grade students presented the flags of the branches of the military. Flag bearers were: Ryan Walden, Caleb Nordmeyer, Tanner Smith, Cameron McPherson, Kelsey VanScoyk, Leah Ken-

— see Veterans page 2

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Principal's Corner	1
Veterans Honored	1
Vow of Silence	2
Parent Paws Corner	2

**NORTH PUTNAM
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

8905 N CR 250 E
Roachdale, IN 46172

Phone: 765-522-2900
Fax: 765-522-2863



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.

V O W O F S I L E N C E

On November 30th members of the Cougar Ambassadors took a Vow of Silence in support of their peers around the world who are silenced by child labor, as well as a lack of health care, clean water and food. The students took a pledge that they would not talk, text, or use any kind of social media for 24 hours. It was a very difficult task, but the group was able to raise funds and awareness for the Free The Children organization.



— Veterans from page 1

nedy, Faythe Schultz, Bailey Allen, Jacob Holtze, and Kizzie Castille. We also enjoyed the musical selections *Shenandoah*, *America the Beautiful*, and *Washington Post March* performed by the High School band. The program concluded with the playing of *Taps* by Haley Hourihan.

We thank all veterans, parents, and patrons who were in attendance at the convocation. The students are very proud of their accomplishments and were happy to share them with the community and the student body on this special day.

PARENT PAWS

CORNER

**STUDENT BINGO Night
and
Math Education Night**

Bingo will be conducted by the Parent Paws while the Math Education Night will be conducted by Mrs. Chew and Mrs. Fielden. Dec. 7 from 6-8 and will include Games and Concessions

Next PTO Meeting

will be on
December 14 at 6:30 PM in the Middle
School Media Center

Formal Valentine's Dance

Will be held on February 4th, 2012
from 6-9.
More Information will be forthcoming.