



Neelsville News



The Neelsville MS PTSA Newsletter

May 2011

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UPCOMING EVENTS –

- **May 18th (Wednesday)**
 - >HSA Algebra Exam
 - >Chick-fil-A Nite (4- 8 pm)
- **May 19th (Thursday)**
 - >Drama Production (7 – 8:30 pm)
- **May 20th (Friday)**
 - >Drama Production (7 – 8:30 pm)
- **May 26th (Thursday)**
 - >Awards Night at WMHS (7– 8:30 pm)
- **May 30th (Monday)**
 - >Holiday – Memorial Day
- **June 1st (Wednesday)**
 - >Book Fair – (7:30 am – 2:30 pm)
- **June 2nd (Thursday)**
 - > Book Fair – (7:30 am – 2:30 pm)
 - > Last day of Activity Bus
 - > Domino's Family Nite (4-9 pm)
- **June 3rd (Friday)**
 - > Book Fair – (7:30 am – 2:30 pm)
 - > 8th Grade Picnic
 - >SSL forms due
- **June 8th (Wednesday)**
 - >Exam review day
- **June 9th (Thursday)**
 - >Semester Exams
- **June 10th (Friday)**
 - >Semester Exams
- **June 13th (Monday)**
 - >Semester Exams
- **June 14th (Tuesday)**
 - >Semester Exams
- **June 15th (Wednesday)**
 - >Semester Exams
 - >8th Gd. Promotion @ WMHS (7:00 – 8:30 pm)
- **June 16th (Thursday)**
 - >Semester Exams
 - >Last day of school
- **June 17th (Friday)**
 - >Professional day for teachers
- **June 23rd (Thursday)**
 - >Report Cards mailed
- **July 5th – July 29th**
 - >Summer school @ NMS

From the Principal's Desk

May is always the busiest month in a middle school and this month is especially hopping at Neelsville. May is also the month of events including athletics, spring instrumental and choral concerts, MAP-R, MAP-M and HSA exams, student drama production, and Academic Awards Night.

I am sure that everyone is counting the number of days to the end of this school year and the beginning of a well-deserved summer vacation. With that in mind, I would like to encourage parents to remind students that school does not end until June 16th and encourage students to continue to complete homework, study for test and quizzes, come to school on time, and follow our school policies and procedures. In June we have final exams, end-of-year activities, and promotion ceremony.

The end of the year activities are as follows: The eighth grade team will have a picnic at Smokey Glenn Park. Information about these events has been sent home with your children along with behavioral expectations.

The Neelsville Middle School code of conduct can be found in the student assignment book. Please review these expectations with your child. Any student that does not adhere to these expectations may be excluded from the end of the year activities. With the beginning of warmer weather, please make special note of the dress code regulations.

Summer School

Neelsville MS will have summer school in our building this year. Our summer school session runs July 5–July 29, 2011 from 7:45 a.m.–11:30 a.m. Mr. Ryan Summers will be our summer school coordinator and information, costs, and registration forms were mailed home. Funding for our program depends on the number of students that enroll; however, there is a minimum class enrollment of 15 students per class for it to be offered.

We will be offering the following courses

Support Reading 6, Support Reading 7, Support Reading 8
Support Math 6, Support Math 7, Support for Algebra
Focus on Math 7, Focus on Algebra and ESOL Reading

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Neelsville received a grant with the help of IDENTITY, to offer a program Excel Beyond the Bell Summer Program after summer school FREE of charge to 25 students. The program will have a leadership component to develop team-building and leadership skills; earn SSL hours, dance, art, college visits etc. The program will run the entire month of July until 4:30 and is FREE. Also free bus transportation home. Applications will be coming out at the end of the month.

New Lockers

Neelsville will be getting new lockers this summer. Finally, the voices of our PTSA have been heard and we will get new lockers in the locker rooms and down stairs. We are looking into placing our lockers in pods (groups); however, they will be much shorter so we can see student's heads. They will make a BIG difference downstairs. **Our parking lot will also get repaved.**

Thank you

Thank you to the PTSA leadership for all your efforts and service this year! You deserve a round of applause! A Heartfelt Thank You to Parents and Staff Too!

Many of you parents and teachers who have given a little or a lot of yourself to support our children and the school this year, we thank you. Whether you are a PTSA member or not, your participation in school events, letters of support, donations of time or money, contributions of cans or time spent copying flyers, time spent talking to your children about school activities, all contribute towards making the school the special place that it is.

- **Dollye V. McClain**



CLASS ROOM NOTES

7th Grade

Science Sleuths

Seventh Grade Scientists continue to develop their sleuthing skills as they forge ahead with various forensics labs. Last week students helped "Mrs. Piddle" determine which neighbor's dog soiled her front porch via a urinalysis lab. They also identified the offending bacteria which caused an outbreak of illness and made citizens sick in Contagion City.

Later, students designed their own bacterial illnesses creating a "Mystery Malady." Test *your* sleuthing skills and see if you can determine the offending contagion in their health crisis scenario.

Finally, a salmonella outbreak has been traced back to an offending farm by using paper chromatography to identify the ink on lettuce bags in which the infected salad had been packaged.

Up next, look for DNA fingerprinting to provide the final evidence necessary to correctly identify which packaged lettuce is the ultimate culprit in causing infection in the citizens of Contagion City.

Students will be having a semester exam in June, so they could start reviewing body parts and what they do, and be able to explain how the biotech labs work and what the results mean.

World Studies

During the 4th marking period, the students are learning about the effect that economics has on the world. We've moved from a traditional economy to a market economy. We'll travel from Renaissance England to Zheng He and the Ming Dynasty. We'll travel across the Atlantic to the Americas. The last part of the unit will focus on what can happen to an economy that has few controls – the development of transatlantic slave trade. This will help our students to transition into the 8th grade curriculum which is United States History.

Our students continue to need pencils, paper, and pens. Please check and see that they have the materials they need to be successful.

The final exam schedule begins June 9! We hope you have a safe summer vacation.

By - Marilyn B. Schwille, 7th Grade Team Leader

8th Grade

Attention 8th grade parents – Watkins Mill High School is "going green" with their summer mailing. They will not be sending home the normal multi-page packet as has been done in previous years, but instead will be posting the packet on Edline and on their homepage. A letter will be going home from the high school in early August, letting parents know that the information is available online. This will enable you to print off only those pages that are necessary. They thank you in advance for supporting their efforts to "go green" as well as save postage. If you do not have computer access, packets will be available in the main office for pick-up in August.



"Over 35 students are participating in this month's play - "Grease". This includes actors, and the tech and artistic crews. The show is May 19th and May 20th at 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$5 at the door, \$3 ahead of time. Please come support the students that have worked hard on this production!"

- Mr. Joe Davis

WHAT - NMS Drama Production "Grease"

WHEN - Thursday, May 19th & Friday, May 20th, 2011
@ 7:00 pm.

WHERE - Neelsville MS Auditorium

TICKETS - \$3 advance purchase, \$5 at the door.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY



On Wednesday evening, May 11, 24 students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. This is the 6th year the program has been in existence at Neelsville Middle School. Neelsville is one of six middle schools in Montgomery County to have a National Junior Honor Society. All 24 students held a 3.5 grade point average or higher and demonstrated the qualities of service, character, citizenship, scholarship, and leadership.

Current President, John Tappert Jr. and Vice President, Hamed Zamat gave the welcoming speeches. Anchal Bhargava, former NJHS Vice President (from our original NJHS class), gave the keynote address. NJHS member, Meagan Almonte, provided the musical entertainment by playing "Bella's Lullaby" on the violin. The candle lighting ceremony was led by Rida Saeed, Chrissie Hanson, Faye Schellhase, Tara Bhardvaj, Gabrielle Mathis, and Angelique Ryan. Mrs. Brown led the current and new members in reciting the NJHS pledge. Mrs. Brooks introduced the new inductees. Finally, Mrs. McClain gave the closing speech. It was wonderful ceremony. Congratulations to all the new members of the NJHS.

By - Mrs. Crissy Brooks -Jones

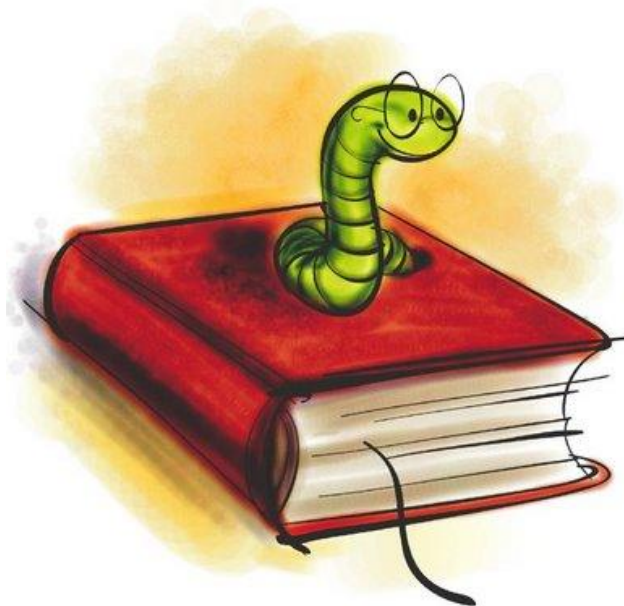
8th Grade

Felipe Cale, III **Nicholas Dewitt** **Matthew Finn** **Marcelo Heid**
Jordan Joles
Timothy Santosa **Amel Sharif** **Paris Tyson**

7th Grade

Davien Benjamin **Aarohi Brahmbhatt** **Thaovy Ho** **Victor Kao**
Zemare Kofie **Kowshik Manogaran**
Evan McIntire **Jennifer Milhiser** **Keeran Navaratnam** **Jane Njhia**
Alyssa Rishell **Atsue Sawai**
Aavash Thapa **Zachary Wilberg** **Kayleigh Yankie** **William Zabet**

3-Day Book Fair



WHAT - 3 Day Scholastic Book Fair hosted by the NMS PTSA

WHERE - Neelsville Middle School Media Center

DATE/TIME - Wednesday, June 1st (7:30 am - 2:30 pm)
Thursday, June 2nd (7:30 am - 2:30 pm)
Friday, June 3rd (7:30 am - 2:30 pm)

Parents and Students - We are looking for volunteers. Remember, students earn SSL hours for helping in the book fair.

CONTACT - Jim Shott, Book fair Chairperson, 301-916-2972

Student Service Learning (SSL) Notes

Give a Little Time...Make a Big Difference

May 2011

Students WORK WITH EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS.

- Religious organizations may be approved for SSL when the focus of meeting needs in the greater community is done by providing secular activities.
- Students may serve on campaigns of individuals running for public office. MCPS Form 560-50, *Request for SSL Preapproval* is required in advance of any service.
- All forms required to document SSL may be found on the website www.mcpsssl.org or at any middle or high school.
- Students are encouraged to make copies of all SSL documentation.
- Documentation of all service performed during the second semester is due to the SSL coordinator by the Friday before first semester exams begin (June 3, 2010).

Superintendent's SSL Award

Students who meet the high school graduation requirement of 75 SSL hours by the first Friday in April of a middle school year are awarded the Superintendent's SSL Award. The following students have earned the award for this school year -

Alexius Jiminez
Caitlin Rishell
Xavier Benjamin
Illana Bleich
Alexia Greene
Simran Kharod
Rubin Ortiz
Alondra Perez

Walter Alba-Aviles
Sabrina Alimi
Tara Bhardvaj
Kamille Bush
Caroline Hansen
Waleed Malik
Jacqueline Palacios
Angelica Perez
Kamani Odina-Herbert

Alyssa Rishell
Yasmine Bencheqroun
Akash Bhargava
Dylan Cole
Morgan James
Kristin Markopoulos
Damian Sias
Truc Pham

By -Mrs. Marylou Nowak (NMS SSL Coordinator)

Spring Concert



On Wednesday May 4th, and Thursday May 5th, students in the instrumental and choral music departments presented two evenings of music for parents, relatives and friends. Members of the 6th Grade Band, Concert Band, Orchestra, and General Chorus performed an hour long performance on Wednesday, to a very appreciative audience of several hundred people. On Thursday, an equally impressive crowd seemed to enjoy music from the Beginning Band, Advanced Band, and Contemporary Chorus. The students enjoyed performing our end-of-the-year concerts for the guests, and now look forward to a Hershey, PA music festival coming up on May 27th for some of the groups.

By - Dirk Kraushaar



(Photo courtesy - Bhargava family)

<u>6th Grade/Concert Band</u>	<u>General Chorus</u>	<u>Contemporary Chorus</u>
<p>Ahama, Kokou Alban, Neil Arnold, Jeffrey Bleich, Jessica Danthi, Anita Fiffik, Caitlin Fox, Devin Galvez, Cristian Hampe, Anna Hassel, Jared Herrera, Jason Hoang, Andy Huebner, Edward Imes, Jr., Jonathan Krishnamoorthi, Poornima Krowitz, Zachary Kweme, Thaddeus Lochner, Michael Love, Zorah Marcia, Daniel McGinn, Kayla Mejia, Wilfredo Moore, Alexis Mumba, Chilufya Nathan, Ian Navaratnam, Keeran Nwoye, Bernadette Ojeda Perez, Katherine Perez, Alondra Roman, Juliana Sellner, Jacob Tabuada, Steeven Tesfaye, Yared Trotman, Tanyka Walter, Wilson Wright, Nathan Zabet, William</p>	<p>Justina K Ababio Salim G Addrey Karen M Bardales Sandra Bazubwabo Anthony Rafael Calero Rahiem Keshawn Clark Maleeha S Coleburn Kevin Marquis Davis Easley D Del Rosario Jewel N Delacruz Myriam S Diabagate Mario R Escobar Diana Ferman Marta A Figueroa Mariama Fofana Tamara R Frazier Deisy Fuentes Camila L Garcia Reina E Gonzalez Karla V Hernandez Andrea N Hidalgo Thoovy Ho Courtney L Hodges Claudette F Kasozi Keanu Kimbrough Tracy Le Stefany Mata Jamie Lynn McVay Nii-Ashrifii Mensah Khyree Jamal Moten Elijah Amel Musgrove Jenny Mwembo Courtney M Neher Sharon Nji Rosa Rivera Dekonti E Sayeh Destiney Scott Miranda Scott Karen Smith Kiana N Thompson Sierra Thompson Madelyn I Trana Janely G Ventura Dominique M Walker Roberto O Watkins Casey Watson Wadnisha Zephirin</p>	<p>Sabrina M Alimi Elizabeth A Ankrah Doris Ansah Ruth N Atomate Yasmine Bencheqroun Shoshauna E Brooks Dalila Carrillo-Nolasco Orlando Carrillo-Nolasco Alexis F Clark Robert S Duncan Jessica P Fuentes-Rios Mariama S Jeng Guillermo Jiron, Jr. Jenny Kinol Troy Lefeged Lilia C Magdamo Alina Malik Dominick McVay Yermina K Morency Jordan M Murillo Laniya A Norville Kamani N Odina-Herbert Urwah Rana Shavika S Rayside Andrea M Rivas Sofia Rivera Angelique L Ryan Amel A Sharif Emily M Smalley, Aissa A Toure Gabrielle L Vasquez Cheyanne S White</p>

<u>Orchestra</u>	<u>Beginning Band</u>	<u>Advanced Band</u>
<p>Absalon, Jaya Alvarado, Carly Arrington, Ayana Banes, Jamila Bempa, Amma Carpenter, Sabriana Castelblanco, Maria Escobar, Christian Goaneh, Mackenzie Guevara, Dwight Haynes, Tiffany Kao, Victor Madrid, Valencia Manogaran, Kowshik Merla, Casandra Joreth Nabong, Jeassa Nichols-Stephens, Daija Nikitin, Ivan Nogales, Rodrigo Nwoye, Uchenna Olsen, Sarah Ong'Ongo, Kenye Pathy, Sushrut Perez, Andrew Peterson, Alexis Quarshie, Abigail Rojas, Melody Ruiz, Kevin Thompson, Rhodine Vemuri, Rajat Wallace, Joshua Wright, Seanii</p>	<p>Awumah, Jr., Johnson Baiyeshea, Toluwalase Baum, Jonathan Bell, III, Robert Davis, Georgette Gonzales, Kevin Hassan, Obafemi Kharod, Kush Ledesma, Jimmy Mendoza, Jared Mwangi, Arnold Obro-Ababio, Fordje Obro-Ababio, Michaela Padigalingam, Luxmi Perry, Stanley Sharma, Ankit Thamire, Pranav Villamayor, Giselle</p>	<p>Aleman, Vanessa Avalos, Alejandro Bhargava, Akash Bonds, Jr., Michael Brahmabhatt, Aarohi Byun, John Campbell, Shakir Conteh, Swadu Fowler, Zachary Gabriel, Glen Gaegler, Patrick Gettys, Sonja Gilliard, Gemma Guzman, Anibal Hauvsim, Andrew Isla, Sol James, Morgan Jones, Benjamin Lucas, Thomas Lyerly, Tristan Melvin, Kristin Milhiser, Jennifer Navaratnam, Seran Orozco, Adriel Ortiz, Casey Padigalingam, Seyon Penda, Sone Pryor, Matthew Reidinger, Noah Rosales, Daniel Schellhase, Faye Schellhase, Frederick Suclupe, Walter Thanicatt, Alexander Tscheulin, Joshua Villalobos, Ryan Yankie, Kayleigh</p>

Thanks to our talented students and dedicated teachers for two memorable musical nights!!

Staff Appreciation Lunch

Dear Parents,

We had a wonderful celebration on April 29th for the staff and teachers of Neelsville MS. Thanks to all the help and support that you provided in making this event a success. Special thanks go to the following parents for their generous support:

Toni Hughes, Robin Huebner, Jeannie Meece, Minita Benipuri, Genevieve Mathis,
Josephine Orozco, Debbie Whitehear, Jane Hall, Eve McGinn, Deena Bleich,
Carla Magdamo, Diane Wright, Mary Kasozi, Mary Jane Siok, Pam Flatow,
Art Butler, Elizabeth Conklin, Patrick/Mary McGinn, Samie Allen, Marisol Jimenez,
Vicky Nathan. Again, thank you and enjoy the photos taken at the event.

- Transcie Almonte (Staff Appreciation Chairperson)



Neelsville Family Night at Chick-fil-A



Please join us for the Neelsville Family Night at Chick-fil-A.

Where - Chick- fil-A

19945 Century Blvd
Germantown, MD 20874
(240) 686-1110

When - Wednesday, May 18th, 2011

From - 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Come out and join us for family night. This is a good way to contribute to your school. We will be there form 4pm to 8pm. Please mention that you are a Neelsville family when placing your order so the school can get credit.

No DRIVE THRU will be accepted for the fundraiser. You must order inside.



Domino's Family Night

Where - 13050 Middlebrook Rd.
Germantown Md. 20874
301-540-3388
&
Flower Hill Way
Gaithersburg Md. 20879
301-869-3000

When - Thursday, June 2nd, 2011

From - 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Hello parents, this is your last chance to support the school with the family restaurant nights - so let's go out with a bang. Remember when placing an order to give the driver or cashier your order slip below so that the school can get credit. Thank you for your support.

(CUT THIS FORM AND GIVE TO THE DRIVER AND CASHIER WHEN PLACING YOUR ORDER)

DOMINO'S PTA PIZZA FORM

SCHOOL: Neelsville Middle School TEACHER: _____

DATE: Thursday, June 2nd, 2011 FAMILY'S NAME: _____

TOTAL OF SALE \$: _____

PARENTS – GET CONNECTED, STAY INFORMED!!

- **Edline** – Student's grades and assignments. www.edline.net
- **NMS Website** – Morning announcements at NMS. <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/neelsvillems/>
- **Quicknotes** – MCPS email news - <http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/info/quicknotes/>
- **NMS PTSA Yahoo Group** - PTSA information - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NeelsvillePTSA/>

Don't forget to join the new NMS PTSA Yahoo Group (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NeelsvillePTSA/>)

You don't have to be a PTSA member to join. Membership is open to all parents/guardians of current NMS students and NMS staff. Email NeelsvillePTSA-subscribe@yahoogroups.com to submit a membership request. You can choose to receive the emails in the form of a daily or weekly digest. Please send the following information with your membership request –

- Parents – your name, your child's name, your child's grade
- Staff – your name, department.

ABOUT THE NEELSVILLE NEWS

Neelsville News is the monthly newsletter published by the Neelsville PTSA. We hope that you will find this a valuable resource for keeping up to date with PTSA news, notes and events, as well as an excellent tool for communicating important PTSA and school information to our school families. If you have any questions or comments on the newsletter or would like to submit an article, please email the editor.

General PTSA information like names of PTSA board members, meeting dates, **forms for joining and volunteering**, and back issues of the newsletter are **available online at the Neelsville Middle School website** under the "Parents" tab.

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