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# Picker-Up!

## NEWSLETTER

### NE eSports Team Goes to Edinboro

What an incredible day for our eSports Team, who competed in Edinboro! Our Super Smash Brothers players, along with many others, advanced to the later stages of the tournament. Sophomore Ryan Ellsworth had an outstanding performance, reaching the semifinals before losing to the eventual champion. The Middle School Rocket League team triumphed over General McLane, Corry, and McDowell High School, but faced a strong Cochran High School team in the semifinals, ultimately finishing in 4th place.

The players on the team include Diezel Carroll, Peyton Pennington, and Karsen Dikeman, with Ian Williams also contributing.

A big thank you to our advisors, Tina and Ian Williams, for their support!





## NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT ROAD TO GOLD

### -FEBRUARY-

Fairness and Friendship  
Support Systems and Social Contributions

 <p>Emily Matuszewski Kindergarten</p>	 <p>David Stein 1st</p>	 <p>Rose Bartlett 1st</p>	 <p>Ethan Johnson 2nd</p>	 <p>Everly Leuschen 2nd</p>	 <p>Blake Moore 3rd</p>	 <p>Sophia Sweatman 3rd</p>
 <p>Selah Nagelson 4th</p>	 <p>Luke Shunk 4th</p>	 <p>Marissa Varhola 5th</p>	 <p>Oliver Stempka 5th</p>	 <p>Jaxsyn Peters 6th</p>	 <p>Adalyn Hollenbeck 6th</p>	 <p>Zachary Howell 7th</p>
 <p>Abigail Elwell 7th</p>	 <p>Connor Smith 8th</p>	 <p>Savannah Conn 8th</p>	 <p>Rachel Probst 9th</p>	 <p>Haylee Phelps 10th</p>	 <p>Matison Russo 11th</p>	 <p>Isabella Pike 12th</p>

◆ CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR ROAD TO GOLD STUDENTS OF THE MONTH! ◆



## Read Across America

North East Elementary students actively participated in Read Across America, a program initiated by the National Association of Education in 1998 to promote and celebrate reading. NEES marked the occasion with a variety of engaging activities throughout the week. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our dedicated teachers, the PTO for providing popcorn, and our guest readers, including Erie County Fair Queen Ava Bush.

We extend our gratitude to the elementary teachers for welcoming us to share stories with your students. The students posed insightful questions that truly impressed us.



## NESD at PJAS

Congratulations to our North East High School and Middle School students who participated in the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) competition! Both schools had numerous students who earned first and second place awards. PJAS provides students with the chance to conduct independent science experiments and create a slideshow to present their findings to a panel of judges.

Those who achieve first place at the regional level have the exciting opportunity to advance to the state competition at Penn State's main campus in May. A heartfelt thank you to our advisors, Mrs. Mraz, Mr. Solymosi, and Mrs. Freeman, along with the assistance of Mrs. Rater, Mr. Becker, and Mrs. Nagle.



## NEMS Straight A Celebration

North East Middle School students were treated to a delightful taco lunch, thanks to Mrs. Pyle and her staff, in celebration of their achievement of straight A's in the second quarter. In addition, students had the chance to collaborate and have fun in the Picker Arcade. A special thank you goes to Guidance Counselor Chrissy Kern for organizing this wonderful event. Congratulations to our middle schoolers!



# GO PICKERS! GO PICKERS! GO PICKERS!



## NEES Kids on the GO!

During the second quarter, elementary students from Kids on the Go had a fantastic opportunity to enjoy a day of tubing at Peek'n Peak this week. Students earned a ticket to participate by meeting specific academic and behavioral criteria. Due to weather conditions, some students will have their turn to attend next week.



## MathCounts

Congratulations to Mykyta Ivanov, an 8th-grade student at North East Middle School, for qualifying for the MathCounts State Competition! He achieved an impressive 4th place in the regional competition held at Penn State Behrend. Kudos to both him and his advisor, Mr. Carver!

## NE High School Wrestling

Congratulations to our high school wrestling team for their unwavering dedication throughout the season! Their hard work has truly yielded results, and they are now headed to the state competition! Let's unite in support as they proudly represent our school with steadfast determination. Two of our wrestlers, Kael Kimmy and Cyrus Hurd, participated in the PIAA State Championships.



## 100 Days of School!

Students and staff at North East Elementary School celebrated the 100th day of school with a thrilling competition. Check out the K-2 students and staff adorned in their century-themed outfits, while the grades 3-5 proudly display their fashionable 80s attire. Wishing everyone the best of luck!



Congratulations to Miah Skelly on her nomination as the February C.L.A.S.S. Act Emerging Leader for the North East School District.



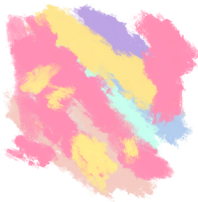




Congratulations to our Senior Dance Team members!



North East Bocce Team show off their skills!



### Art & Therapy Dogs

We experienced another wonderful week with the therapy dogs, who had the opportunity to participate in a few of Mr. Fordyce's art classes. The students and dogs collaborated on lick art projects, creating a joyful atmosphere. Jessie, Tilly, Shimmer, Creek, and the students all relished this activity. Many students found it to be a great source of stress relief; as one student put it, "I just came from taking a dissection test. This is so relaxing to do with the dogs. I feel so much better now." - Heidi Martin



### LifeSmarts

Congratulations to the North East High School LifeSmarts Team for qualifying to compete in the 2025 Pennsylvania State LifeSmarts Competition! We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our advisor, Mr. Henning, for his invaluable support.



Thanks to our transportation team for their dedication to our children. They transport 1,207 students daily to fourteen schools and programs in Erie County. Great job, team, and special thanks to Ms. Trevelline for showing Picker Pride! Way to ROLL!