

### Future important dates:

- Feb. 27 Girls' Basketball Last Home Game 5:45
- Mar. 2-6 Reading Week
- Mar 4. We Wear Caps
- Mar. 5 8th gr. Cape HS and CTC Tours
- Mar. 6 End of 3rd Quarter

### BICENTENNIAL MURAL by Luke Richey

On January 29th, Nell Holcomb students made history, and participated in the Missouri Bicentennial Mural that has traveled around the state. This mural, made

up of everything Missouri, will be hung in the capital building in Jefferson City to celebrate 200 years of Missouri history. Also, the mural is on pace to break the Guinness World Record for the most people working on a single painting.



Thank you to Missouri Bicentennial Paint For A Cause for coming to our school!



### Newspaper Staff

From the left: Ashton Garagnani, Emma Kerr, Cadence Probst, Taylor Rice, Luke Richey, Ian Weber, Justice Clark, Kaden Pruitt, Mrs. H.

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## Mystery Student and Teacher by Ian Weber

This month's mystery student is a girl. Her favorite color is red. Her favorite hobby is art, and her favorite drink is milk. She is not a big fan of sports, but her favorite is baseball if she had to choose. Her favorite food is hot wings, and her favorite candy is Snickers.

The mystery teacher enjoys crocheting. Her favorite color is purple, and her favorite sport is baseball. Her favorite food is lasagna, and she enjoys Coke as her favorite drink. Her favorite candy is Reese's and her favorite dessert is cherry pie. Check out the birthday's page for the answer.

## BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS by Kaden Pruitt

Recently, I was able to ask Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Garner about book genres and recommendations for kids in three groups: K-2nd, 3rd-5th, and 6th-8th grade. Mrs. Nelson told me that historical fiction books, such as *Refugee*, *Projekt 1065*, and *Prisoner B-3087*, which are all written by Alan Gratz, are popular with kids in 6th-8th grade. Graphic fiction novels are very popular for grades 3rd-5th, but even though they seem like comic books, they are not. They can be as high of a reading level as the normal books. Mrs. Nelson has no problem with them, but she wished that the books had larger print, which I agree with. These books remove some of the imagination required with other books, because of the pictures. Kids in K-2nd grade like books like *Pete the Cat*, *Dog Man*, *Diary Of A Wimpy Kid*, and *Last Kids On Earth*. *Last Kids On Earth* seems to be popular because of the Netflix series.

Mrs. Garner recommended fantasy books, such as *Guided Wolves*, *Wings of Fire*, and *Warrior Cats*, sci-fi books, like *City of Ember* and *The Giver*, graphic fiction books, like the *Greek Mythology* series and, previously mentioned, *Wings Of Fire*, and historical fiction, like *Fever 1793*, *My Brother, Sam*, *Is Dead*, and *The Book Thief* for 6th-8th grade kids. For 3rd-5th grade, she recommended *Diary Of A Wimpy Kid*, *Judy B. Jones*, *Ever After*, *Goosebumps*, and *Magic Tree House*. Finally, she recommended *Big Nate*, *Junie B. Jones*, *Mercy Watson*, *Cam Janson*, *Diary Of A Worm*, and *If You Give A Mouse A Cookie* for K-2nd grade. So grab a book and get reading!



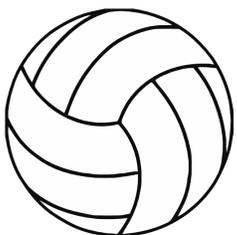
## Youth Coding League by Ian Weber

Youth Coding League has been going on for some time now. You may be wondering - what is it? Well, Youth Coding League aims to teach kids how to code using Google's CSFirst. CSFirst is a website made by Google that helps to teach kids computer science. You can even access it yourself at [csfirst.withgoogle.com](https://csfirst.withgoogle.com). CSFirst and YCL both use a coding language called Scratch. Scratch is a beginner coding language that you can do very advanced things with. It allows you to learn the basics of coding without all of the complicated typing required. Anyone can use Scratch; it is completely free. You can try it yourself at [www.scratch.mit.edu](https://www.scratch.mit.edu).



## Boys Volleyball by Ashton Garagnani

This is the second season Nell Holcomb has had boys' volleyball, and the first time we will be able to have home games. The season started on February 25. The team's coaches will be Ms. Brock and her brother Zach. Ms. Brock is *very excited* for the following season and hopes that everyone will have fun.



If you are interested in showing up, the first game is a home game!. Along with being a fun sport and great exercise, the volleyball team is great for anyone who wants to join. In my interview with Ms. Brock she told me that a lot of kids who do not play traditional sports at our school are actually playing volleyball. She believes volleyball is a great opportunity for them to branch out and be more athletic.

## **Fishing Club** by Emma Kerr

NHS has a fishing club that, in Mr. Stoverink's (the teacher in charge of the club) own words, is super cool. The club members meet in the cafeteria after school and grab their fishing rods and tackles, then they go out to a nearby pond. The pond is the Foeste's pond, and there they also meet up with a biologist from the conservation center, who brings the bait. The kids spread out and fish for about 1 ½ hours. Any fish they catch are released back into the pond. The biologist may also teach them a bit about the fish and other things in the pond. So far, the biggest fish was a catfish at 4 pounds caught by Ayden Crossen.

## **Student Council Update** by Justice Clark

As you know Nell Holcomb's Student Council always is in charge of the dances. We have a Fall Dance and a Spring Dance. Back in November 2019 we had a fall dance from 3-5pm. That dance was just a simple fun dance. This dance coming up is the Spring Dance or formal dance. This will be held on March 27, 2020. This is the dance where everyone dresses up very formally, which means very nicely and presentably. It is from 6:00pm-8:30pm. This is also the 8th grade's last Spring Dance. I'm sure everyone will have a fun time at the dance.

## **Girls' Basketball** by Justice Clark

As of now, the girls are towards the end of their basketball season. The boys' season ended back in January. The girls have done an amazing job. They have been working very hard. The next upcoming game is Thursday, February 27, 2020. This is also the last home game and 8th grade recognition. The 8th grade girls will miss everyone. They really enjoyed their time on the court and being with friends. They want to thank their new coaches Mr. Tyson Stoverink and Ms. Carly Howell.

## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR VISITS NH!** by Ms. Nelson

Our annual Scholastic book fair visited our school the week of February 10-13 and during Parent/Teacher conferences. Students had the opportunity to purchase a wide variety of reading materials, with the profit going to our school library to replace worn out library books.

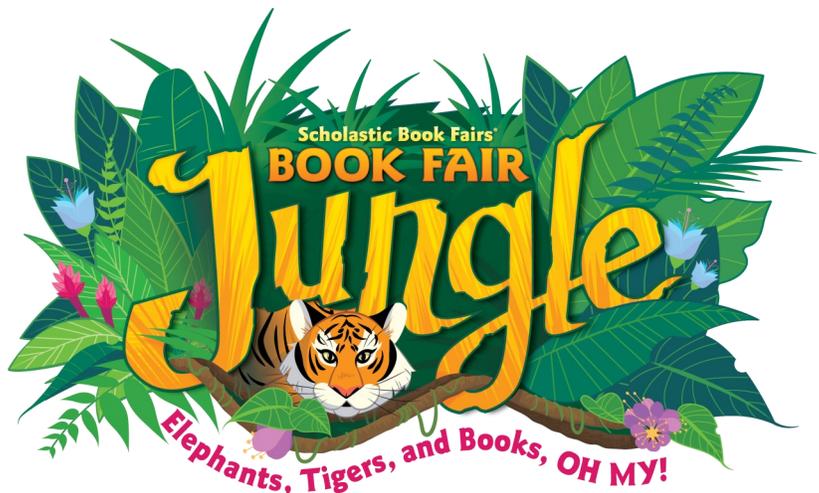
This year our library earned \$400 in paperback books from the fair, plus \$660 in cash profit! A big "Thank You" to all our supportive parents.

We gave away 31 posters in an after fair drawing, and Demmy in Mrs. Martin's class won the "How Many?" contest with the closest guess, collecting \$30 in book fair merchandise as her prize, plus all the penguin crackers in the jar!

Many thanks to the following folks who gave up their free time to be cashiers: Mrs. Gibbs, Linda Farrow, Becky Stein, Robyn Frye, Brigette Loos, and Lori Reinagel. We couldn't do it without your help! Special thanks to our Beta helpers this year: Kailey, Justice, Ian, Janell, Elli, Kaden, and Luke. They helped our younger students fill out their wish lists and find items at the fair.

New this year was the e-wallet program which allowed parents to set up an account for their student and avoid sending cash to school with them. We had a great number of parents using this new idea and it worked very well for both parents and students.

Once again, a big thanks for another successful and fun book fair!



## **BETA update** by Luke Richey

The Nell Holcomb Beta club has been hard at work the last three months. Since newspaper took a winter break during our busiest time of the year, we have lots to recap.

The biggest event was the Missouri State Beta Convention in Springfield. Nell Holcomb Betas competed in a wide variety of events and competitions.

Nell Holcomb Betas excelled in many team competitions. They took home 5th in Elementary Quiz Bowl, 1st in Elementary Robotics, 3rd in Jr. Quiz Bowl, 3rd in Jr. Robotics, 5th in Jr. Serving Learning Showcase, 4th in Jr. Book Battle, and 2nd in Jr. Song Fest.

Nell Holcomb Betas also did well in individual competitions. Kenyan Kelpo took home 3rd in elementary social studies. Shelby Prokopf got a 4th in elementary science. Presley Summer got 3rd place in elementary language arts, 2nd place in elementary sculpture, and 3rd place in elementary drawing. Also, Hedi Probst took home 2nd in elementary performing arts. In the Jr. High, Kailey Tiemann got 5th in jewelry, Janell Windeknecht got 4th in fiber arts, and Kaylee McGuire got 4th place in poetry. Zoe Kester got 4th in Language arts 6th grade; also, John Dickerson took home a 1st in 6th grade Math, and Luca Sosa got 3rd in 7th grade math. For social studies, Mark Richey got 2nd in 6th grade , and Luke Richey got 2nd in 8th grade. Mark Richey also got 1st place in speech.

Nell Holcomb Betas did amazingly at state convention and are ready to compete again at national convention in Fort Worth, Texas.

In other Beta news, March 24 at 4:30- pm marks our annual Beta Culvers Night, where Nell Holcomb betas learn real life working abilities at Culvers in Cape Girardeau. This a great fundraising event for Nell Holcomb Beta, so be sure to come on out and be served by the Nell Holcomb Beta Club!

The Nell Holcomb Beta club would also like to thank everyone who helped us fundraise for nationals by purchasing candy bars and cheesecakes from Nell Holcomb Betas. We appreciate all of the support.

The Nell Holcomb Beta Club is looking forward to the rest of the year and we are excited to continue working on our leadership and character skills.



