

Future important dates:

April 1—April 6 Easter Break NO SCHOOL

April 9 Spirit Wear

April 12-16 BOOK FAIR

April 19-23 MAP Testing

April 23 NO SCHOOL

Book Fair Coming April 12-16!



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THIRD GRADE
TALENT SHOW
2021 Mrs. Hahs'
Class by Lillian Yarbro

My class was supposed to have a talent show three days before Valentine's Day, but we had to postpone it due to the snow. So we did it on February



22nd. Some of my friends sang, others read funny jokes from a joke book, and others showed their awesome talents. Titus McNeely showed the class how to hydro-dip a



turtle shell, Eli Craiglow showed the class a painting he made, and Hunter Kirchoff hopped on his pogo stick with no hands. Cambree Koch showed the class a video of her doing gymnastics, and Houston Carter and Dustin Runnels both separately read jokes from their joke books. Liam Schmidt, Nevaeh Aaron, Demmy Merritt and I all separately sang songs. Mallory Hanks sent my

teacher a video of a Littlest Pet Shop stop motion fashion show. Asher Campbell taught us about baseball.

Liah Ervin and Megan Sinn both did a lip sync together and the girls were their backup dancers. We ended with all of the boys singing Old Town Road together and it was hilarious.



BETA Update: National's Bound! By Kendall Bourbon

As you've most likely heard in the past few weeks, our Beta club at NHS has had some victories in the recent Missouri State competition. All together, we have fourteen victors that are National's bound. Beta Nationals are scheduled for Elementary on June 28-29 and for Junior High June 29-July 2. The competition is going to be held in Orlando, Florida at Disney World.

Among some of the victors for junior high are John Dickerson, 4th place Math, Sydney Hoene, 3rd place Fiber Arts, Cady Probst, 3rd place Language Arts, and Champion Creative Writing, Presley Sumner, 3rd place Language Arts, 2nd place Sculpture, and 2nd place Poetry, and Kendall Bourbon, Champion Language Arts. Elementary Heidi Probst, 3rd place Performing Arts, 5th place in Recyclable Arts, Wyatt Wheat, 5th place in Creative Writing, Elementary Quiz Bowl team won 2nd place, and Elementary Book Battle won 5th place.

Congratulations to all of our Beta winners and good luck at Nationals!

Book Fair by Paisley Eylers

Book fair is coming up at Nell Holcomb. April 12-16 the library will be open for the book fair. 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Thursday. Friday will only be open until noon. Make sure to get into your parent's good graces so you can buy all your favorite books. Parents can get a visitor tag during the day to visit the book fair. At the end of March there will be a link on the NHS Hawks website to pre-order books or browse the selection. If your child is too young and you don't trust them enough with physical cash, you can use the E-Wallet that will be provided.

MAP Testing by Kendall Bourbon

It's that wonderful time of the year, silence fills each classroom, signs hang on the doors saying things like, "Shhhh, we're testing." or "Students at work!" Can you guess? It's time for MAP testing! This year though, things are going to be different than in years previous. This year, MAP testing will all be on the Chromebooks. MAP testing is usually a yearly thing, but this will be the first time we've taken these tests since 2019.

Mrs. Hall is coordinating all of the Chromebooks so she's in charge of the MAP tests. I spoke with Mrs. Hall and this is what she had to say. Commenting on some of the new stuff, she said, "This year, testing will have a much different look. Right now, we're looking to buy mice for each student so that they can use it if they don't like the trackpad. Third through eighth grade are the classes that will be taking the tests." She has spent a lot of time coordinating all of this so that we can have a seamless testing days and get this done as quickly and efficiently as possible. So if you have the time, stop by Mrs. Hall's office and say thanks.

Another thing that she touched down on was the types of tests that we will be taking. Most classes just take differing tests for English and Language Arts and Math, but fifth and eighth grade take an additional science test. Eighth graders that are in Algebra have to take what's called an EOC exam for high school, EOC stands for end of course. Some of the things that MAP testing may involve in the future are a social studies test. This would be something that everyone would take, not just set classes. Mrs. Hall said, "This test is being tried by a few schools, but we won't be using this test for at least another year or two."

Used to, all of the testing was done in the computer lab on big, bulky desktop computers, and, since all of the classes used the same lab, took about three weeks. Now, we are using easily transportable, versatile Chromebooks that can be moved from classroom to classroom. The school as a whole has set aside eight days for the whole school to test. Each session averages at about seventy-five minutes or an hour and fifteen minutes. We in the junior high will be taking our tests with the teacher that teaches the subject we are testing on. So, Mrs. Hedgcoth for ELA and Mrs. Strack for math, and in eighth grade, Mr. Stoverink for science.

Lots of change is going to come this year with our MAP testing. Let's work hard and make this year's MAP testing a success here at NHS!

Idiom of the Month by Ireland Hunter

"Don't count your chickens before they hatch."

Meaning: Not to count on something happening until after it's already happened

Word of the Month by Paige Rice

The word of the month is Waterfall. The definition of Waterfall is a cascade of water falling from a height, formed when a river or stream flows over a precipice or steep incline. The way you could use it in a sentence is "Oh, look at that beautiful waterfall. Or, I can't wait to walk the trail to see the waterfall. One type of waterfall is Niagara Falls.



Mystery Student and Teacher by Mark Richey

This student's favorite food is Buffalo Chicken. His favorite season is the Summer. He has many siblings, and is the second youngest. His favorite color is Blue. The hobbies that he likes to do are things like Gaming and Football. Other things to know about him, he has two dogs, he really likes to wear shorts, and he likes to ride bikes.

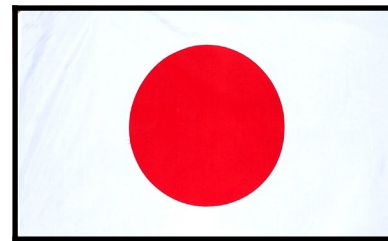
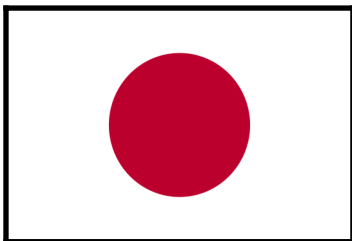
This teacher's favorite color is purple. This teacher has a dream to visit Ireland someday. This teacher has two dogs. She loves to crochet, and loves to listen to music. She has a daughter, and has been married for 27 years. Her favorite type of food is Mexican, and loves to drink Coke. This teacher loves the mountains and hiking.

(Answers on the last page!)

History Fact of the Month by Mark Richey

A fun History Fact for this month is the fact of...

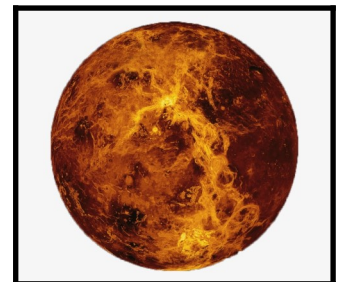
In 1999, Japan updated their national flag, so the sun has a more vibrant color of red:



Science Fact of the Month by Mark Richey

A fun Science Fact for this month is the fact of...

Venus is the only planet that spins Clockwise on its Axis



NHS Birthdays

February	March	April
3 Paislee Cassinger	2 Izaya Smith	3 Ava Shepherd
7 Evelyn Gardiner	4 Audrey Cathcart	4 Hayden Nichols
7 Alisa Kinder	4 Kolton Booker	5 Landen Sample
7 Carly Crossen	6 Lauren Brockmire	6 Rylee Clover
8 Eber Hernandez	8 Luke Burgard	6 Wyatt Schweer
9 Elizabeth Everett	10 Sawyer Schweer	7 Emma Stephens
10 Kenyan Kelp	14 Lucy Kerr	9 Brayshaw Headrick
12 Makenna Dougherty	16 Kaelyn Seay	14 Kade Kroenung
13 Devin Adams	18 Houston Carter	14 Sofia Smith
13 Dustin Runnels	20 Demmy Merritt	20 Zoie Conklin
17 Carter Uhrhan	23 Jaishawn Tucker	28 Holly Vines
17 Caiden Pace	26 Ethan Butler	
18 Alexandria Wilcox	27 Gavin McCormick	
19 Christopher Craft	28 Jason Jones	
20 Presley Sumner	30 Raylan Myracle	
21 Delaney Dougherty		
23 Kalia Ozment		
23 Jacqueline Epley		
26 Amelia Peters		
27 Nevaeh Aaron		
28 Alli Carter		



Mystery student : Andrew Yarbro
 Mystery teacher : Mrs. Garner

