

Wildcat Weekly

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3 ANNUAL GOALS

- All students will read at or above grade level by June 2017 (a minimum of one year's growth). Students must read a minimum of 20 minutes per night.
- Students will use campus-wide daily structures: PAWS (Playing safely, Acting responsibly, Working hard and Showing respect), Essential 5, math problem-solving model, word wall, the Incredible 5 Point Scale, social contracts & social skills.
- All students will write in every subject, everyday.

NBE'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR

I am honored to be representing North Belt as Teacher of the Year. I am a 4th grade Bilingual Reading and Writing teacher. I enjoy teaching reading, but have developed to passionately love writing. With so much writing I have learned a lot about my students' lives and desires. They encourage me to love what I do. I hope to grow stronger as a teacher, so I can continue to empower my students. North Belt is my home! ~Mrs. Uribe



NBE'S PARAPROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

I am honored to be elected as Paraprofessional of the Year. It has been nothing less than a pleasure to work as a paraprofessional at North Belt Elementary for twenty one years. My role as a paraprofessional has given me the opportunity to help students not only learn technology, but to grow into successful students in the classroom and beyond. I truly love seeing students come into my classroom and understand a concept of technology that they did not believe they could understand. There are students at North Belt that have not had opportunities or experiences with technology outside of the classroom, and to know that I help those students grasp important knowledge, that they will need throughout their academic years and well beyond into adulthood, makes me proud to work as a paraprofessional. Technology not only prepares students for classroom success, but it instills the many important and much demanded job skills that they will need as adults. I know that in a technology age, my instruction gives students at North Belt the opportunity and advantage to excel through technology, something that many of them don't always have access to at home. I am grateful to have an opportunity to instill such growth in my students as a paraprofessional, and encourage success through technology. I would like to thank the staff at North Belt for electing me as Paraprofessional of the Year, and it is a role that will continue to inspire me professionally and personally. ~Mrs. Newman



MOCK STAAR DATES

The following list contains the dates, tests, and grades for the District Benchmark (Mock STAAR). These tests will be given as though they were the actual STAAR. These tests are indicators of how students will perform on the STAAR test in April. Parents, please ensure that your child(ren) get plenty of rest the night before. Visitors **WILL NOT** be permitted in the building on these days. Please do not schedule dental/doctor's appointments on your student's dates. All volunteer activities will also be canceled.

- 02/07: 3rd Reading & 4th Math District Checkpoint
- 02/08: 3rd Math & 4th Reading District Checkpoint
- 02/10: 5th Science District Checkpoint
- 02/21: 5th Mock Reading
- 02/22: 4th Mock Writing
- 02/23: 5th Mock Math

FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2: Groundhog Day
Humble M.S. Parent Orientation
- 5: Super Bowl 51—Atlanta Falcons (NFC) v. New England Patriots (AFC) @ NRG Stadium
- 6: 100th Day of School
- 9: STAAR Night 5:30p.m.—7:00p.m.
- 14: Happy Valentine's Day Friendship Parties @ 2:00p.m.
- 16: Third Grade performance of *Mighty Minds* @ 6:30p.m.
- 18: District Spelling Bee @ Humble M.S.
- 20: President's Day Student Holiday (no school)
- 22: Spring Pictures

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

One Step **Two steps**

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$$x = 18$$

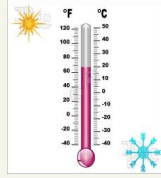
$$3 \cdot \frac{2}{3}x = 12 \cdot 3$$

$$\frac{2x}{2} = \frac{36}{2}$$

$$x = 18$$

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NOTHING BUT EXCELLENCE



THIRD GRADE

Third grade is excited to announce we are beginning a new unit in writing. We will be working on **summarizing and writing expository text**. In **math**, we are **solving 1 and 2 step division problems**. In **social studies** we are **understanding the difference between wants and needs**. In **science** we are **comparing and measuring day to day weather**. Students will be taking their third reading and math checkpoints on February 7th and 8th, so please **don't forget to look over your reading strategies and get plenty of rest**. **STAAR Night** will be held on February 9th from 5:30p.m.—7:00p.m.

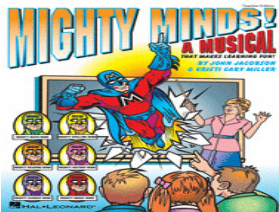
Good things come in 3's.

HUMBLE M.S. PARENT ORIENTATION

Parent Orientation will be held on **Thursday, February 2, 2017** in HMS Auditorium at 6:30p.m. for students currently in the 5th grade. Parents will learn more about the HMS middle school experience and class choices for their student. HMS will visit with NBE 5th grade students on **Thursday, February 16th** and Elective Cards will be sent home. Elective Cards must be returned to NBE on **Wednesday, February 22nd**.
 ~Mrs. Peck, Counselor

MUSIC NEWS

Third grade students will be performing **Mighty Minds!** on Thursday, February 16. Students will warm-up at 6:15 p.m. and perform at 6:30 p.m. **Mighty Minds!** is third and fourth graders caught up in a panic about an upcoming test. Their teacher enlists the help of the Mighty Minds, a team of super-students then find out that they are capable of many mighty things themselves and that the adults in their lives are there for them and believe in them.
 ~Mrs. Grayshaw



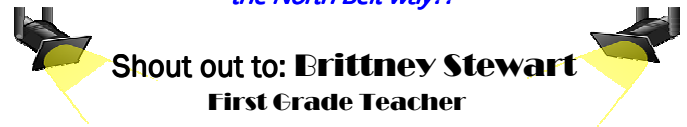
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month, or National African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history. The event grew out of the 1926 "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans in 1915. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history. The event inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures.



NBE ROLL CALL

What's new staff? What do you say? Who gets the shout out the North Belt way??



Shout out to: Brittney Stewart
First Grade Teacher

We would like to thank Mrs. Stewart for always coming prepared to RTI meetings armed with concerns and celebrations about her students' progress, yet equipped with solutions to get them where they need to be. We also appreciate your *'keeping it real attitude.'* ~The RTI Team

SUPER BOWL SAFETY

Studies indicate that Super Bowl Sunday can be one of the worst days for motor vehicle collisions. Three major factors are: fatigue, alcohol consumption, and distractions. Please enjoy the festivities of this weekend **SAFELY**.



WILDCATS OF THE WEEK

P.A.W.S. (PLAY SAFELY, ACT RESPONSIBLY, WORK HARD, SHOW RESPECT)

Congratulations to the following students for being caught showing NBE'S expectations of PAWS:
 Kinder: Victor Flores, Montserrat Hernandez First: Alberto Almaguer, Nancy Duarte



I MAKE A DIFFERENCE. EVERY STUDENT, EVERYDAY, NO EXCEPTIONS, NO EXCUSES!

