



NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Neptune Middle School's Monthly Newsletter

The Middle School Minute

November Edition

Principal's Message

Dear NMS Members,

Welcome to November! At NMS, November is time for report cards and parent/teacher conferences. If you have not done so already, please be sure to sign up for a conference with your child's teachers. We do understand that spots are limited. If you are not able to meet with your desired teacher during the conference dates, please contact them directly to schedule an in-person or virtual meeting.

This month's Everything Matters theme is "Thankfulness and Gratitude Matters". We are encouraging our students to be thankful for the people, events, and opportunities which make a positive difference in their lives. At home, please consider discussing ways that your child can display thankfulness and gratitude everyday!

Warm regards,

Dr. Janelle Opoku
Principal



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Upcoming Events

- **11/04/2024-Monthly Grade Level Meetings**
- **11/19-11/21 Parent Conferences**
- **11/14-11/15-NHS Play: "The Great Gatsby" @7:00pm**
- **11/25/2024-Report Cards Available**
- **12/06/2024-Celebration of Excellence**
- **12/06/2024-Middle School Winter Dance**

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School News

On October 29th, Neptune Middle School students participated in an Anti-Vaping/Anti-Drug assembly in recognition of Red Ribbon Week. Red Ribbon Week is a drug and violence prevention awareness campaign that takes place every October in the United States. It's the country's longest-running and largest drug awareness and prevention program. Red Ribbon Week highlights the importance of living a drug-free life. Interactive speaker, Robb Holla, gave a dynamic presentation which provided students with information about the dangers of substance use and abuse. The assembly was sponsored by the Tigger Stavola Foundation.



Congratulations (again) to our 6th grade students for winning the monthly attendance challenge. Students were awarded ice cream for having the highest attendance percentage for the month of October. Thank you to Goldy's Ice Cream for donating treats for the event. Also, a huge thank you to our staff members for encouraging students to attend school each day!!

At Neptune Middle School **WE BUILD LEADERS!!** This school year, we are doing this in collaboration with the **Chick-fil-A Leader Academy**. The Chick-fil-A Leader Academy engages students in monthly "Leader Labs" with a focus on important leadership skills that they will use to create student-led community impact.





Guidance



Second Step Family Focus-How to Grow Your Brain

In one of this month's Second Step lessons, your child learned about the brain's ability to grow and change when they practice challenging things. Having a growth mindset supports your child's success in school and in life.

Challenge: Tell your child about a time you had to learn something new. Explain whether it was hard to learn and how you learned it. Ask your child if there's anything they would like to learn to do this year.

Curriculum Corner



All about IXL!

We are using IXL to support our 3rd-12th grade math curriculum this year and your child has access to this online program at home. IXL is an educational platform that lets students practice skills they are learning while guiding them to material that will help them grow. Students will be working through the *IXL Diagnostic Arena*. The IXL Diagnostic Arena helps assess a student's grade-level proficiency in math. The IXL Mobile app is available for Apple and Android devices. Included with this newsletter is an IXL parent letter to provide you with more details about the program.

Reminders and Announcements

- **Congratulations** to Ashley Singh who is the NJTESOL Member of the Month! She is the first Neptune ESL teacher to be chosen from across the state! Mrs. Singh has put Neptune on the map as a district with a great ESL program. To see the full write-up for Mrs. Singh, please visit:
<https://voices.njtesol-njbe.org/2024-fall-weekly-voices/f24-nov-5/>
- **Save the date:** 8th grade promotion 06/17/2024-MTL Performing Arts Center
- **8th Grade Washington, DC Trip Information**-If you missed the presentation for the 8th grade trip, please find the link here! —> [8th Grade Trip Information](#)
- **Early Dismissal Days for November:** 11/19, 11/20, 11/21, and 11/27-Students dismiss at 12:15pm
- **School Closed:** 11/27/2024 and 11/28/2024