

### CARDINAL NEWSLETTER



NEW BREMEN LOCAL SCHOOLS

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### SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

This year, the district worked very closely with Homeland Security to create a new school safety plan. The district revised their comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan in order to be in compliance with the safety guidelines set by Homeland Security and the State Department of Education. I want to assure you that the safety of our students and staff is our top priority. This plan is reviewed periodically with members from the local Fire, Police, and EMS departments to stay up-to-date and to be organized if a situation were to occur. Building Principals make sure emergency drills are regularly practiced with the students and staff. For anyone to access the schools, they must be buzzed in by the secretary, sign in at the desk, and wear a visitor's badge. If an individual is not wearing a badge, the students and staff have been instructed to notify the office of this person ASAP. The Auglaize County Sheriff's Department held A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate) training for new staff in October on how to prepare and respond to emergency situations. All NB staff are trained and regularly practice safety drills.

If an emergency were to occur at either school building, I want parents to know that they will be notified through the One Call Alert system as quickly as possible of the situation and where the re-unification location will be if needed. In a crisis situation, emergency vehicles and personnel will need to get to the school. Parents are asked not to come to the school, but to wait at the re-unification location for updates and to pick up their children. Please understand that your child's safety is our number one priority. We must keep a clear path for our first responders in order to keep any situation under control.

New Bremen Schools strive to promote a culture of safety and trust. I ask that you talk with your children about the importance of sharing information that could be considered as threatening to students, schools, and community with a responsible adult.

As we move into the season of weather delays and closings, please listen for our notifications on our One Call Alert System, WHIO and WLIO, or listen to WCSM (96.7), WKKI (94.3). We will work hard to notify you as early as possible if there is a delay or a closing.

We have many activities happening in our schools during the next few months. Please see the district calendar on our website. These events include concerts, Grandparents Day, and sports events. Please come and support our Cardinals!

Finally, it is the time of year when we think about gratitude. New Bremen Local Schools would like to extend their gratitude to the students, parents, and community for your support and participation with the schools!

Proud to be a Cardinal! Dr. Andrea Townsend

### PRE-BOND WORK

The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) conducted their assessment on September 10, 2015. The evaluation included updated information from the previous assessments completed by the OFCC. On October 14, 2015, Garmann/Miller completed their assessments of both of our buildings. We looked at the high school for potential repairs and updates that might be necessary for the future. Garmann/ Miller will create a report that will compare their assessments to the OFCC. The additional information will help determine if we do a renovation project or if we do a new construction project. The pre-bond work will be used as a guide to determine if the district can do a renovation project or if the cost of the renovation project will exceed the state's threshold for support. If the cost of the renovation project exceeds the state's threshold for support, the assessment will be used to determine how much square footage is allowed for new construction. The Board of Education will need to know the cost of a renovation or new construction in order to get the approval for new millage from the taxpayers to complete the project. We encourage you to participate in this process. I will be keeping you updated throughout the process through the newsletter and social media, and be available to answer questions for you. Please feel free to contact me via phone or email at (419) 629-8606 or andrea.townsend@newbremenschools.org or Scott Bertke at 356-9642 or scott.bertke@newbremenschools.org anytime during this process. We thank you for your ongoing support of our schools and our students.

Dr. Andrea Townsend



### FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Financial Aid Night is scheduled for Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the James F. Dicke Auditorium. All juniors, seniors, and parents are encouraged to attend. The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) will be discussed!

Mrs. Tricia Wendel High School Guidance Counselor

### K-4 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### K-4 Activities:

- The Cardinal Jets running club completed another successful season! Approximately 190 students in grades K-6 practiced weekly after school during the month of September. They finished the season with two culminating events. They ran prior to the varsity football game on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and prior to the cross country meet on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. This was a wonderful experience for all the students and volunteers involved.
- This fall, students have been busy taking various assessments. Our kindergarten students completed the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA). This assessment looks at how prepared students are coming into kindergarten and assists us in providing intervention and enrichment activities. Students in grades two and four took the Stanford Achievement Test and the Otis Lennon School Aptitude Test. Both of these tests are used for gifted identification. Our third grade students will be taking the new Ohio's State Reading Assessment on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. Students who do not pass in December will have another opportunity to take the test in April. The results of the December assessment will be back in January.

- Members from the New Bremen Fire Department presented a fire safety program to our students in grades one through three on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> in recognition of Fire Prevention Week. Our kindergarten students had the opportunity to look at a fire truck close up and ask our local fire fighters questions about the truck and what it is like being a fire fighter. Also during this week, students practiced emergency situations including a lockdown, evacuation, and fire drill.
- Right to Read Week will be held October 26-30<sup>th</sup>. Our theme this year is *Monster Book Fair Reading is So Much Fun, You'll Get Goosebumps!* Students will be challenged to read a combined total of 50,000 minutes throughout the week. Students and staff will be participating in daily dress up days, trivia questions, a door decorating contest, and culminating events for the final day. The book fair will be open to the public on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00-8:30 p.m. with monster face painting from 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for the evenings of November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and during the day on November 6<sup>th</sup>. This year, we are again utilizing an online scheduling program for conferences. This process assists parents in scheduling appointment times that best suit their needs as well as frees up valuable instructional time.
- Students in grades K-2 have been invited by Lock One Community Arts to the theater production of "Madeline and the Bad Hat". This production will be held at our high school on November 17<sup>th</sup>. This will be a great theater experience by a national touring company right here at home!
- The annual Christmas Musical will be held December 11<sup>th</sup>. This year's musical is entitled *The Nutcracker* and will feature our second grade students. Show times will be at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public.
- Our August and September character Word of the Month was courage. Congratulations to the following students on being our Word of the Month winners for showing courage here at school: Josie Albers (Kindergarten), Willy Canseco (1<sup>st</sup> Grade), Abby Homan (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade), Leah Luedeke (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade), and Don Soldini (4<sup>th</sup> Grade).

Mrs. Diane Kramer K-4 Principal

## CARDINAL





**JETS** 



SEPTEMBER WORD OF THE MONTH WINNERS

### **Kindergarten News**

It is hard to believe we are finishing the first quarter and Christmas will be here before you know it. Our classes are working hard each day. Kindergarteners are so enthusiastic about identifying their letters, learning sounds, and discovering words. It is amazing to see them realize that they have the potential to read! Thank you for helping the children in your life by reading to them.

We enjoyed our fall trip to Brumbaugh Farms in Arcanum. The students picked a pumpkin from the vine, learned about the benefits of bees, saw apples growing on the trees, and were treated to an apple and a honey stick when we returned to school. It was a beautiful day and the children were great. Pictures can be found on the individual teacher websites.

We look forward to Parent-Teacher Conferences. This is a great time to share student progress with parents. Please feel free to bring questions that you may have. Communication is an essential part of your child having success in school.

Grandparents Day will be Tuesday, November 24th. This day is so special to the children. We will be practicing songs to share on that day. More details will be coming home for you concerning this day. If a grandparent is not able to come, please let us know. We will work to find an adoptive "Grandparent for the Day".

Kindergarten begins the memories of their school days. We hope your child is enjoying their first year as a New Bremen Cardinal!

Mrs. Tanya Homan Mrs. Donna Schmitmeyer Miss Abby Wente

### **SECOND GRADE NEWS**

Second graders have been working hard this year. In Reading, we just finished our unit on Friends and Family and are starting Unit 2 on Animal Discoveries. Students continue to show growth as readers as is evident in their AR points and test scores. We are working through the writing process to compose reports, narratives, and opinion pieces. It has been exciting having a new math series. We have learned about addition and subtraction strategies, place value, and skip counting. Students will be learning how to add and subtract two-digit numbers in the coming weeks. We started the year learning about rules and responsibilities in our schools, homes, and communities in social studies. Next, students will be learning about how lives long ago are different than our lives today. Science has been interesting for students as we learned about weather. Students created graphs showing the changes in temperature, learned about cloud formations, and discussed tools used by meteorologists.

We are looking forward to visiting with parents during conferences and sharing about their child's progress.

Mrs. Barb Lemmon Mrs. Lindsay Roiberg Mrs. Diana Kramer

### FOURTH GRADE NEWS



In Ohio Social Studies, the fourth graders have been working hard on map skills. Learning to use the different parts of a map, how to read a map, and discovering what they can learn from a map has been the main focus. Students have also learned Ohio's State symbols and the

main natural resources, manufacturing, and agriculture of Ohio. They will soon begin to study Ohio's prehistoric and historic Indians, pioneers, and other immigrants who lived and traveled in Ohio. Students will be surprised with the importance of Ohio's location for each of these past groups as well as for our present day citizens.

In science class, we have been studying animals. Students practiced classifying them by looking at their characteristics and physical features. They also learned about the many habitats animals and plants live in. Later, students learned how plants and animals are affected by changes through people and nature.

In Language, students have been busy writing! We have practiced many basic grammar rules and learned how to construct more complex and detailed sentences. Students then applied these skills to make their writing more interesting and descriptive. In fourth grade they begin to take an active role in editing and revising their own work to make it the best it can be!

Mrs. Darlene Gilberg Mrs. Jodi Lange Mrs. Stephanie Elking Mrs. Becky Keller

### PRIMARY INTERVENTION

Hello! Another school year is really flying by and the students are again working very hard. In Reading, students are reading many new and exciting stories from a variety of trade books. This year, students are again reading more leveled books. They are continuing to learn different genres of stories and the types of story elements.

We are very excited about the new Math series this school year. Students have been working hard learning rounding and place value. We are also practicing our addition and subtraction strategies and working with larger numbers. We will soon be getting into multiplication and division.

Students are also participating in the book-it program. At the beginning of each month a new paper will be sent home with students. Color the days that they read or were read to and return it at the end of the month.

Thank you for all you do, Mrs. Kelly Wilker



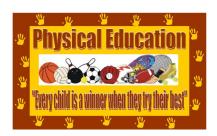
### **ELEMENTARY ART**

Fall is in full swing and full of inspiration for beautiful works of art. By the time this reaches your doorstep, we will have returned our pumpkins to their closets and start to turn our thoughts to Thanksgiving and Christmas! We have lots to do before the excitement of the Christmas holiday overcomes the art room.

The Kindergarteners are learning the routines of the art room very quickly. They have enjoyed practicing their painting skills in our early projects. We all enjoyed leaning about Eric Carle and his illustrations during October, and their "Busy Spiders" are hanging in the hall now. First grade enjoyed making their monsters after reading Ed Emberley's If You're a Monster and You Know It. They are hanging by the cafeteria now, so make sure you look for them while in the building for conferences. Second grade has their haunted houses on display also. Third grade's "Busy Cities" are always fun to look at. The details many of them come up with are always a delight. Third grade will be making a couple of owl projects in November. Fourth grade is currently working on their Mexican Calaca collages and comparing our Halloween to the Mexican celebration of Dias De Los Meurtos or Days of the Dead. The fifth grade will be making the Iroquois Husk Masks, which are always an annual favorite. I was very impressed with the sixth grade gargoyles this year. I hope they all made it home safely. As we shift into the second nine weeks, the sixth graders will be focusing on a couple of Egyptian art works. This is a region that is also covered in their social studies class.

It always seems like the holidays fly by and it's hard to believe we are approaching them again. I hope you can find time to create some beautiful craft projects and works of art together as they approach. Handmade gifts are always treasured, especially when they come from the hands of a child.

Mrs. Lori Baker



The Physical Education students in kindergarten through fourth grade have done a good job of cooperating and showing sportsmanship while competing during our activities. The students have completed units on Fitness, Flag Football and Football Skills, Space Awareness, Effort and Time, Volleyball, Overhand and Underhand Striking, and Cooperative Games. Some of our upcoming activities will include more Cooperative Games, Basketball, Floor Hockey, Ultimate Ball and Frisbee, Fundamental Motor Skills, Manipulative Skills, and Indoor Tennis.

The third and fourth grade students have completed their first round of fitness testing. Before the holiday break in December, the third and fourth grade Physical Education students will complete another round of fitness testing. The results from this second test, along with the final fitness testing in April, will give the students an opportunity to see the gains they have made throughout the school year. Students in the third and fourth grades have also had a Punt, Pass, & Kick Competition and Volleyball Serving Competition. In the upcoming lessons, students in first through fourth grades will compete in the Hoop Shoot Free-Throw Shooting Competition.

Mr. Adam Dougherty Elementary Physical Education



## Monster Reading Week at New Bremen Elementary and Middle School

### Reading Is So Much Fun You'll Get Goosebumps!

The week of October 26th-30th will bring Monsters to life through fun dress up days including Movie Monsters and our very own Big Red Monster. When we meet our reading goal of 50,000 minutes for K-8, the Monster Minute to Win It Games will begin. Fun and hilarity will ensue as students and faculty try their hand at games such as Mummy Wrap, Ooey Gooey Guessing Game, and Pumpkin Broom Push! Along with these fun activities we also hold the Scholastic Book Fair in our Elementary Library. In the past we have been able to earn thousands of dollars to purchase books because of your support. Thank you in advance for your continued support and also a big thank you to Mrs. Katie Dietrich's class who will help to raise money by offering Monster face painting with a small donation towards library purchases. We hope this activity will be a Monstrous hit with the students and staff!

Mrs. Shelley This, Head Librarian

### MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### **Student-Led Conferences**

Conferences are scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to schedule a conference, please use the conference scheduling link on New Bremen School's homepage or call the school for assistance. We encourage all parents to monitor their child's academic progress throughout the year by logging into Progress Book on the school website.

### Veteran's Day Assembly

This year's Veteran's Day Assembly will be on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the middle school gym. It is always an honor for our students to recognize the men and women that serve our country. If you know a veteran that would like to attend, please contact the middle school office.

### **STEM Tours**

Sixth grade students at New Bremen, St. Henry, and Ft. Recovery will be touring three local manufacturing businesses on October 29th. The students will be visiting Coldwater Machine, JR Manufacturing, and Crown in an effort to promote and connect students with career options in the fields of science, technology, and math. We would like to thank the businesses for sponsoring this opportunity for our students.



### Washington D.C. Trip

Our eighth grade class was in Washington, D. C. last week. Please check out the pictures posted on our New Bremen Facebook Page.

Mr. Jason Schrader Middle School Principal

### SIXTH GRADE NEWS

You can be so proud of your sixth grade class! They really have been working hard and putting forth the effort needed to do well. In science, they have been displaying grit as they study everything about rocks and minerals. From identifying 18 rocks and 8 minerals using different tests and characteristics to journeying through the rock cycle, they have worked hard and hopefully had a little fun along the way. After the holidays, we will be starting Life Science. Social Studies has taken us to Ancient Mesopotamia, Canaan, and now we have landed in Egypt. Our students have traveled down the Nile in a faluka and will soon have to work in groups to complete several tasks in order for their Egyptian Civilization to survive.

Recently, the sixth grade math class finished its numbers unit. During this unit we studied integers, rational numbers, factors, and multiples. We are currently finishing up our module on number operations in which we dealt with adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions. The next module we will be studying deals with operations with decimals, in which we will add, subtract, multiply, and divide them.

In reading and language arts, the sixth graders are working on becoming better writers by focusing on specific writing goals every few weeks. In addition, the students describe the highlights of their week in short journal entries to their parents every Friday. I love seeing the smiles on my students' faces when they tell me that their parents wrote back! Previously, we have been learning to identify the different elements of fictional and informational texts and we researched the causes of the Civil War, the topic of one of our historical fiction stories, while talking about reliable Internet sources. We have utilized our classroom iPads to grammar and comprehension group centers using IXL Language, Newsela, and Compass Learning.

As a culminating project for the first nine weeks, the students will write a fictional narrative in which they describe hosting their very own Halloween party while including sensory writing and figurative language. I can't wait to read about the bloodcurdling party décor, bizarre menu items, bone-chilling games, and creepy costumes at their party! In guided reading, we are well into our first novels On My Honor, Sounder, and Hatchet and have learned to conduct great discussions. I will continue to introduce new, exciting topics to challenge my students academically this year, but also to teach them important moral and life lessons. I am very excited about my "kids" this year. I feel like they are growing literally and figuratively right in front of my eyes. I'm honored to be a part of this process and seeing them mature academically, socially, and emotionally.

> Mrs. Paulina Rodgers Mr. Cory Stephens Mrs. Amy Poeppelman

### FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE INTERVENTION

The fifth and sixth grade students are becoming more and more comfortable and organized with their new responsibilities this year. Both grade levels provide many new challenges and learning opportunities for all of the students. In the first nine weeks of school, we really focused on organizing their planners and keeping together the appropriate books and folders needed for each class. I am very busy going into each of the classrooms and teaching as well as pulling students out, as needed, according to their goals for the year.

The fifth graders are using a new site called "Newsela" in my resource room. This site allows the students to read any news article they wish and take a short quiz over them. This site is great for the students because it allows them to be exposed to an expository text each week along with keeping up with the news around the world. Currently, they are creating their first reading book projects over any book they have read this year. They are designing a front cover and learning how to summarize their stories into two paragraphs while first using a graphic organizer.

The sixth graders just finished writing a five paragraph composition about their town. They had to include the research they had found in their composition. The students have shown great improvement with their writing this year. Along with writing, they will be reading four novels and creating novel projects to go with them. Each of the novels are correlated to their specific reading and comprehension level. They are currently working on their first project over the novel "Wonder"

I can't wait to see each student's growth over the next three nine weeks.

Mrs. Andrea Quellhorst Intervention Specialist



Activity free week for the summer of 2016 will be July 3 to July 10

### MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES

In eighth grade American History, we began the year by studying European exploration and the settlement of the English colonies in North America. After some prep work and a field trip for the eighth grade trip to Washington D.C., we will be looking at how and why the 13 colonies declared and earned their independence and became the United States of America.

In seventh grade World History, we started the year looking at the impact of Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome. From democracy, art, the Olympics, law, and even Nike, their cultures still influence us and much of the world today. After studying the fall of the Roman Empire, we studied feudalism and the middle ages.

I have enjoyed very much getting to know and working with the students and staff of New Bremen Middle School. Go Cards!

Mr. Chris Schmidt

### SEVENTH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS

Welcome to seventh grade language arts. We are having a great year. In reading, we will begin Collection 8 - Elements of Drama. Collection 8 is a collection of dramatic stories. In December, we will read A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley by Charles Dickens and Israel Horovitz. The literary focus for A Christmas Carol will be elements of drama, conflict, and visualizing while reading. Then, in January, we will read a second drama titled: Monsters Are Due on Maple Street (A Twilight Zoneplay) by Rod Serling. The literary focus for Monsters Are Due on Maple Street will be elements of plot and author's purpose.

In English, students will write a personal narrative story and a persuasive speech. Also, we will review the Convections of English, which are the eight parts of speech before moving onto sentence types, dangling modifiers, and adding comma(s) between adjectives and coordinating adjectives.

Again this year, we will include technology into our seventh grade language arts curriculum. Students will have mini lessons to develope skills associated with writing a research paper. Such skills would include: paraphrasing, direct quoting, identifying valid sources, and in-text citing. We will continue using the Internet to reinforce language skills such as parts of speech and punctuation.

Seventh grade has replaced AR with other activities designed to enhance student learning while reading books from our library. Such activities include various projects and writing assignments. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, seventh graders will be reading outside of class the following books: *Park's Quest, Lyddie* and *Star Girl*. Students will take a STARS assessment during the first two weeks of January. This assessment will aid in determining a range of reading proximity (reading level) for each student.



Mr. Randy Trentman



### HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We have many career-related activities that our students participate in to give them an opportunity to explore potential careers after high school. We offer local industry tours and a multi-district Exploration Academy. We also include resume development in class and character building activities with soft skills development offered via a variety of venues in which future potential careers and work-related skills are developed and explored. The pathway of offerings can now be viewed on our website so you can facilitate your child as they develop their plan using the outlined Career Development Roadmap which is broken down by curricular offerings, Student Success Plan, and university/business connections. For more in-depth questions or information related to specific offerings, please contact the office, your child's English Teacher, Financial Literacy (& Career Explorations) Teacher, Mrs. Ahlers, or Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Wendel.

Two speakers are scheduled for our students to give them insight into leadership development and what it means to be an American and the sacrifices some people gave for our country. Joel Penton, former Ohio State Buckeye Football Player and winner of the "Humanitarian Heisman," spoke to all 6-12 grade students on leadership and character development topics on October 13th. Captain Guy Gruters, will speak on November 13th about his time as a Fighter Pilot, Prisoner of War during the Vietnam conflict, and Chief Executive Officer of a company. Both of these speakers are nationally recognized and we are fortunate with their local ties allowing us to bring them in as one is from Van Wert and the other currently lives in Sidney, Ohio.

Our students have many leadership opportunities available to Recently, we have combined my Student Leadership Group of voted student leaders with Mrs. Heckman's newly formed Student District Leadership Team of voluntary students. The two groups were almost identical in membership so we combined the two groups. Initially, we have had our first group meeting to explore potential outlets for our group to expand the, "We Are Cardinals" brand and infiltrate and combine the districts students at both buildings through various leadership activities. I took a group of students to the University of Dayton Arena to hear The Harbor provided by Josten's speaker Mike Smith on his tour across the country. Here, 2,000 local students heard his message and life story related to how to leave a positive legacy by your actions. He also spoke on how to make a difference in other people's lives through volunteer work as he has started several non-profits. He also explained how other simple actions of goodwill have led him down a path of helping others throughout his adult life by actions he started taking while still in high school.

Homecoming weekend was great! Brennan Topp was named King and Teresa Homan was named the Queen. Students even did a square dance at the dance as requested by the seniors. Maybe this will become a tradition that students will continue into the future?

Mr. Brian Pohl High School Principal

### HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE NEWS

On October 2, sophomores participated in Manufacturing Day at Crown. Students enjoyed participating in hands-on activities relating to manufacturing, including use of a welding simulator, robotics training, CAM printing, and prototype printing. They were able to sit inside a lift truck and learn about the many careers fields within their industry.

### Upcoming events:

**College Night** – Monday, November 2 – Parents of juniors from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Americanism Government Test – Tuesday, November 3 – All students 1<sup>st</sup> period

**Rotary Career Day** – Tuesday, November 10 – All juniors in the morning

*Financial Aid Night* – Tuesday, January 5 – Parents of juniors and seniors at 7:00 p.m.

*Tri Star Open House* – Monday, January 11 – Any interested students and parents from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation – Monday, January 25 – Grade 8 students at 7:00 p.m.

"You have to learn to follow before you can lead."

Mrs. Tricia Wendel High School Guidance Counselor



The junior high and high school art classes have had a great start to the new school year! The students have been working on many project from logos, paper mache, perspective drawings, career exploration, to technical drawing.

A thank you goes out to those student who participated in the New Bremen Pumpkinfest art display: Logan Wells, Samuel Burtch, Julia Niekamp, Hunter Drewes, Elizabeth Balster, Sarah Hall, Troy Marker, and Briana Hemmelgarn. The advanced art students have discussed putting together portfolios and we have several students who will be going into the classroom to present about visual arts career possibilities.

Once again, thank you goes out to the community members who have donated items to the art classrooms that the students can use for projects. It is always appreciated and put to good use!

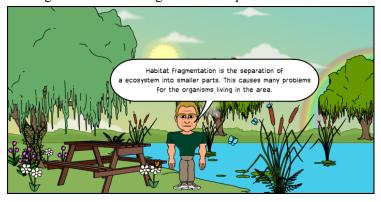


Mrs. Heather Moeller Art Educator 7-12

### HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE

Throughout my high school and college careers, I had to create lots of presentations. These presentations usually involved making a PowerPoint and then reading off the slides to my audience. It was both painful for me to deliver and even more painful for the people having to sit through the presentation. In the first couple years of my teaching career, I had my students make and deliver presentations in a similar way. They were still terribly boring and not fun for the students or for me.

I knew that I needed to change things up so I took to the internet. I found a website called bitstrips.com. It is a website that allows students to make educational comics and cartoons. The students have the freedom to create characters and character movements, add word bubbles, add pictures, and make their comic unique to them and their topic. This website is very userfriendly and the students really enjoy using it. Their comics are very creative and informative at the same time. Students seem to take a little more ownership of their learning since they really want to create something neat. When they present they get to show the class their comic. It is much more fun and interesting. The Biology classes have begun their projects on threats to biodiversity and human impact on the environment. I have attached a portion of one student's presentation. As you can see, this is quite different from a PowerPoint presentation. I am looking forward to viewing the finished products.



Mr. Dan Kanney

### **HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH**

As it seems to do every year, the first nine weeks seems to have coasted by and the second nine weeks is upon us. Pre-AP English 9, freshman on the AP English path, spent the first nine weeks working with the same content as College Prep English 9. Freshmen began the year working on close reading strategies and recognizing conflict in works of literature. As we moved forward, students began improving upon their writing skills as we worked through the process of writing a standard five paragraph essay. Students went through the writing process in a workshop-like fashion, receiving help and, at times, constructive criticism from their peers. Most recently, students finished a unit over several short stories, completing activities and literary analysis along the way.

Pre-AP English 9 will soon move on to the history of world literature, spending time on literature of several civilizations from history. After doing so, students will work together on a research project where they will choose one civilization, compile research, complete a project covering their civilization, and present their research project to the class.

Sophomores in English 10 started the year similar to freshmen, reviewing close reading strategies and discussing conflict in literature. We then moved on to reading the novel Speak, written by Laurie Halse Anderson, a story that follows a teenage girl's path through her freshman year of high school. Thanks to Mrs. Theresa Newbright, College Prep Sophomores were able to utilize some of the same activities that Pre-AP Sophomores completed. After reading the novel, students took part in a Socratic seminar, a student-led discussion that focused on the ideas, issues, and values from Speak. The novel brings up issues such as bullying, depression, and sexual abuse. I want to convey my admiration for the entire sophomore class for the respect and maturity that they exhibited in the seminar. Most recently, students completed a project where they had to write a sequel to W.W. Jacobs' short story, "The Monkey's Paw," a story that warns its readers to be careful what they wish for.

I look forward to the rest of this school year where we will continue to grow as readers, writers, and individuals.

Mr. Michael Gast Mrs. Theresa Newbright Mrs. Jodi Schumm



What is a SWOT Analysis? What is the current marketing mix for a company? Should adjustments be made to the marketing mix? Ask any marketing student and they will be able to help you with these questions. They can tell you a SWOT analysis is evaluating a company's internal strengths and weaknesses and external opportunities and threats and the marketing mix is comprised of a business's product, place, price, and promotion the 4 P's! Marketing students were able to try their hand at conducting a SWOT Analysis for a company, determining the marketing mix, and offering suggestions as to how the company may improve its profits based on these analyses. They are currently working on a unit project in which they are assuming the role of employees for a marketing firm. They have been approached by a business to analyze the current market and help their client decide whether or not the business should enter the market. Students will conduct a SWOT analysis and PEST Analysis, determine the target market and create a marketing mix for the business based on their research. Students will also conduct interviews with people in the target market to gain additional information on the customers' needs and wants. After pulling all their research together and making their analysis, the students will provide advice to their client about the potential business venture. These activities give students a first-hand look at marketing in the real-world.

Mrs. Jill Ahlers, Business Teacher

### MAD RIVER VOCAL ARTS FESTIVAL 2015

On October 4th and 5th, ten New Bremen High School Choir students participated in the 15th Annual Mad River Vocal Arts Festival held at Wright State University in Dayton. This two day festival began with five hours of rehearsal on Sunday, followed by an evening performance by Ethos, the newest accapella singing group at Wright State University. Monday was spent in rehearsal, with students having opportunities to receive 20 minute lessons from various vocal professors and culminated in a joint performance with the Collegiate Choral, Wright State's top choral ensemble. This year's conductor was Dr. Hank Dahlman, Director of Choral Studies at Wright State University. Students attending the festival were: Seniors -Sam Burtch, Michael Molaskey, Hunter Suchland, Ethan Myers, Robbie Berard, and Craig Francis, and Juniors -Hannah James, Kennedy Hoying, Alexa Paulus, and Baily Duke. Congratulations to these students for an outstanding performance and for representing their school and community with Cardinal Pride!



### LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

The high school choir's first performance of the year will be held on Saturday, October 31, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the James F. Dicke Auditorium. The theme for this performance is "Let Your Voice Be Heard" and showcases the talents of the 95 high school choir students. This musical revue program is a fundraiser for the high school The money raised through ticket sales of this production support the choir program in many different ways. It provides the program with the ability to purchase new music, pay fees for students who attend honors' festivals, solo and ensemble and large group contest, as well as purchase end-of-the-year awards and medals. Attendance at the performance is a great show of support for the choir students and the choir program! Your support is greatly appreciated!

Mrs. Patricia Ruckman, 7-12 Vocal Music

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### **CHOIR (Continued)**

<u>November</u>	UP COMING
MON 2	BUTTERBRAID FUNDRAISDER ENDS- TRIP CREDIT
SAT 14	District III Honor's Choir Auditions, Van Wert High School
WED 18	BUTTERBRAIDS DELIVERED
MON 23	Auditions for National Anthem, H.S. Choir room 3:15
MON 23	Cardinal Music Booster Meeting, 7:00 p.m. H.S. Conference Room
TUE 24	Auditions for National Anthem, H.S. Choir room 3:15
WED 25	Auditions for National Anthem, H.S. Choir room 3:15
MON 30	Tree Lighting 6:30 p.m.
<u>December</u>	
SAT 12	District III Honor's Choir Rehearsal, Van Wert H.S. 1:30 – 4:30
MON 14	Band/Choir Christmas Concert, 7:30 p.m.
FRI 18	Boys' Home Basketball vs Ft. Recovery 6:30 p.m.
SAT 19	Boys' Home Basketball vs Anna 6:30 p.m.
TUE 29	Boys' Home Basketball vs Indian Lake 6:30 p.m.
<u>January</u>	
SAT 9	High School Solo and Ensemble Applications due
SAT 9	District III Honor's Choir Rehearsal, Van Wert H.S. 9 a.m3 p.m.
SAT 9	Boys' Home Basketball vs Covington 6:30 p.m.
FRI 15	Boys' Home Basketball vs Minster 6:30 p.m.
SAT 16	District III Honor's Choir Rehearsal, Van Wert H.S. 9 a.m3 p.m.
SUN 17	District III Honor's Choir Concert, Van Wert H.S NPAC 3 p.m.

Mrs. Patty Ruckman, 7-12 Vocal Music

Cardinal Music Booster Meeting, 7:00 p.m.



H.S. Conference Room

MON 25

### **BAND NEWS**

### HIGH SCHOOL

The New Bremen Cardinal Marching Band has had such a great start to the season and continues to have an exciting journey. After weeks of rehearsing, practicing, and drilling, the band finally had its first competition and did great. On Saturday, September 26th, the marching band traveled to Northwestern High School in Springfield, Ohio, to compete in their "Band Fest". After a wonderful performance, the band received an overall 2 ("Excellent" rating) and 2nd place in a combined class of Class C (New Bremen) and 2 Class B bands.

The Cardinal Music Boosters and the Cardinal Marching Band hosted the Cardinal Marching Band Invitational on Saturday, October 10th. Seven bands including New Bremen participated in our competition. The first band took the field at 6:00 p.m. and the New Bremen Cardinal Marching Band performed at 7:45 p.m. New Bremen qualified for OMEA State finals by earning a 1 ("Superior" rating). At the Marion Local contest on October 17th, New Bremen received an overall 2 ("Excellent" rating). One of the last competitions is Tecumseh on October 24th.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

The New Bremen Middle School Bands are all rehearsing each day to better themselves as musicians. The fifth grade band is progressing at a very fast and impressive rate. Sixth and seventh grade are already doing great work in preparation for the Christmas Concert which will be held on December 7th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the New Bremen Middle School large gym. The eighth grade band is preparing for their performance at the annual Veterans Day ceremony.



Mr. Zack Nellom Band Director



Good Luck at OMEA State Finals!







The 43rd annual OCTM State Mathematics Tournament will be held Saturday, February 27, 2016. The tournament is sponsored by the Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics for the purpose of promoting student interest in mathematics, and to recognize outstanding students and high school math programs with monetary and achievement awards. New Bremen will be sending a team of students in grades 9-12 to Wright State University Lake Campus to participate. Mark the date on your calendars now! Signups will occur during the months of November and December. For more information on the contest, visit the website <a href="https://www.octm.new.org">www.octm.new.octm.n

Mrs. Kathy Schmitmeyer

### **FFA NEWS**

### New Bremen FFA Wins County Soil Judging

On September 17th, the New Bremen FFA Chapter competed in the county soil judging contest which is sponsored by the Auglaize County Soil and Water Conservation District. Twenty members from the chapter competed in the rural contest. Students had to evaluate and determine proper rural use for the soil and determine slope, drainage class, soil texture, soil fertility, along with redoximorphic features. Students also had to determine the best agricultural management practices for each soil area. The New Bremen FFA placed first in the rural soil judging contest with member Mitchell Kramer placing first individually and Mitchell Brown placing third individually. Team members Mitchell Kramer, Ben Kuck, Zach Flaute, and Austin Brown represented the team at the district contest where they placed 10th out of 30 teams. Mitchell Kramer placed 22<sup>nd</sup> out of 220 students.



FFA members who competed in the county soil judging contest.

### FFA Members Compete at World Dairy Expo

On September 29th, the New Bremen FFA chapter represented Ohio in the World Dairy Expo Dairy Judging Competition. Members Amanda Brown, Mitchell Brown, Debbie Paul, and Brennan Topp competed in the judging contest which was held in Madison, Wisconsin. These members earned the opportunity to judge in the national competition after they placed second in the Ohio FFA Dairy Judging competition in April. The team placed 95th out of 140 teams. The team had to evaluate four classes of dairy heifers and cows along with answering a set of questions on the cow classes. Along with competing, the students also had the opportunity to attend the World Dairy Expo. The expo is the largest of its kind representing businesses in the dairy industry from across the world. Students were able to see the latest agricultural technologies relating to dairy science along with some of the best dairy cattle in the world. The team is coached by Rachel Topp and their advisor is Maria Homan. Congratulations to the team on representing Ohio and a job well done.



FFA members who competed at the World Dairy Expo along with their advisor, Maria Homan and Coach, Rachel Topp.

### FFA TO HOLD ANNUAL FRUIT SALES

The New Bremen FFA will be holding their annual fruit sales until November 11th. This year, the chapter will be selling mixtures of citrus, fruit, nuts, Beef Jerky from Curly's in Jackson Center, BBQ sauce, Pearl Valley Cheese and smoked turkeys from Kuck's Turkey Farm. The fruit will include: Navels, Tangelos, Red Grapefruit, Ohio Yellow Delicious Apples, Ohio Red Delicious Apples, Granny Smith Apples, Fuji Apples, Pears, Mixed fruit (navels, pink grapefruit, tangelos) and a fruit basket (decorative basket of citrus, apples, and honey krunch nuts). Decorative meat and cheese baskets will also be available. The nut products will include: Brittle Bites, Roasted and Salted Almonds, Honey Krunch, Chocolate Pecans, Whole Cashews, a nut Gift Pack (honey krunch, brittle bites, and skinless peanuts) and a Chocolate Nut Gift

Pack (cashews and almonds). The jerky options include peppered, original, teriyaki, jalapeño, and hot. B.D. Yummers BBQ sauce products include sweet and smoky and mildly spicy. Pearl Valley Cheese products include 12 ounce blocks of Swiss, Baby Swiss, Marble, Pepper Jack, Bacon Cheese, Colby and Summer Sausage. Finally, we have available hickory smoked turkeys. You can order these products from any New Bremen FFA member or go to www.newbremenschools.org to access a fruit form online. You may also contact Mrs. Maria Homan at maria.homan@newbremenschools.org or call 419-629-8606 ext. 139 for more information or to place an order.

### FFA TO HOST BLOOD DRIVES

The New Bremen FFA will be hosting two blood drives through the American Red Cross this year. The first blood drive will be Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM-2:30 PM. Community members are welcome to participate. If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call the high school at 419-629-8606 and ask for Mrs. Homan. You may also email at maria.homan@newbremenschools.org. The second blood drive will be held on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.

### 8th Career Connections and Leadership Course Update

Students enrolled in the Careers Connections course (formerly GTT) this semester have been busy developing a portfolio to help promote their career and college development. Students have taken personality and career assessments to help determine careers that might align with their interests, abilities, and values. After taking these assessments, students then chose three careers that interested them the most and completed fact sheets on each of their careers. They researched their chosen career's salary, demand, benefits, education requirements, longevity, work conditions, location, and skills needed. Students then completed a lesson on post-secondary education options and learned related terminology, such as: transcript, FAFSA, scholarships, public versus private college, technical schools, GPA, internship, credit hours, and related terminology they may need to know and understand when applying or attending post-secondary institutions. The students were then introduced to different online search engines to search for the best education options for their career goals. With this information, all students created a profile for a college for each of their career choices. They researched admission requirements. location, college size and type, along with cost of attendance. Students will finish out the semester learning about how to create resumes, cover letters, and best practices of interviewing and exemplifying a professional image and attitude.

Mrs. Maria Homan, FFA Advisor

### SEASON PASS INFORMATION

Letters will be sent out to our 2015-2016 reserved basketball seat holders to see if they want to renew their seats for the upcoming season. Season passes will be sold on **Wednesday**, **November 11** and **Thursday**, **November 12** from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the high school commons area. There are reserved seats available, so if you did not have reserved seats last year and would be interested this year, please contact Craig Griesdorn.

The following policy has been adopted in order to clarify the sale of tickets for our 2015-2016 basketball season. This year we have 10 home boys' games and 12 home girls' games. Presale tickets for boys' basketball games are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. All tickets at the door will be \$6. Admission for girls' basketball games will be \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. Cost for middle school girls' and boys' basketball games will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Preschool children are admitted free of charge.

### **Senior Citizen Passes**

Senior citizens (age 60 and older) may obtain a Senior Citizen Pass for \$35 per adult. This pass will provide the individual entrance to all home middle school and high school games throughout the year for any sport.

### **Season Ticket Prices**

Boys' Basketball Adult Reserved Seat	\$ 60.00
Adult Winter Sports Pass *	\$ 75.00
Student Winter Sports Pass *	\$ 40.00
Winter Athletes/Pep Band	
Members Sports Pass *	\$ 10.00
Winter Family Sports Pass **	
(with Reserved Seat)	\$175.00
Winter Family Sports Pass **	
(without Reserved Seat)	\$165.00

- \* Admission to all home middle school and high school girls' and boys' games.
- \*\* Admission to all home girls' and boys' games for 2 adults and each family member at home through grade 12.

Mr. Gary Jones, Athletic Director

Go Cardinals!





### NEW BREMEN HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION

The New Bremen chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 13 new members for the 2015-16 school year, joining the 15 current members.

The selection is based on scholarship, leadership, character and service. Candidates must have a minimum of a 3.5 cumulative grade point average at the end of the last grading period. Eligible students complete a student information sheet and are evaluated by their high school teachers. A five-member Faculty Advisory Council votes to determine candidate induction.

The new members of the National Honor Society are:

JuniorsSeniorsJenna BroermanMichael KellyChloe SchwartzElizabeth Balster

Mikayla Feltz

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Kathryn Niekamp

Sophia Fox

Alexa Paulus

Hannah Lane

Taylor Powers

Cassidy Smith

Alyssa Thieman

Logan Wells

New and current members, along with their parents, were invited to attend the Induction Ceremony and reception at the New Bremen High School. Congratulations to all of the new inductees.

### Congratulations!

Mrs. Theresa Newbright Mrs. Shannon Heckman NHS Advisors





### GET YOUR LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA PIZZA!

With 2015 beginning it brings about our freshman class fundraiser. This year the freshman class will be selling Pizza Kits from Little Caesars Pizza. This year we will kick-off the pizza sales on February  $11^{th}$  and the sale will run through February  $23^{th}$ , so please mark your calendars. As in the past, we thank the entire community for your support in all of the fundraising efforts at New Bremen High School. The products are pizza kits that include everything you need to make your own Little Caesars Pizza. Each kit has 3 - 14" pizzas included or breadsticks, dessert pizzas, cookies, personal pizzas, and more and sell for anywhere from \$15.00 to \$25.00/kit. We will be planning on having all food products delivered to our customers by March7th  $-10^{th}$ . If you would like to order any pizza kit(s) and are not asked by a New Bremen freshman during the dates mentioned above, please contact the school and we will make sure we get back to you for your order. You can also email Chad Williams, chad.williams@newbremenschools.org to order. Again, thank you all in advance for your support in this year's freshman class Little Caesars Pizza Kits fundraising efforts.

### **HOMECOMING 2015**

New Bremen High School celebrated Homecoming prior to the football game on Friday, October 2nd. Pregame activities began at 7:00 PM with the introduction of the homecoming court. Last year's queen, Danielle Ahlers, did the honors of crowning the new king and queen, Brennan Topp and Teresa Homan.

The 2015 Homecoming Court included:

First Grade Attendants: Nolan Eyink and Brandi Heckman
Freshman Attendants: Brandon Heitkamp and Rachel Kremer
Sophomore Attendants: Wyatt Puthoff and Mariah Boyle

Junior Attendants: Jake Hemmelgarn and Briana Hemmelgarn

**Senior Attendants**: Craig Francis and Kaitlyn Ahrns Mitchell Kramer and Aly Elking

Mitchell Kramer and Aly Elking Kaelen Reed and Sarah Hall Brennan Topp and Teresa Homan

Homecoming activities continued with a dance held in the high school commons area on Saturday, October 3rd, from 8:30 - 11:00 p.m. Music was provided by F1 Sound.



**Homecoming Queen and King** 



Homecoming







**Festivities** 

# HOMECOMING















### PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences for grades 9-12 will be held on November 2, November 5, and November 6 with the times for each day listed below. Teachers will be stationed in the commons area during the two evening sessions. Parents will be able to quickly move from one staff member to the next by simply looking about the room to see which teachers are available. On Friday morning and afternoon, teachers will be available in their classrooms for conferences. You may choose the venue you prefer. Teachers who work in both the Junior High and High School buildings will have a schedule posted in the school offices.

We have also scheduled "College Night" for parents of juniors and seniors in the high school library on November 2 at 6:30 PM. This presentation is full of helpful information as you begin making college plans.

We hope this process encourages parents to meet with teachers. The time you spend not only shows your interest in your child's education but also sends a strong message to your child about how much you value education.

Monday, November 2, 2015 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Thursday, November 5, 2015 4:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Friday, November 6, 2015 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM





Congratulations to the following New Bremen athletes for receiving All MAC honors this past fall.

### **MAC ALL LEAGUE SELECTION**

JH Girls' Cross Country - Placed 5th HS Girls' Cross Country - Placed 4th

### **HONORABLE MENTION MAC**

Claire McClurg - Girls' Golf

### 1st TEAM MAC

Makenna Brackman - Cross Country Kaelen Reed - Cross Country Cort Speckman - Cross Country Jason Zircher - Cross Country

### 2nd TEAM MAC

Molly Borkowski - Girls' Golf Amy Schmitmeyer - Girls' Golf Bailey Bronkema - Cross Country Ezra Ferguson - Cross Country

Mr. Gary Jones, Athletic Director

### KINDERGARTEN CLINIC SCREENING

The annual Kindergarten Clinic Screening will be held in the elementary library on Tuesday, April 12th, and Wednesday, April 13th. Children eligible for admission to kindergarten next fall are required to attend. Children must be five years of age on or before August 1, 2016, in order to enter.

Children and parents attending the screening clinic will be met by a number of people, all of whom are taking part in the Kindergarten Assessment Program. We remind everyone that parents and children will be spending at least 1 1/2 hours with us at the clinic. If at all possible, it is best if younger and/or other children do not accompany the preschooler and his/her parents to the clinic.

In order to provide an efficient clinic, appointment times will be set up at intervals. Being on time is very important if we are to keep the clinic running smoothly. Parents of children registered for kindergarten will receive a letter indicating their appointment date and time. Appointment letters will be mailed out sometime in January.

Parents are reminded to bring their child's Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, Immunization Record and Custody Papers (if divorced) when attending the clinic. In accordance with state law, all children must have the following immunizations before entering school:

DTP - 4 or more doses - Booster after age 4

POLIO - Injectable and oral combination - 4 or more doses. All oral doses or all injectable - 3 or more doses. One dose must be given after 4 years of age.

MMR - 2 doses after 1 year of age and at least 28 days apart

HEPATITIS B - 3 doses with 3rd on or after 24 weeks of age (Recommended for all 0-18 years olds.)

VARICELLA - 2 doses after 1 year of age unless child has had disease (chicken pox)

Parking for the clinic will be available on Plum Street. Please use the elementary entrance. Thank you for your cooperation.



Mrs. Lisa Steinke School Nurse Mrs. Diane Kramer K-4 Principal Calendar for November

Calendar for December

Calendar for January

### SCHOOL FACILITY OPEN TO WALKERS



For those individuals who enjoy walking throughout the winter months, the New Bremen High School is available for indoor walking in the hallways from 6:00 - 7:00 a.m. and from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday when school is in session. The hours at the Elementary/Middle School are 6:00 - 7:00 a.m. and from 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday when school is in session.

### **NB Community Garage Sales**

It is that time of year again to start cleaning your attics and closets in preparation for the 24th annual New Bremen Community Garage Sales, which will be held on Friday, April 15 and Saturday, April 16, 2016. More details will be published in our February/March newsletter when all plans are finalized.

Mark Your Calendar!



# KINDERGARTEN SCREENING FORM NEW BREMEN LOCAL SCHOOLS

It is important that we have names of children who are eligible to attend kindergarten next fall (those who will be 5 on or before August 1, 2016). PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE ELEMENTARY OFFICE. We are also interested in knowing the number of children who will be attending New Bremen Local School through the next five years. Complete this form if you have a child eligible for kindergarten and have not registered, or have a preschool-age child (age 0-5) and have not registered. Share this with a relative, neighbor, or friend.

KINDERGARTEN 2016-2017	CHILDREN'S INFORMATION:	FORMATION:		
First Name	Middle	Last	Birthdate	Male/Female
Father's Name		Home Phone	Cell #	
Mother's Name	Address	Home Phone	Cell #	
Email Address:	S SOON AS POSSIBLE TO:			

NEW BREMEN SCHOOL
ATTENTION: BECKY EYINK
202-210 SOUTH WALNUT STREET

Or you can e-mail the information to: becky.eyink@newbremenschools.org

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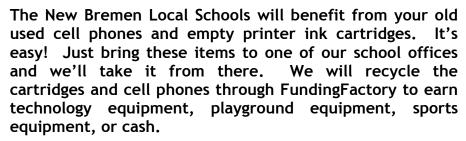
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