

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

### Thursday, March 8

- Dr Seuss dress up day (see below)

### Friday, March 9

- Dr Seuss dress up day (see below)

### Wednesday, March 14

- Encore Parent Day (see below)

### Wednesday, March 21

- PAWS informational meeting, 6:00 (see below)

### Monday, April 9

- Parents vs Staff basketball game, 6:30 (see below)

### Wednesday, April 11

- Smarter Balanced Testing begins

**\*\*Calendar Update: There will be school Monday, April 23 to replace the snow day from January 22.**

**\*\*The 2018-19 Calendar is available for viewing at <http://harrisburgdistrict41-2.org/>**

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## FROM ENGLISH DEPARTMENT...

We are going to be doing a reading challenge for the whole school, students and staff! Read Across America day and Dr. Seuss's birthday was last Friday! Many elementary schools celebrate daily with fun dress-up days and activities. Just because you are in middle school, does not mean you are too old to read and have fun doing it! We are challenging HNMS to read ONE MILLION minutes in the month of March! If each person reads 45 minutes a day for 30 days we will reach our goal! See attached for letter and tracking sheet. These will be sent home with students as well.

There will be class competitions and prizes as well! There will be weekly prizes as well as a final grand prize for each grade and the chance to turn teachers into human sundaes!

\*\*\*Parents, this is where we would like to ask for your assistance. If you have a connection with any business, or you would be willing to make a donation of prizes (ie. gift cards or small trinkets) or a monetary donation to go towards purchasing prizes, please contact Mrs. Leach @ [Bridget.Leach@k12.sd.us](mailto:Bridget.Leach@k12.sd.us).

Additionally students and staff are encouraged to dress-up for these days:

Thursday, March 8th - Hat Day - "The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins"

Friday, March 9th - Hooray for HNMS Day - "Hooray for Diffendoofer Day"

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## FROM PAWS... Attention Parents of 6th and 7th grade students:

Want to get involved and support (yet embarrass) your child at school events? Then we want YOU!!

Harrisburg North Middle School parent group PAWS (Parents Aligned With Students) is looking toward the future and putting together a team of parents to organize meals and events for NMS. Mark in your calendar for Wednesday, March 21 at 6:00 PM in the NMS library for an informative meeting and

how to get involved. Spread the word! If you know someone who should be at this meeting, bring them with!

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### **TRACK! TRACK! TRACK!**

Attention 7th and 8th Graders the North Middle School Track team will begin practice on March 26th. Parents please use sign-up form below so the coaches check physicals and get information out before the first practice. Feel free to contact your child's respective coach if you have any questions. 8th Grade Boys [zach.wysong@k12.sd.us](mailto:zach.wysong@k12.sd.us) 7th Grade Boys [Eric.beekhuizen@k12.sd.us](mailto:Eric.beekhuizen@k12.sd.us) 8th Grade Girls [jj.cramblit@k12.sd.us](mailto:jj.cramblit@k12.sd.us) 7th Grade Girls [Jodi.altenburg@k12.sd.us](mailto:Jodi.altenburg@k12.sd.us)  
<https://goo.gl/forms/teUegEdOf7Y2lsyE2>

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**2nd Annual Parent V. Staff Basketball Tourney** Calling All Parent Hoopsters, The North Wellness/Computer Team would like to extend an offer that could go down as yet another highlight of the 2017-18 school year. Below you will find a link that offers a couple of different parent opportunities for the 2nd Annual Parent/Staff Basketball Tourney. This will not just be a basketball tourney, but an opportunity to showcase some of the happenings at North. We plan on raffling prizes, having student competitions, and more.... We certainly hoop you can make it. This years event will help generate funding for several new and exciting Wellness modules that will be offered to students.

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090445AFA82BA6F94-2ndannual](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090445AFA82BA6F94-2ndannual)

**PARENTS NEEDED** WHEN: APRIL 9th 6:30 p.m. (\*\*note change of date) WHERE: NORTH Middle School WHAT: PARENT V. STAFF BASKETBALL TOURNEY WHY: To benefit the North Wellness Department. We would like to purchase a 9-hole frisbee golf course set that can be placed between North and Endeavor and be used for various Wellness Modules. Please come and support by playing or cheering, we hope to see a lot of you here.

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### **FROM ENCORE TEAM...**

ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A MIDDLE SCHOOLER? Parent Vs. Student Trivia ON TUESDAY, MARCH 13, AND WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, STUDENTS WILL BE COMPETING IN A "WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE" STYLE TRIVIA GAME. THEY WILL FORM TEAMS OF 4-5 AND FACE OFF DURING THEIR ENCORE CLASSES. PARENTS MAY BE ON A STUDENT TEAM OR BE AVAILABLE AS A "PHONE/TEXT AN EXPERT" LIFELINE. FINALS WILL TAKE PLACE DURING DS ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14. THE TOP STUDENT TEAM WILL FACE OFF AGAINST A GRADE LEVEL PARENT TEAM. (1:36-2:19 FOR 6TH GRADE, 2:22-3:04 FOR 7TH/8TH GRADE.) PLEASE SIGN UP TO BE A PART OF THE PARENT TEAM. THANK YOU!

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0E44ADAC2EA6FC1-parent](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0E44ADAC2EA6FC1-parent)

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## COMMUNITY

**Design Challenge** April 21, 2018 Theme: The Incredible and Amazing Superhero Adventure! Join us for Design Challenge: The Incredible and Amazing Superhero Adventure! Teams will be challenged to design and create a superhero (or superhero team) and a gadget or powers that addresses a specific task (chosen by the team) that would better humankind. Prizes will be awarded to the top teams!

How to Get Involved: Register your team (anyone is eligible – schools, community groups, scout troops, families, etc.) and submit your [registration form](#) to the Washington Pavilion by April 6, 2018. You will receive details about your specific superhero adventure tasks upon receipt of registration. Teams: Teams should have two to five members. Our age groups are K-2nd | 3rd-5th | 6th-8th | 9th-12th. Please note that teams with members that span multiple age groups will be placed according to its oldest members. Cost: Free! There is no cost to participate in the Design Challenge. Cost of additional materials should not exceed \$10. Design Challenge is an annual Washington Pavilion program that aims to motivate and inspire innovation in students through a hands-on engineering challenge. The theme changes every year and requires students to tap into the worlds of science, technology, engineering and math to channel their inner Einstein.

<https://www.washingtonpavilion.org/special-events/design-challenge>

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### FROM HARRISBURG FOOD SERVICES...

This is a reminder that all parents and/or guardians should utilize the My School Bucks website to set low balance notifications and view their students account balances and purchases. To set up an account please go to [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) and click on Sign Up Today! You can also find a link to the website on the Harrisburg School District website under the Food Service Tab. If you have questions or difficulties, please see the How to Video's under the help tab or contact My School Bucks directly. Their toll free number is also listed under the help tab on their website.

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### Homelessness

Volunteers of America Street Outreach is coming to Harrisburg! If you are homeless, runaway or at-risk of being, come visit with a VOA support person on Thursdays at the High School from 12-1, no appointment needed <https://www.voa-dakotas.org/our-service-areas/homelessness>

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**Harrisburg Baseball (see attached)** Registration for all of our 2018 HBA summer programs is open.  
\*4 Year Old Co-Ed Rookies \*5 Year Old Co-Ed T-Ball \*6 Year Old Boys Coach Pitch \*6 Year Old Girls Coach Pitch \*7-8 Year Old Boys Coach Pitch \*7-8 Year Old Girls Coach Pitch \*9-10 Little League Minors \*11-12 Little League Majors

MORE INFO?: Contact John Ratzloff, Executive Director Phone: 605.261.1324

Email: [john.ratzloff@k12.sd.us](mailto:john.ratzloff@k12.sd.us) Go to [www.harrisburgtigersbaseball.com](http://www.harrisburgtigersbaseball.com)

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### DigiGirlz

8th Grade girls interested in technology or learning more about it? Microsoft invites you to a FREE Microsoft DigiGirls event on March 8th at the University Center campus in Sioux Falls, for girls from 8th-12th grade. Registration closes February 28th, or when all spots are full. See attached flyer on our Connect Tab.

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### **ACE Camp 2018**

Current 8th Grade or high school students interested in aviation? SDSU hosts a four-day camp that gives students the opportunity to get an early start on aviation careers. At the camp, students will learn about the fundamentals of flight, get behind the controls of an aircraft, build and launch model rockets, look into the workings of a jet engine, explore an F-16 fighter jet, and visit with aviation professionals. This particular ACE Camp focuses more on aviation but does touch on aerospace activities.

For more information and registration details, visit: <https://www.sdstate.edu/consumer-sciences/ace-camp>

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- On the [Connect Tab...](#)**
- South Dakota Symphony Youth Orchestra Concert
  - Avera March Newsletter
  - The Flu: Guide for Parents
  - Tigers Softball
  - Harrisburg Baseball Association registration