

EMPOWERING TEENS

BLAZING Bulletin

Words of Advice

By Haley Smith (8th Grade)



The teachers of NMS are always there to support and help. We are always excited to learn what advice our teachers will give us and what quotes inspire them. We were able to catch up with Mrs. Manders and she shared that her favorite quote is, "Don't sweat the small stuff...And it's all small stuff" by Richard Carlson. She also shared some words of advice to help keep the students of NMS motivated for the end of the year. She said, "Become lifelong learners and read over the summer". Once again, we were able to learn from both the quote Mrs. Manders shared as well as her words of advice.

Looking Back

By Miss H



As the end of the year draws near, the students at NMS seem to get busier and busier. There has been much to do for the students of NMS since our last issue of the Blazing Bulletin. Some of the students attended a Math Club Competition in Gillette while others traveled to Washington, DC to experience some incredible learning opportunities. The students in the 21 CCLC Programs- Drama Club practiced and performed "The Wizard of Oz" in front of an audience of about 60 people. Many family members, teachers, and community members came to support the students who worked so incredibly hard to make the performance the best it could be. The students have also been working hard on WYTOPP testing the past few weeks and we are all excited to see all the growth that our students have made. Our Science Quiz Bowl Team was also able to travel to Washington, DC to compete in the National Competition. We are excited to enjoy all the upcoming events that will make the rest of the year so much fun!

Favorite Quotes from Our Peers

By Haley Smith (8th Grade)



For this month's Blazing Bulletin student quote, we asked 8th grader Aliya Thurgood for a quote, and she replied with one from the show, Gravity Falls. The quote she shared was "No one likes having bad memories, but maybe it's better to remember the bad things and to learn from them than go out 'denial' crazy trying to forget." - Mabel Pines. She found this quote inspiring. Here are her thoughts, "Well in a sense she is right, when you remember the bad things and learn from them you can progress in life and become a better person". When asked what advice she would give her fellow classmates with the school year coming to an end, she said, "Trying too hard makes it worse".

Blazing Bulletin Challenge

Nobody empties me, but I never stay full for long. What am I?

EMAIL YOUR ANSWERS TO MISS HALEY at himrichh@wcsd1.org



Spring Sports Interviews



Track & Field

Brooklyn Guzman (7th Grade), Liam Novak (6th Grade) & Evan Lyle (8th Grade)

Track season has brought many triumphs and many obstacles. One of the biggest obstacles for our track athletes has been freezing weather. Due to that, our track athletes have only been able to participate in four track meets and just have the district track meet to go. Some may get to travel to the Douglas Best of the Best track meet after Districts to continue to show their talents. Many athletes have achieved PRs (personal record) at the events that they have competed in, and some have accomplished reaching the requirements for the Best of the Best. We interviewed 6th grader, Lukas Kitch to see how his season is going so far. The first question we asked him was, "How do you think being an athlete makes you a better person?" and he responded by saying, "It helps with your endurance, and it helps you get mentally stronger and physically stronger." We also asked him, "How do your teammates help you to stay positive and motivated during a practice or a meet?" he said, "Because they cheer you on and they help you keep going when you're having a hard time." Our final question for Lukas was, "What is one lesson you have learned from the track season so far?" Lukas stated, "To not mess around and behave yourself during practice or a meet and that track can help you learn a valuable lesson especially with Von Eye as the coach." Brianna Schofield, another 6th grader track athlete said, "My strengths of being an athlete is being determined being fast and be confident also setting goals." We also asked her what some of the reasons were that she liked being in track, she replied, "it is fun to be a part of a team also to enjoy the feeling of getting stronger and getting the feeling of being a part of something that I love to do". Our last question was what routines she does before a meet, she stated, "I do plyos and I stretch and get ready to run". Another track participant that we were able to interview was 7th grader Zady Allen. When asked how she feels that being an athlete makes her a better person, she said, "I think it makes me better because it keeps me in shape and its fun" she also included that her teammates keep her motivated by pumping her up and cheering each other on. One lesson Zady has learned from Track so far this season is to "Never stop trying and work your hardest". We also got the chance to interview 8th grader Netanya Prell. The first question that we asked her was "What piece of advice would you give the younger athletes on the team?" She replied with a laugh, "Do as you're told and don't make Mr. Von Eye angry." The second question for her was "When you encounter a weakness what do you do to improve it?" Her reply was "I don't know I just work hard and focus on how to fix it." Finally, we asked her "Describe your major highlights and achievement from the season this far" And her final response was "You know my PRs and my spins and making it go far and look good."

Soccer

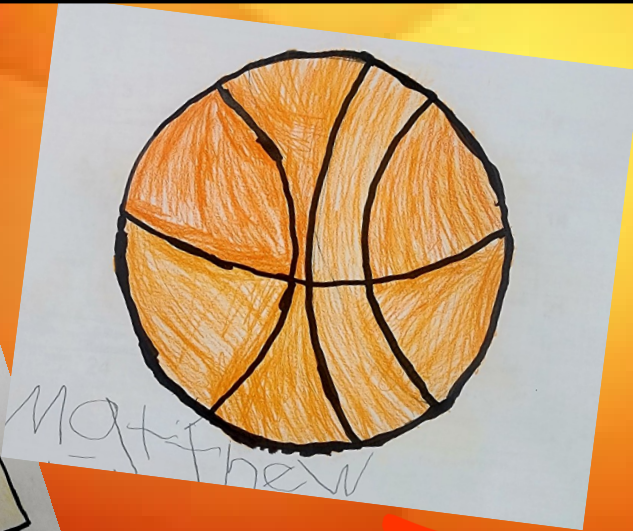
Dantae DeMerritt (7th Grade) & Haley Smith (8th Grade)

Soccer has been wild so far this season. The weather has been the cause of some canceled games. Our NMS athletes have had to be the best athletes they can be while also working on school and homework. The soccer players of NMS have had some losses and victories throughout their season so far but have shown grit and persistence. Libby Nissen, a 6th grader, took the time to answer some questions about being on the soccer team. When asked about what she has learned about teamwork, Libby stated, "the team should respect each other". When we talked about her before game routines and how her teammates make practice fun, she said, "I try to stretch and have a warmup" and "we make up fun games to play". We also interviewed 7th grader, Cheyanne Bloom, about the soccer season so far. She said that being an athlete helps her with being a better person because it makes her humble. One important thing she has learned during the season is to give everyone a chance. Finally, when asked how she thinks her teammates might describe her, she said, "nice and encouraging". We caught up 7th grade Boys Soccer player, Kylar Sadler. When we asked Kylar how he feels being an athlete makes him a better person, he talked about how it helps him with leadership. We also asked him what an important lesson he learned during the season was, and he said, "Never give up and keep following through. Always Score Goals". When we asked about how his teammates might describe him, Kylar said his teammates would describe him as energetic.

AAU Volleyball

By Emiley Lange (6th Grade) with help from Miss H

There are many amazing opportunities that NMS provides for our students, however, there are some students who want to continue with the sports they love and play AAU and out of school sports. We tried to contact a few of the Middle School students who participate in AAU volleyball, and we were able to get a response from 8th grader Ashlynn Shroyer. She provided us with some amazing answers to the questions we asked. First, we asked Ashlynn, "What advice would you give younger volleyball players?" and she replied, "Something I would tell younger volleyball players is that growing a good bond with your team will push you so far. If you are close to each other, the overall experience will be much more fun. Don't start drama over unnecessary things, especially if it could be avoided through communication. You are there to play as a team whether you win or lose". Our next question for Ashlynn was, "What important lessons have you learned so far this season?" She answered this question by saying, "One important lesson I have learned so far this season is that it's important to have fun even if you're having a rough day or not competing very well. Having fun will always leave you with the best experience at the end of the day". The final question we asked Ashlynn was, "What is one thing you always do after winning a game?" and Ashlynn shared, "One thing I always do after I win a game is congratulate my teammates. Even if it was a tough game for some of them or they weren't playing their best, they still fought through and wanted to win. Always lift your team up. One player does not win the game for everyone. Volleyball is a team sport and even if one player has a bad attitude, it will drag everyone down, so it's important that you encourage everyone after a good game". We are so thankful to have been able to interview Ashlynn and hear her thoughts on being a part of AAU Volleyball.



Hey Look, That's Art!

By Emiley Lange (6th grade) & Matthew Gallagher (6th Grade)

