

# EMPOWERING TEENS

## BLAZING

## Bulletin

### WORDS OF ADVICE FOR THE SUMMER

Written By: Caiadra Bogan, Lilly Parsons, and Thairon Sidener

It is Lilly and Caiadra here, and we interviewed Mr. Munger for our Words of Advice column for this issue of the Blazing Bulletin. Mr. Munger's word of advice for this summer were "Get out of the house, get outside, get exercise, then maybe try and retain what you learned over the school year to carry into next year." We appreciate Mr. Munger taking the time to answer our question.

Thairon, also interviewed Mrs. Shoemaker on the words of advice she would give students for the summer. When he asked Mrs. Shoemaker what her advice for the kids this summer was, she said, "I'm a big believer that summer should be a time of rest and find something that you enjoy and are passionate about and dive into that. Spend time with family and friends, that's what I would recommend this summer."

### BOOK RECCOMENDATIONS

Written By: Lilly Parsons

One book that I find enjoyable is *Carve the Mark* written by Veronica Roth. If you enjoy the fictional world of adventure and the future, it has all these qualities and many more you will discover.

Another book that might interest you is *Winterkill* written by Marsha Skrypuch. It is all about the struggles of living on a farm during World War II and what the characters in the book had to endure.

### ACADEMIC TEAMS

Written By: Thairon Sidener and Liam Novak

#### MATH Competition

A multitude of NMS students went to the math competition, one of them even placed 6th in the whole 7th and 8th grade division. They went to Gillette and competed in two different tests, the first test was done alone with 40 questions and the second was with two very hard questions with a team of two or three. Three people from our team made it to state.

#### Science Olympiad

Science Olympiad was an event that was hosted on April Thirteenth. The categories NMS students participated in were tower, rollercoaster, air trajectory, ecology, fast facts, Dynamic planet, anatomy and Physiology, Optics, reach for the stars, and forestry. In the last weeks before Science Olympiads Students participating gathered information, built their structures, and researched. The people that helped build the tower were Dr. Colgrove, Scott Rayburn, Ethan Parsons, and Thairon Sidener. Thairon was the only person able to make it to the competition. Even though the tower broke, and others did not, we held most of the weight and ours was the lightest, so we ended up winning.

### SPRING SPORTS

#### Track & Field

Written By: Lilly Parsons & Caiadra Bogan

This track season the Calves had 26 boys and 28 girls on the team. The team participated in the Laura Chord Memorial track meet. This was the first track meet of the season for our NMS Calves to display their skills. Several of our athletes placed in the top 10 of their events. At the Eagle invitational track meet the participants had to overcome the wind and cold. Despite the weather, our athletes still managed to place in the top 10 in various events. At the third track meet, the Mick Tonkel Fly high Classic, our athletes continued to show their progress and our 8th grade boys' 4 by 400 even broke a record. The Douglas meet was canceled which was the only one canceled this season compared to other years. The 4th track meet was the Wright JH Invite, and yet again we had many athletes placed in the top 10 for their event. The Sundance JR High Invite meet, was very windy and the athletes had to work extra hard on their performance. Only part of the team participated in this track meet. We had a few students placed in the top 15 with the 7th grade boys placing first in the 4 x 100. The district meet was busy with 11 different teams participating. We had several track participants reach new heights, lengths, and speeds. Our 8th grade boys even brought home the district championship.

#### Soccer

Written By: Ethan Parsons and Eden-Joy Novak

To begin, the 2024 soccer season was overall successful because of the growth that was shown by both of our teams. Some games were lost, and some were won. The team had a lot of pride in the games that were won. Our boys and girls played against various teams with different skills. Each one of these teams had numerous competitors. Our team had to overcome struggles but always strived to do their best. Our girls' and boys' soccer teams were very courageous and worked strong as a team. We are excited to see these teams continue to show their dedication and pride to the sport next season.

I, Eden-Joy Novak, was a part of the team. I felt that the season was awesome, but the conditioning was a struggle. With the season being over, I feel like it was all worth it in the end, and that I really felt amazing when our team scored and won games. I felt that the season went well even though there were some rough games that were a struggle to get through. I really admire some of my teammates for their courage of getting knocked down but getting right back up even though they were hurt. I really hope that both the boys' and the girls' soccer teams will stay together for these next seasons. The soccer players were amazing and tried their best every game they played. Working together with their various skill sets, I am very proud of this season, and I hope my fellow teammates will agree.

### ANIMAL SPOT LIGHT

Written By: Caiadra Bogan and Lilly Parsons

Andreas Henry is our Animal Spotlight for this issue of the Blazing Bulletin. He lives in the Empowering Teens room. He is a very nice and happy guinea pig. Andreas is about three years old; we think. We have had him for about a year. He likes it when we give him treats but we also take care of him by giving him water and food.

He enjoys playing. When we take him out of his enclosure, he runs around trying to escape and finds the treats we put out for him. Andreas is a little mischievous and chews on shoes and unicorn leggings.



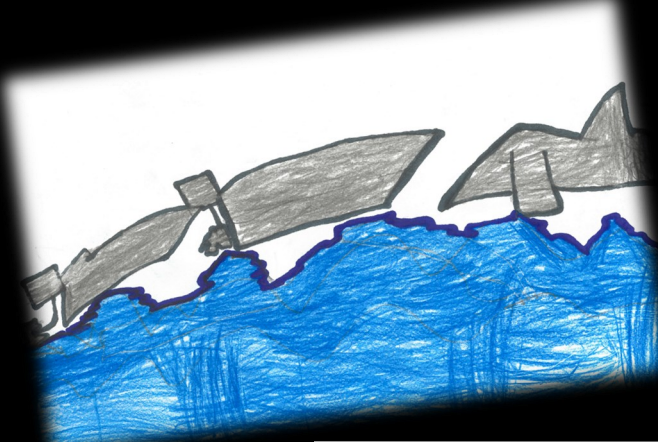
When he is pleased with us, he "popcorns". Popcorning is when a guinea pig is happy, and they buck. One interesting fact that we learned this year is that you can give guinea pigs a stuffed animal meant for a dog, or a cat. Guinea pigs also like the colors blue and green.

We learned about some treats that we can give Andreas too. Guinea pigs can eat small pieces of watermelon, cucumbers, kiwi, blueberries, and strawberries as a treat or dessert.

Come and see Andreas in the Outback at ANY TIME.

Disclaimer (He is a very busy man, so you will have to schedule a date with his secretaries; Lillian and Caiadra. Thanks for scheduling.)

He will see you as SOON AS POSSIBLE.)



### HEY LOOK, THAT'S ART!

By Matthew Carr