Bright Spots

Junior High School BotBall

Ms. Kelsey Wright, STEM teacher, is organizing a junior high after school Botball Robotics competition team. If you are like me, your first question is, “What is Botball?”.

The Botball Educational Robotics Program engages students in a team-oriented robotics competition, and serves as a prefect way to meet today’s new common core standards.

By exposing student to an inquiry-based, learn-by-doing activity that appeals to their hearts as well as their minds, Botball addresses our nation’s need for a well-prepared, creative, yet disciplined workforce with leadership and teamwork experiences.

In January, February, and March, the Botball Educator Workshops provide team leaders and mentors with technology training and introduce the details of that year’s game. Then after a build period of about 7 weeks, students bring their robots to their regional tournament to compete against other students in the current season’s game challenge.

Students use science, engineering, technology, math, and writing skills to design, build, program, and document robots in a hands-on project that reinforces their learning.

Regional Competition April 18, 2020 @ Galileo STEM Academy

“If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant.”
–Anne Bradstreet

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Special points of interest

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Spring Sports

Notus School District

Spring sports are right around the corner and we would like to welcome our new coaching staff for our Softball and High School Track Teams. Tracy Hostetler will be taking over as head coach of the softball team. Tracy has been an instrumental part of the team for several years already as assistant coach. David Shada will be taking on the head coaching position for the high school track team. Mr. Shada has volunteered his time in the past to assist in coaching these athletes and will be a great addition. Welcome gentlemen and best of luck for a successful season!

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A Kind Word Is Like A Spring Day. ~ Russian Proverb

Intro to Design Class

New to Notus Jr. Sr. High School is Intro to Design class taught by Mrs. Vilord. This quarter students are learning Foundational and Blackletter Calligraphy and 1-, 2-, and 3-point perspective drawing. Next quarter, students will be learning carving and printing skills.

Music Department

By Marci Harrel

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Junior and Senior High Registration is early this year! Students completed an interest survey last month and student schedules will be completed in March with copies being provided in April. Any change requests or concerns can be addressed up through May 4th. Parents may still come in to pay for fees, sign up for teams and programs, and complete any other paperwork in the fall, but schedules for existing students will already be done.
SPRING IS HERE by Jen Wright

We all love this time of year! Our days are brighter and longer! We have some exciting happenings and new opportunities for our Pirates this Spring! Chess Club, Girls on the Run (Grades 3-6), Jr. High Track for the 6th graders, 3rd Grade Girls Lunch Bunch, and 4th Grade Boys MVP Club to name just a few.

Our students and staff are also looking forward to SPRING assessments. We are preparing to show what we know. We will have a common theme, “You Know It, Now Show It” along with SWAG (Student With Academic Goals) tags. Thank you for supporting your students here at school and at home. We are extremely proud of the progress we have made and look forward to finishing the year strong.

Grins & Giggles

How did the tree feel in spring? (Releaved!)

What monster plays the most April Fool's jokes? (Prankenstein)

Why couldn't the flower ride its bike? (It lost its petals.)

Why did the farmer plant a seed in his pond? (He was trying to grow a water-melon.)

What has 18 legs and catches flies? (A baseball team.)

What do you call a grizzly bear caught in the rain? (A drizzly bear.)

Why do hens lay eggs? (If they dropped them, they'd break.)

Connected Students

By Laurie Kiester

Students who are "connected" to some type of team, or club, or program, are three times more likely to be successful in school than students who do not. Success is measured through attendance, grades, behavior, and applications for college or jobs.

https://classroom.synonym.com/extracurricular-activities-academic-grades-4906.html

Even though we are a small school, we are very fortunate to have many team, club and program opportunities for our students. We want to thank the teachers, community members, and parents who help make these extracurricular opportunities possible for our students. They are finding success in our STEM teams, our Aca Deca, our Student Council, our ski and rodeo clubs, pep club, grandparents club, You Time Group and after school programs, FFA, Honor Society, and more. We also appreciate the renewed interest in our Booster Club and their very public participation in fundraisers and school events. Encourage your students to be involved. It makes a difference!
Thank You

The Notus Booster Club would like to thank all those who have supported them this year. They started a new club with new officers and your support helped them get on their feet. We hope to have more fan gear apparel available next year for purchase.

Thank you,
Notus Booster Club

Upcoming Events

March 5th 4:30-7PM
Dr. Seuss Literacy Night

March 23rd—27th
Spring Break

April 16th 7-9:00PM
Senior Project Presentations

April 25th 7PM
High School Prom

May 21st 9-9:45AM
Senior Signing Day
High School Gym

May 22nd 6PM
Graduation

Pennies for Patients
LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY

Notus School District will be participating in the Pennies for Patients Program. Through participation in the Student Series’ Pennies for Patients Program, students learn leadership, the importance of helping others and just how impactful their involvement can be in helping to save lives. During the program students collect from friends and family. Donations can be made online, check or by bringing money to school to fill their individual coin box. Notus Elementary will run their program the month of March. Final collection will be March 31. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is a global leader in the fight against cancer. The LLS mission: Cure Leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin’s disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. LLS funds lifesaving blood cancer research around the world, provides free information and support services, and is the voice for all blood cancer patients seeking access to quality, affordable, coordinated care. Please feel free to contact Notus Elementary School at 208-459-7442 if you would like more information. Thank you.

“Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn.”
~ Lewis Grizzard

District Spelling Bee
By Linda Ahlborn

In January, Notus School District held a District Spelling Bee. Student competitors representing the 4th through 8th grades were Isela Garcia-Oviedo, Remington Price, Cooper Erickson, Veda McKnight, Anel Villalobos, AJ Blank, Wyatt Gordan, and Pierson Fields. Anel and Cooper tied for 2nd place in the competition, and AJ accomplished the winning word of Louisiana to take 1st place. AJ will represent Notus School District in the Idaho Regional Competition at Boise State University on March 28th. Congratulations, AJ! We know you'll represent us well!
Notus FFA Chapter

2020 Auction Success was Huge—Thank You!

The 24th Annual Auction and Dinner held February 8th was well attended with approximately 450 community members and guests. The generosity of the local businesses and the friends of the Notus FFA generated over $27,000. These funds will be used to provide leadership opportunities for our members. A significant highlight of the evening was the honoring of the charter members of the Notus FFA. These gentlemen were the very first members when the chapter started in 1954, their impact has been immeasurable. Those honored were Richard Javaux, Leon Klinginsmith, De-Wayne Merritt, Ron Fivecoat, Ron Javaux, Ernie Martin, John McClain, Harold Tews, Eddie Goodson, Dick Ode, Cliff Shinn, Howard Iveron, Don Beckley, Frank Gartin and Gene Cox. It was a true privilege to invite these pioneers of Notus FFA back to be recognized.

Fairy Tale Ball

In March, the 3rd grade will complete their Fairy Tale writing unit by hosting a "Fairy Tale Ball." Students will be dressing up as heroes and villains from their creative stories. We'll have Little Red & Little Blue Riding Hood, a dragon or two, fairies, witches, tigers, lions, and bears (oh my), and more fun and delightful characters. They'll share their stories with their parents and friends, and enjoy imaginative snacks like magic orbs (cupcakes), golden treasure (chocolate coins), and dragon's blood (red punch). It will be a fun and magical time for all!

“It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.” ~ Charles Dickens

Registration:
April 22nd 8:00-5:00 ~ for information please call (208) 459-7442

Notus Driver’s Education

Enrollment Fee $175
Must be 14 1/2 to purchase permit and enroll in class.
Sign-up through Mrs. Sanford at the High School Office.
Class begins end of May and runs through June.
The schedule will be ready before Spring Break.
Email Ms. Golden with specific inquiries goldeny@notusschools.org
PARENT SURVEY LINK

Please take a few minutes to complete the Parent Engagement Survey for the State Board of Education. You can find the link at:

https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/127100/p31531

This survey cannot be completed in any other manner. If you do not have access to the internet, you can complete the survey in the school library.

The Survey will be open through March 31, 2020.

Thank you,

Mr. Robert Vian

Superintendent