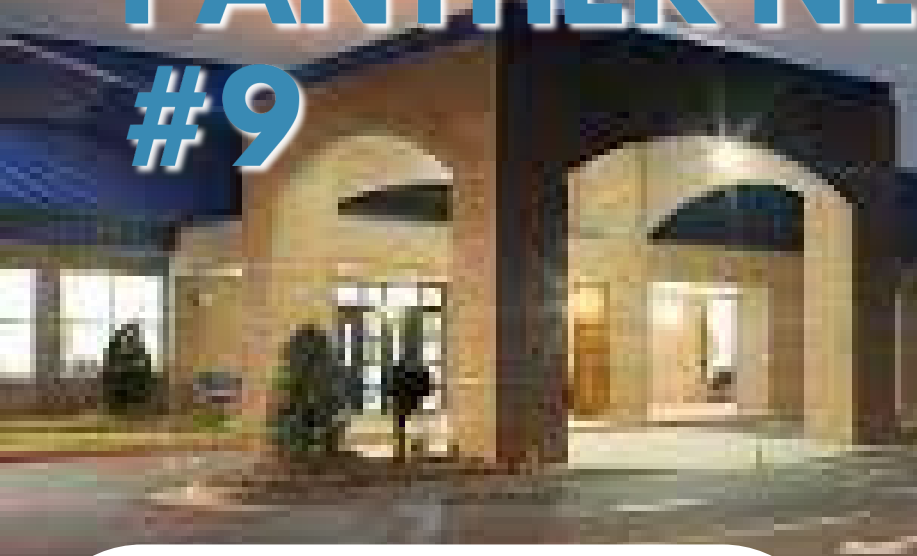


PAWS & CLAWS PANTHER NEWS

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★ Community Blood Drive, Oct. 19th

Learning altruism is a crucial for students as it cultivates empathy, kindness, & social responsibility, fostering a compassionate society. NLMS is hosting a community blood drive on **Oct. 19th from 12:30-5:00 pm** in our gym. Teachers, staff, parents, extended family members, & community members are welcome & encouraged to donate blood. If you are not aware, there is a great need for blood. Students will learn about why blood is needed, but are not eligible to donate.

★ Athletics @ HOME this Week None! We wish our traveling Panthers well!

★ AM Tardies Last Week

Mon., 10/9 = 42 (accident)
Tues., 10/10 = 39
Wed., 10/11 = 8 (UFC club morning)
Thurs., 10/12 = 51
Fri., 10/13 = 34

Of the **14 parents** who responded to the open invitation to provide feedback regarding our SRO directing or not directing AM traffic, **12** supported the SRO continuing to direct traffic. Our LCS maintenance dept., is exploring ways to change & improve our entryway, based on some suggestions made by 2 parents. It is interesting to note that on Wednesday mornings, upwards of 200 Panthers participate in UFC & all are on time for it's 7:20ish start.



Report Cards

Report Cards for the 1st 9 weeks will be issued on Monday, Oct., 23rd. All students will sign for their Report Card. Parents need to review, sign, and return with their Panther(s) to the homebase teacher by Wed., Oct., 25th. TIA!



October is National Bullying Prevention Month

Over the past 9 weeks, in varying conversations with staff, students, & families, bullying has been a consistent topic. Bullying stories from last school year & the lack of response to bullying from previous administration is concerning, sad, & unacceptable. **These stories have included the following types of bullying: gender identity, racial, ethnicity, social economic status, religion, appearance, types of homes, talents, etc.** If your Panther(s) feels he/she/they are being bullied, please let Avery, Arndt, Selbe, Donnellan, or Werner know as soon as possible. We will intervene while protecting the identify of the upstander (the person who told us about the bullying situation). Bullying can contribute to academic decline. Addressing bullying fosters a safe & inclusive environment, promoting healthy social development & better learning outcomes. School wide, we will continue to focus on teaching respect for others, empathy, & kindness, emphasizing the importance of treating others as they would like to be treated, all of which are possible while continuing to follow rules, routines, expectations, & policies in the total school environment.



Halloween Dance Expectations

Pick up time is **9:00 pm.** Rides must be prompt. Students not picked up on time, will not be permitted to attend future dances.

Costumes: No hoods, hooded capes, full or partial face masks. Clothing must not be strapless, see-through, or place private body parts on public display. Costumes may not contain profanity, include threatening messages, or display gore. If a costume is deemed unacceptable for basic school standards, the student will turned away at the entry door without a ticket refund.

Eligibility: To attend, students must be ENROLLED @ NLMS and not on an out-of-school suspension at the time of the dance.

Purchasing: PTO will have snacks, drinks, & pizza slices available for purchase during the event.

The goal for the dance is to have some age appropriate Halloween-themed fun!



Hat Day!

PTO will sponsor a hat day on Friday, Oct., 27th. Pay \$2.00 @ your arrival door, get a special sticker that must be worn, & wear your school acceptable hat for the day!

★ Student Chatter

On Thurs., Oct., 12th, while chatting with some 8th graders waiting for the car rider dismissal bell to ring, they asked if **this year's expectation** for clear water bottles was the result of **students bringing alcohol and vapes in unclear bottles last school year**. The answer? **YES!** Then, the students proceeded to share last year's stories about students **sneaking & drinking alcohol** across the school. They also shared stories about students **sneaking in vapes to sell to other students**, again, hidden in unclear bottles. Listening to their stories was concerning & made me even more thankful for the children and families who are complying with this expectation. Safety is always a priority @ NLMS. Any unclear water bottles on campus **MUST** be stored in the student's locker during the instructional day. Please advise your Panther(s) to **NOT** share drinks and to **NEVER** drink something from an unknown source.



Did you know?

Students will learn approximately 88,500 vocabulary terms that are subject matter specific in grades 3-9. The goal is to develop **receptive vocabulary** or words that are understood when heard and **words that are understood when read**. Be encouraged to ask your Panther(s) about the vocabulary terms they are learning!

★ Technology (Device) Fines

If a student incurs a technology (device) fine for a repair or replacement, the fine stays attached to the student through graduation. This means that when a fine is not paid, it is carried year to year. Before a student receives his/her diploma, the fee(s) are required to be paid, or the diploma held.

