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#### IMPORTANT DATES

##### OCTOBER

11—Holiday—No School

29—Half day of school 10:35  
dismissal

# Nelson Ridge October Newsletter

## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last year at this time we were anxiously awaiting October 14, when our in person students were back in the building full time. It has been amazing to already have been in person for 6 weeks! We have clubs and sports going with students already so involved.

Going along with our Character Counts! every day we remind our students to be respectful, responsible, and safe. As we continue to do so, please remind your child to always be respectful with their words and actions. We will continue to promote respect as we move to focus on the pillar of responsibility.

Thank you for all of your support this school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office at 815-462-2870.



## POP TAB COLLECTION

The Red Ribbon Club is collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Money used from the pop tab collection goes toward the cost of food, activities, and the basic needs of those staying at the Ronald McDonald House. Families of ill children (typically with serious illnesses/diseases) are able to stay in the house for a very low to no cost while their child is being treated in the hospital.



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*“There is no exercise better for the heard than reaching down and lifting people up” - John Holmes*

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### MS. BENDY'S MUSICAL NOTES...

Music has been off to a great start at Nelson Ridge. The students have been doing a wonderful job on their singing and playing of the Orff Instruments, as well as incorporating more technology in the music classroom!

In October, we will be working on learning to sing in rounds and being able to play 2 parts on the barred instruments using fall songs such as Spooky Night and Tocatta and Fugue.



## ART NEWS FROM MRS. KORDIK

Fourth grade began the new school year using analogous colors of watercolor paint. The paintings were used to create a landscape of their choice. We looked at the artwork of artist Ali Hancock who creates prints of various northwestern landscapes. A variety of lines were added to the watercolor background to show textures and movement. In our next lesson, the students explored the concept of one point perspective to create building-like structures. We added zentangle style lines to the top of each shape and blended oil pastels on the sides. Through these lessons the students discovered that artists use a variety of lines to show many things such as texture, movement and space.

Fifth Grade students explored the concept of balance to create a radial style drawing inspired by a repeating leaf shape. The students added color to designs using crayon, colored pencil and marker. Then after viewing the transparent glass paintings of Janet Fish, they created their own symmetrical vase shapes to create an overlapping composition. The compositions were painted using the red, yellow, and blue watercolor paint. The secondary colors were created in the overlapping sections of the vases. After the painting dried, detail, highlights, and shadows were added with pencil, crayon, and white oil pastels.

Sixth grade viewed the surrealist eye paintings of Rene Magritte. Surrealism is an art style that is characterized by its dream-like quality. We drew an enlarged eye, discussing the various parts and proportions. We reviewed the color concepts as the student reviewed the proper technique of mixing intermediate colors with their watercolors. The color wheel was used as the iris to create a surrealist style eye. Each student came up with a unique concept that they used to complete their drawing around the eye. They had their choice of media using crayons, colored pencils, markers or drawing pencils.

## NEWS FROM YOUR LIBRARY “TEAM”

Nelson Ridge students are so excited that the Library is open again! Students are coming to the library with their classes on Tuesdays (5th grade), Wednesdays (6th grade), and Thursdays (4th grade). I have also begun some exciting reading programs for our students, including:

- Reading Rockets Library Club - 41 Students have joined the Reading Rockets Club! In this club, students discuss their favorite books, promote reading, and help in the Library. These students will also help out in November during our Scholastic Book Fair, which we are super excited will return this school year!
- Choose to Read/Reads to Choose: Illinois Childrens' Choice Programs - This promotion includes books on the Illinois Bluestem List (grades 3-5) and Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award List (grades 4-8). This program where students read books nominated by other Illinois students will be open through mid February.
- All-Star Reader - Students read at least 5 hours each month, log their reading on a monthly form, and receive a small prize. This program will run through May.

For more information on these programs, please go to the [Intermediate Library Website](#).

Students have learned how to search for books, put books on hold, and see what books they have checked out using our Destiny Discover app. In October, they will review how to find books using the Dewey Decimal System (yes, we still use that!) and how to use Destiny Discover web services for research.



Happy Fall!  
Mrs. Kathy Drews

## PRESCHOOL SCREENING...

New Lenox School District will be screening children from ages three to five in the areas of motor, cognitive, and speech/language development. Early childhood educators will present “game like” activities to your child which assess various development skills. All preschoolers who reside in our district are eligible to attend free of charge. This is a preschool screening, **not** a kindergarten readiness screening. This year the screenings will be held at Cherry Hill Elementary and Early Childhood Center.

### **2021-2022 Screening Dates**

November 19th  
March 11th  
May 6th

Call Cherry Hill School at 815-462-7831 to schedule an appointment.



## COPS CARE COAT DRIVE

“Please join us in our annual Cops Care Coat Drive! Donations start on October 1<sup>st</sup> and end on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Gray bins will be provided by New Lenox Police Department that will be in the hallway by the front office! Morning Star Treasure Chest will provide a coat for anyone presenting them with a voucher. Vouchers will be available at the schools in District 122 and at the following locations: New Lenox Police Department: 200 Veterans Pkwy. (M-F 8 to 5pm) New Lenox Village Hall: 1 Veterans Pkwy. (M-F 8:30 to 5pm) and New Lenox Township: 1100 S. Cedar Rd. (M-F 8 to 3:30pm).”



*Caption describing picture or graphic*



## HELP WANTED....

The New Lenox School District is looking for: Custodians, substitute custodians, substitute teachers, substitute aides.

The New Lenox School District, as well as the LW School District are looking for bus drivers.



# NLSD 122 PTO CORNER

## LOT'S OF FUN THINGS HAPPENING FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER...

**\*SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> TOM KELLY'S DINE AND DONATE\*\*  
MENTION NLSD 122 PTO\***

\*Mother/Son event October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Family Fun Zone 12-3pm

2333 Theodore St. Crest Hill

\*Charleston Wrap is wrapping up on October 6<sup>th</sup>

(use code 19927 when ordering)

\*Tis the season for wreaths, they will be going Live on October 1<sup>st</sup>. There will also be a flyer being sent home with kiddos.

\*Be on the lookout for a fun event for each campus-Project Balance Health and Fitness LLC Annoited Hands-get pampered or get in shape.

\*DIY wood scarecrow craft kit order  
online:[diysignparty.square.site](https://diysignparty.square.site) deadline is October 21<sup>st</sup>  
and pickup is October 29<sup>th</sup> 1230-230 Spencer Trail

\*Dine and Donate October 18<sup>th</sup> at Gatto's

Please us for our monthly meetings, which are held every third Thursday of the month. The meetings will rotate from 9:30am to 7:30pm every month. Our next meeting is October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 at the District. Check out our website for any additional information <http://www.newlenoxpto.org>

If you would like to get involved with the PTO, please visit our website.




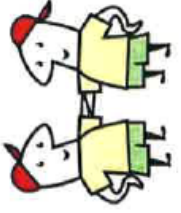

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\*Next PTO meeting October 21<sup>st</sup> @730 District



# Red Ribbon Week

@ Nelson Ridge School

<b>Monday</b> 10/25  <b>Pajama Day</b>  "Our dreams are too big for drugs."	<b>Tuesday</b> 10/26  <b>Western Day"</b>  Drugs can giddy-on-up out of here."	<b>Wednesday</b> 10/27  <b>Backwards Day</b>  "Turn your back on drugs."	<b>Thursday</b> 10/28  <b>Twin Day</b>  "Better together- drug and bully free."	<b>Friday</b> 10/29  <b>Halloween</b>  "Say BOO to drugs."
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Red Ribbon Week promotes making safe and healthy choices and encourages students to make a personal commitment to being drug-free.

**Show Your School Spirit & Participate Each Day!**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Girls Basketball Practice 6:30 am	2
3	4 Girls Basketball Practice Homework Club Kindness Club Red Ribbon Club Cross Country Practice	5 Creative Coloring Club Girls Basketball Practice Homework Club Reading Rockets Cross Country Meet	6 Girls Basketball Practice Homework Club Student Council	7 Girls Basketball Game @Home Homework Club Scrapbook Club	8 Girls Basketball Practice 6:30am	9
10	11 NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY	12 Homework Club Just Say No Club Girls Basketball Game @Home	13 Girls Basketball Practice Homework Club Puzzle Club	14 Girls Basketball Practice Homework Club	15 Girls Basketball Practice 6:30am	16
17	18 Girls Basketball Practice 6:30am Boys Basketball Tryouts Red Ribbon Club	19 Girls Basketball Game @Home Homework Club Reading Rockets Creative Coloring Club	20 Girls Basketball Practice 6:30am Boys Basketball Tryouts Homework Club Puzzle Club	21 Girls Basketball Game @Manhattan Scrapbook Club Homework Club	22	23
24	25 Girls Basketball Practice Homework Club Kindness Club Red Ribbon Club	26 Homework Club Girls Basketball Game @Home	27 Girls Basketball Practice Homework Club Puzzle Club	28 Homework Club	29 Half Day of School 10:35 Dismissal	30
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