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A Message from the Superintendent, Dr. Johnson



Dr. Dawn M. Johnson
Superintendent

THANK YOU to everyone who has attended our recent community meetings to learn more about the USD 309 Facility Master Planning process. We have had a great group of facility steering committee members meeting and discussing facility needs and options for the past eighteen months. Their hard work is coming to fruition, and I appreciate all of you who have come out to learn more and provide your feedback and opinions.

To date, we have had eight meetings throughout the community. Three were in the South Hutchinson area, three in areas that represent both communities, and two meetings in Nickerson with our final meeting being at the Nickerson High School auditorium on November 15 at 5:30 PM, with questions to follow the meeting in the cafeteria. If you have not had a chance to attend a meeting, I hope you can join us on November 15.

In total thus far, we have had about 320 attendees at the meetings who have provided vital input into the process. There has been overwhelming support for our facility projects ideas, with the majority identifying their facility goals for our community as projects that support college and career ready graduates and student safety. Results of our community survey will be made available after our final community meeting on November 15. The survey is available at the back of this newsletter. If you would like to complete it, you are welcome to turn it in to the USD 309 District Office.

It's an EXCITING time to be a Panther! Thanks for making our communities a GREAT place to educate children.

Dr. Johnson, Superintendent
Their Future – Our Focus

S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)



The South Hutchinson 2nd grades enjoyed the S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) at the school. Students show an example of their Lego Robotics project on October 18 at the school. Shown here are students in Amy Brawner's second grade: Lucy Elam and Harrison Miller.



Nevaeh Larson and Ezrya Shields work on their robotics project together. Students are 2nd graders in Amy Brawner's class.

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NICKERSON-SOUTH HUTCHINSON MASTER PLAN PROCESS 2018

COMMUNITY INPUT/FEEDBACK QUESTIONS

1. **What best describes your role in regards to Nickerson-South Hutchinson Public Schools?**
 - A. Parent/Guardian
 - B. School Staff Member
 - C. Community Member
 - D. Student
 - E. Other District Stakeholder
2. **Do you feel that the demographics of population and homes in USD 309 should influence decisions about location of District facilities.**
 - A. Yes
 - B. Doesn't Matter
 - C. No
3. **What would be your top facility goals from the following list?**
 - A. Adequate space for all students
 - B. Facilities with flexibility to accommodate the future
 - C. The technology infrastructure required for today's use of technology in teaching
 - D. More student and staff safety and security features
 - E. Facilities that promote college and career ready graduates
4. **What do you feel is the greatest need in the District?**
 - A. Infrastructure and upgrades to Nickerson High School
 - B. Additional South Hutchinson Elementary classroom space
 - C. Additional Nickerson Elementary office, cafeteria and classroom space
 - D. Additional office, classroom and gym space at Reno Valley Middle School
 - E. Better Athletic facilities and venues
5. **Would you rather add on to and renovate our current buildings or build new facilities to meet the District's educational needs?**
 - A. Add on and Renovate
 - B. Build New
 - C. No Opinion
6. **The master plan options being considered include moving 6th Grade to a new separate wing at the Middle School. Do you agree with this option?**
 - A. Strongly Agree
 - B. Somewhat Agree
 - C. No Strong Opinion
 - D. Somewhat Disagree
 - E. Strongly Disagree

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7. **The master plan options being considered include options to either renovate and expand the existing High School or build a new High School. What would be your preference?**
 - A. Renovate and expand the existing High School
 - B. Build a new High School
 - C. No opinion or preference
8. **If a new District High School were to be built, where would you recommend it be located?**
 - A. Nickerson
 - B. Somewhere between Nickerson and South Hutchinson
 - C. South Hutchinson
9. **Overall, how supportive are you with the proposed long range master plan options being considered for the Nickerson-South Hutchinson facilities?**
 - A. Very Supportive
 - B. Somewhat Supportive
 - C. No Strong Opinion
 - D. Somewhat Oppose
 - E. Strongly Oppose
10. **How likely would you be to vote for a partial FIRST PHASE of one of these proposed master plan options if it went before the community in a bond issue?**
 - A. Extremely likely
 - B. Likely
 - C. Unlikely
 - D. Extremely Unlikely
 - E. I Would Not Vote
11. **What amount would you support if there were a master plan bond issue? (based on a \$75,000 home, 30 year bond, with an 8 mil reduction in the LOB and Capital Outlay)?**
 - A. \$55 million at a net cost of \$14.12 per month for a \$75,000 home
 - B. \$40 million at a net cost of \$8.01 per month for a \$75,000 home
 - C. \$30 million at a net cost of \$3.88 per month for a \$75,000 home
 - D. \$20 million at a net cost of \$0 per month for a \$75,000 home
12. **Do you need more information to make an informed decision regarding the district facilities master plan?**
 - A. Yes
 - B. No

THANK YOU!

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A Note from the Assistant Superintendent: Penny Stoss



In 2015 the Kansas State Board of Education announced a new vision for education in Kansas – “Kansas Leads the World in the Success of Each Student”. Kansas State Department of Education leaders and board members conducted community visits across the state with parents, educators and business leaders. During these visits, Kansas shared their thoughts on education; what they believe defines a successful 24 year-old: important characteristics and skills for an employee; and more. The feedback was compiled and reviewed by board members and KSDE staff. Five outcomes were selected to measure the progress toward achieving the new vision. These outcomes are:

- ❖ Social Emotional Growth: Academics are important. However, they alone don’t guarantee a student’s success after high school.
- ❖ Kindergarten Readiness: Early Education is an essential building block for future achievement and academic success. In fact, 90 percent of a child’s brain architecture is built before the age of 5.
- ❖ Individual Plan of Study Focused on Career Interest: A student’s IPS is developed cooperatively between the student, school staff members and family members.
- ❖ High School Graduation Rates: Without a high school diploma, a student has almost no chance of ever achieving the middle class. It is crucial that we make sure every student graduates high school with the skills & credentials need to pursue postsecondary endeavors.
- ❖ Postsecondary Success: Postsecondary success opens the doors to opportunities after high school.

Since the release of the KSDE outcomes in 2015 and of our USD 309 BOE goals in 2016, the school district’s staff have put strategies in place to work towards these goals. With continued monitoring of data received from assessments, surveys and observations the strategies are continuously improved on and added to. In celebration of the work done towards these goals I would like to acknowledge and share some of the hard work the USD 309 staff has done so far in the areas of the 5 KSDE outcomes.

The chart below lists only a few of the chosen highlighted strategies offered by USD 309 in the areas of the KSDE Outcomes.

KSDE OUTCOMES:

	SOCIAL EMOTIONAL GROWTH	KDG. READINESS	IPS CAREER INTERESTS	GRADUATION RATES	POST SECONDARY SUCCESS
USD 309 STRATEGIES	Implemented District Behavior Plan: Responsibility Centered Discipline (RCD) for Gr. PreK-12	Implemented Collaborative Classrooms	Use Career Cruising/Xello Online Program	Monitoring Yearly Graduation Rate at NHS	Career Days Offered at RVMS & NHS
	Social Emotional Character Education (SECD) Standards Added to K-2 Grade Cards	Added 3 Year Old Classrooms	IPS Portfolios Grades 7-12	Offering Credit Recovery to Students at Risk of Not Graduating	College & Technical School Visits Gr. 6-12
	PreK-6 Gr. Counselors Teaching Social Emotional Character Education (SECD) Standards	Offering Full Day 4 Year Old Programs	Student Led Conferences Grades 7-12	Opportunity to Improve School (OTIS) for Failing Students Grades 9-12	Participates In Manufacturing Day & Industry Tours (Field Trips)
	RVMS Focus on Growth Mindsets and Instruction.	Separated 3 & 4 Year Olds Creating Developmentally Appropriate Instruction	Built in Advisory Time for Each Student Gr. 9-12	Blended & Online Learning Offered to Meet Student Needs	Job Shadowing Gr. 7-12
	Kansas Communities that Care Survey & Data Review	Implemented New PreK Curriculum	Project Based Learning Class Offered at RVMS	Early Monitoring Of School Attendance Gr. PreK-12	Increased Rigor In the Areas of Reading & Math As Measured By Standards Mastery

To learn more about the Kansas Can vision go to the KSDE website:

<https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Fiscal-and-Administrative-Services/Communications-and-Recognition-Programs/Vision-Kansans-Can>

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DADDY & DAUGHTER DANCE

USD 309 District Complex



*Hear ye, hear ye
The honour of thy presence is hereby requested at the
4th Annual
USD 309 Daddy Daughter Dance
this Saturday the 17th of November, 2018.
Festivities will be held at the USD 309 District Office.
Dance will commence at 6:30pm and conclude
at the strike of 8:30pm.
Punch and cookies will be served for your snacking pleasure.*

*Please RSVP by completing the form below and returning it,
along with payment to your daughter's school by Friday, Nov. 9.
Escorts to the dance may be a father or any adult male loved-one.
\$20 per family or \$25 per family at the door*



5,000 LIKES

**DADDYDAUGHTERDANCE #DADDYDAUGHTER #DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY
#AFTER PROM #USD309 #PRINCESSES #DADS ROCK #GO PANTHERS**



PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE WITH PAYMENT BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 2018

NAME OF

PRINCESS(ES) _____

NAME OF

ESCORT _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____

DAUGHTER'S SCHOOL _____

NUMBER OF GUESTS _____

\$20 PER FAMILY IN ADVANCE/\$25 PER FAMILY AT THE DOOR

NICKERSON HIGH SCHOOL

Principal: Rick Blosser

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Students in Mrs. Henke's class "Denim and Dudes" show their projects this semester in class. Back row left to right: Jerron Kauffman, Kaleb Jackson, Logan Tate-Bloomfield, Austin Bell, Garrett Conde and front row: Kolby Shea.



Kaleb Jackson's project was a personalized roll up tool kit. Kaleb used recycled belt loops & secured with grommets to hold scissors/tape.

Denim and Dudes

Mrs. Henke has six in class this semester teaching personal projects to the students in her class called "Denim and Dudes." There will be another class offered next semester also taught by Mrs. Henke.

Personally designed projects made for learning industrial sewing techniques are taught.

Denim placemats with their names embroidered on them, a TV organizer with pocket for remote control holder and roll-up personalized tool kit holder are some of the projects done during this semester.

Another current project is to design & construct a 3-D tent, tepee, or fort with lighting.

Kaleb Jackson designed a roll up tool kit to keep in his car. The flap folds down over the tools to protect them, it rolls up and he wraps the ties (welt seam off jeans) around & ties off to secure the kit. He used recycled belt loops & secured with grommets to hold the scissors and tape.

NICKERSON HIGH SCHOOL



Entrepreneurship Class Makes Gifts for Christmas Purchase Yours Today!



Allen Palmatier, Entrepreneur student at Nickerson High School is selling Nickerson Panther paw print coasters. To order your unique gift idea, contact allen.palmatier@students.usd309ks.org or akroeker@usd309ks.org. Only \$5.00 per coaster.



Homemade Chinese Checker Boards by Owen Krehbiel. Great gift idea: owen.krehbiel@students.usd309ks.org.



Left: Shower by the Hour Body Wash is available through Entrepreneurship student, Faith Marciano at faith.marciano@students.usd309ks.org

The Fall 2018 Entrepreneurship Class of Nickerson High School has developed several sole proprietorships and partnerships this year. Allen Palmatier has created Allen's Radiation Replication where he is taking orders for custom-made photos burned on wood using the Boss Laser machine new to the Auto Cad Shop this year under the direction of Mr. John Close and Mr. Trey Jones. Allen has also created Nickerson Paw Print coasters that you may purchase for \$5. These would make great Christmas presents: allen.palmatier@students.usd309ks.org. Snowflake ornaments with the Nickerson paw or an initial or picture are also available.

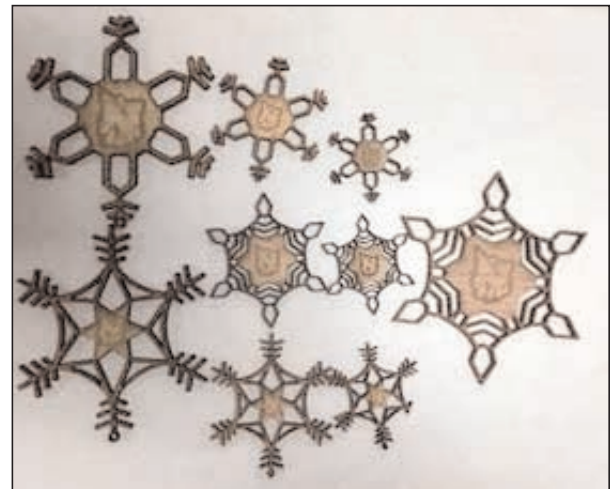
Faith Marciano is selling body wash that she has created herself. For a decorated jar of "Shower for Hours" body wash, you will be able to take a relaxing and soothing shower. Faith's body wash sells for only \$2--what a great gift idea.

Chase Palacios and Ethan Hemphill partnered up to produce t-shirts. Their first customer was the Chess Club of Nickerson High. If you would like to order a custom-made t-shirt please contact Voltage Tees at chase.palacios@students.usd309ks.org. Gunner Pederson gunner.pederson@students.usd309ks.org is selling Nickerson High Panther Socks made by Strideline. These socks sell for only \$20 and would be super stocking stuffers. Madison Ontjes and Chandler Eaton are creating Nickerson Panther mugs. See the photo on the school website. Owen Krehbiel is making corn hole games and Chinese Checker boards—contact him at owen.krehbiel@students.usd309ks.org if you would like a game for your family fun night.

For any of these businesses, you may check the school website for picture samples. Follow these steps: www.usd309ks.org > Directory > Page 3 > Kroeker, Anita > View Website > Entrepreneurship.

This same website hosts some of the web pages developed by the students in Web Page Design A and pictures from various field trips taken by business classes. For example, the business essentials students completed a great field trip to Hedrick's Bed and Breakfast and Petting Zoo. We were appreciative of Kristi, Steve, and Ember Crile's tour—their knowledge of the exotic animals is extensive—we learned so much and enjoyed feeding and petting the variety of animals. Kathy Osborne talked about the business side of the Bed and Breakfast including advertising, repeat business and marketing. Sports and Marketing classes will attend a basketball game at Hutchinson Community College in the future and in December, Entrepreneurship students will visit several businesses in downtown Hutchinson.

Right: Snowflakes made by Allen Palmatier and ready for you to buy for your Christmas tree. Contact allen.palmatier@students.usd309ks.org.



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Business Essentials



Business Essential students listen to Kathy Osborne discuss the business side of the Hedrick's Bed and Breakfast.



Eleonora Ramponi, exchange student from Italy, feeds the giraffe at Hedrick's Petting Zoo at the Business Essentials field trip.



Steve Crile shows Tyler Bontrager and Brandon Gustason the porcine during their tour of Hedrick's Petting Zoo for the Business Essentials class on October 2.

Quilt til You Wilt



Students who participated in the "Quilt til you Wilt" and sponsor Judy Henke posed for a picture at Nickerson High School.

NICKERSON HIGH SCHOOL

NHS National Honor Society

Nickerson High School inducted 11 new members in the school's National Honor Society in a Sept. 30 ceremony. The four principles of the honor society are scholarship, service, leadership and character.

New members include Jalyn Busche, Taylor Coleman, Colton Ediger, Tre' Garcia, Steven Hayse, Hunter Jones, Sadie Liby, Nichole Moore, Madison Ontjes, Matthew Perry and Noah Salazar.

Current members Alycen Berridge, Brylee Engelland, Kaitlin Colle and Alexandria Altum coordinated the ceremony with sponsor Kristen Huggard.

Sophomore servers were Tabitha Bolin, Trevor Beaird and Isaac Wiedeman.

Alycen Berridge addressed the selection letter, scholarship and led the pledge. Brylee Engelland read the bios and addressed character. Kaitlin Colle talked about service. Alexandria Altum talked about the honor society's history and emblem, leadership and qualifications.



New members of the National Honor Society of Nickerson High School are: From left to right: Noah Salazar, Taylor Coleman, Matthew Perry, Sadie Liby (front), Hunter Jones (back), Steven Hayse, Tre' Garcia, Jalyn Busche, Nicole Moore, Madison Ontjes, Colton Ediger, and sponsor Kristen Huggard.



Student of the Week Pics



Week 7 starting Oct. 1 honored - Jonathan Salinas, Kayla Frank, Kaitlin Colle and Faith Marciano.



Honored as Students of the Week at Nickerson High School are shown here, honored for Week 8 beginning Oct.8th were - Rachel Lane, Hunter Jones & Kyle Elliot.

NICKERSON HIGH SCHOOL



Students in Mrs. Farney's Food Science class recently updated the look of their aprons by tie dying them! Left to right: Johnathan Moorman, Ethan Morgan, Megan King, Brooke Wenzel, Micah Dove, Kennedy Davis, Joe Tuxhorn, and Alex Altum.

Aprons Get a New Look

Kay Farney's Food Science class discovered a way to recycle stained aprons – tie dye them.

"The kids and I had a blast," she said.

"The aprons had a few stains, but were still in good shape. I thought the class needed to tie dye them. The other time I had a class do this project was in the mid '90s because

of the same reason. They taught me new techniques as well. Nickerson High School students are the best."

Panther Athletics & Activities

The fall sports seasons are completed and the wrestling and basketball seasons are quickly approaching.

The Lady Panther volleyball team lost a tough sub-state finals match to Rose Hill in three games. They concluded their season with a 30-11 record. This is the third year in a row for a 30-win season.

Alex Nava placed high enough in the Regional cross-country meet to qualify for State. The state race was held Saturday, October 27th. He represented NHS well.

Alycen Berridge qualified for the state golf meet and also represented NHS well.

The football team ended their season with a tough loss to Scott City. Injuries took a major toll on the team this fall.

Mr. Sidebottom and his band have done well at their marching competitions. They received an Excellent rating at the High Plains Marching Festival, and a 1 rating for both drumline and overall band at the Southern Plains Marching Festival.

Mr. Logan and his cast for the musical *Changing Minds* are putting in a lot of time preparing for their upcoming performance. Those dates are Saturday, November 10th at 7 PM, and Sunday, November 11th at 2 PM. It has been a busy fall.

The kids always appreciate your support at the activities. Basketball and wrestling will be here before we know it.

IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A PANTHER!

NICKERSON HIGH SCHOOL



Panther Competes at State Golf

Nickerson High's Alycen Berridge (59-50—109) placed 57th at Hutchinson's Carey Park Golf Course Oct. 16 in the 4A state golf tournament. Berridge bogeyed four consecutive holes to highlight her round.

"Alycen qualified for 4A state, which is an incredible feat for a second-year golfer," said Nickerson golf coach Marilyn Smith. "That showed the extra time she put in and her inner determination. She was our team captain and leader."

Smith said Berridge maintains a 4.0 GPA and cheerleads, dances and plays soccer. She plays the piano and sings with the NHS Madrigals.

Berridge qualified for 4A golf at the Hesston regional (52-54—106) highlighted by a birdie at No. 10. McKenna Dodson (130) and Stormie Ward (152) also competed at the regional golf meet.

Left: Lady Panther Golf Squad had what appeared to be a lackluster day in Cheney. However, even a windy day and playing huge, fast greens couldn't keep Stormie Ward and Alycen Berridge from shooting their averages. The highlight of the day was when freshman Makenna Dodson carded her first career birdie after sinking a ten foot putt!

Panther Basketball



Coach Field and a few of the Panther basketball team went to South Hutchinson Elementary and taught basketball skills and drills during PE.



South Hutchinson Elementary students practice drills during the visit from NHS Panther basketball players and coach Field.

NICKERSON HIGH SCHOOL



NHS Panther Volleyball heads to substate on Saturday, October 19, 2018.



NHS volleyball coaching staff for 2018-19 are Michelle Smith, head coach, Deedra Emel, and Megan Peterson.

Panther Volleyball is Substate Runner-up

Nickerson's volleyball season was ended by two-time 4A state champion Rose Hill 21-25, 25-20, 25-16 in the Rose Hill substate. The Panthers defeated Wellington 25-16, 25-19 in the first match.

Nickerson (30-11, 8-1 CKL) shared the Central Kansas League volleyball title

with Pratt and Hesston for head coach Deedra Emel. Nickerson defeated Pratt for a share of the CKL title. The Panthers placed as state runner-up in 4A-Division 2 last year and placed third in 4A-Division 2 in 2016.

Nickerson's varsity roster featured Madison Ontjes, Alyssa Land, Brylee Engelland, Megan King, Morgan Stout, McKinzie Starnes, Lauren Hiatt, Alex Altum and Cyra Kelley. Panther seniors are Engelland, King, Hiatt and Altum.

Panther Runner Qualifies



NHS Senior Panther Alex Nava qualified and participated in the State Cross Country meet at Wamego on, Oct. 27.

Nickerson Panther Alex Nava finished 82nd with a time of 19:28.6 at the 4A state cross country meet Oct. 27 at Wamego Country Club. Nava ran a competitive time at the challenging Wamego course. NHS Cross Country Coach is Kim Workman.

Nava (18:57.5) ran a career-best time in the 4A Buhler regional to qualify for the 4A state cross country meet.

Nickerson's boys placed eighth at regionals with 223 points at the Prairie Ridge course. Other runners were Owen Krehbiel, 20:58.5, 46th; Joe Sack, 23:06.7, 52nd; Zavien Rodriguez, 23:08.6, 53rd; Rick Sack, 24:21.2, 54th; Daniel Damato, 24:20.8, 55th; and Isaac Wiedeman, 24:44.5, 56th.

Panther Nichole Moore (24:03.1) placed 28th and Kaitlin Colle (30:05.6) finished 57th at 4A regionals.

CKL MEET – Moore (23:20.58) placed 20th and Krehbiel (19:52.27) finished 41st at the Central Kansas League cross country meet.

NICKERSON BOYS—41—Owen Krehbiel, 19:52.27

NICKERSON JV BOYS—22—Joe Sack, 21:12.64; 27—Rick Sack, 22:07.32; 45—Daniel Damato, 24:10.35; 46—Isaac Weideman, 24:20.77; 47—Xavien Rodriguez, 24:24.48

NICKERSON GIRLS—20—Nichole Moore, 23:30.58; 60—Kaitlin Colle, 29:57.93

Athlete of the Week



Congratulations to NHS athlete Alycen Berridge for being named State Farm Athlete of the Week during October! She was awarded a plaque by Brandon Meyers, local State Farm Agent from Hutchinson.

NICKERSON HIGH SCHOOL



Nickerson Panthers prepare to defend the Kingman offense during the Kingman game at Kingman.

Below: Jarron Kaufmann escapes a tackle from a Scott City player during the 3A playoff game on October 26, 2018.



Larned players run Panther Hunter Jones out of bounds before he scores during the Larned game.



NHS Panther Football Breaks School Records

The Nickerson Panthers broke two school records during a 2-7 football season for first year head coach John Wellman.

Nickerson upset 4A-Division 2 state champion Holcomb 27-7, the first time in school history the Panthers have ever beaten a defending state football champion. The 20-point victory over Holcomb enabled the Panthers to qualify for the state football playoffs for a record fourth consecutive season.

Unbeaten Scott City defeated the Panthers 38-0 in the first round of the 3A playoffs on October 26, 2018. Nickerson back Jarin Gomez and Tre Garcia led the Panthers 74-yard offense. The Panthers played without starting quarterback Tanner Schrag and leading runner, receiver and leading scorer Hunter Jones, an All-Central Kansas League linebacker.

The Panthers qualified for the 3A playoffs despite losing 49-14 to unbeaten co-CKL champion Pratt. Hugoton defeated Holcomb 14-7 to help the Panthers win a tiebreaker against the Longhorns. Hunter Jones scored on an 85-yard kickoff return and quarterback Tre Garcia scored on a 33-yard touchdown run. Garcia passed for 69 yards and Jones had 59 yards receiving. Jones had nine tackles and Tanner Smith and Adan Garcia each had four tackles.

The Panthers graduate QB-S Tanner Schrag, LB-RB Hunter Jones, FB-LB Chandler Eaton, WR-DB Kaleb Jackson and RB-LB Wyatt Walden-Curiel.



Nickerson Panther Jarin Gomez (15) breaks tackles during the game at Larned on October 5, while Eric Malecki (64) blocks for Gomez.

NICKERSON HIGH SCHOOL



Nickerson High cheerleaders start the game at Larned with school spirit! Coach of the squad is Sheila Berridge.

NHS Cheerleaders Show School Spirit

NHS cheerleaders
show their ability, and
learned this fall to do a
build at the Larned
game.



NICKERSON HIGH SCHOOL

NICKERSON HIGH SCHOOL
presents...

CHANGING MINDS

Music by BRET SIMMONS | Book & Lyrics by DAVID HOWARD

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 7PM
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2PM

NHS AUDITORIUM
DOORS OPEN 30 MINUTES BEFORE SHOWTIME

ADULTS - \$6
STUDENTS (K-12) - \$4
Preschoolers & USD 309
Faculty/Staff admitted FREE
NHS STUDENTS - 1 free
admission, courtesy of
Panther Pride

NHS

CHANGING MINDS is presented through special
arrangement with and all authorized performance materials are
supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide,
1180 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036. (866) 378-9758
www.theatricalrights.com

More info at
<http://www.nickersonchoirs.org/fall-musical>

NHS presents “Changing Minds”

The 2018 NHS Fall Musical is almost here! Tech Rehearsals begin October 29 and Dress Rehearsals begin November 5. Our final dress rehearsal will be Friday morning, November 9 as we present the show for all of the 5th-8th graders in our district. The show opens to the public Saturday, November 10 at 7 pm. Doors will open at 6:30 pm (no advance ticket sales), and those delicious cupcakes will be for sale again this year in the main lobby! You can also catch the show on Sunday, November 11 at 2 pm (doors open at 1:30 pm). Admission prices are as follows: Adults -- \$6, Students (K-12) -- \$4, Preschoolers & USD 309 Faculty/Staff --

Free; NHS Students -- 1 free admission, courtesy of Panther Pride.

As always, CHANGING MINDS is a family-friendly show packed with LOTS of laughs. If you like Freaky Friday and High School Musical, you'll LOVE this show! Come journey with us to the West Coast as the students of Playa Sola High School prepare for a Magical Night at Prom. There is magic in the air, even before Prom night! Social boundaries are crossed, new alliances are formed, and EVERYONE ends up confused and anxious to see what comes next!

RENO VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Principal: Vince Naccarato 1616 N. Wilshire RR 3, Hutchinson, KS 67501 662-4573 / 866-662-4573 (Toll Free) 662-6708 (Fax)



8th grade "A" team, the 2018 CKL MS Champs with a perfect record of 20-0 this season. From L-R: Lauren Nelson, Sarah Meyer, Cierah Clark, Lauren Kinsey, Josie McLean, Ava Jones, Brooklyn Perry, Jolie Shultz. Coach Vick, Coach Barton.

2018 Lady Panther Volleyball

It was an exciting and successful 2018 volleyball season for the Reno Valley Lady Panthers.

Coaches this season were Lynn Vick assisted by Zach Barton & Jenna Hueble. All teams finished with winning records, with two of the teams going undefeated. Way to go!

The 8th grade "C" team went 6-3. They lost matches to Hillsboro, Halstead and Lyons. But, finished strong by defeating Haven, Pratt, Smoky Valley, Hoisington, Larned and Hesston. Team members included: Hannah Chesney, Zoe Coonce, Shad Schenker, Cheyenne Carder, Chloe Cox, Hadley Nelson, Brandy Brown, Haley Chapman, Aunna Sittler, and Jersey Spencer.

The 7th grade "C" team was 9-0, undefeated. Victorious in all matches they

played. Team members included: Haylee Stroy, Emma Atkinson, Ria Shah, Peighton Shultz, Madison fogelson, Jolie Oquenda, Emily Mobley, Zoey Pisano, Breckyn Isley, Destiny Ponds, Kennedy Blasdel and Natalie Cooper.

The 7th grade "B" team ended the year at 12-3. For the regular season their only loss was to Smoky Valley in 3 sets. At the Pratt tournament they defeated Lyons, Sterling, Kingman and Pratt. But, lost to Hoisington and again Smoky Valley, both in 3 exciting sets. Team members included: Grace Marciano, Kadence Newman, Ayla Ontjes, Kalyse Abernathy, Avery Hambrick, Jaylee Harvey, Tenley Kaufmann, Jailyn Miller and Payten Dodson.

The 8th grade "A" team finished the season as the 2018 CKL Champs with a

perfect record, 20-0.

At the Ellsworth tournament they defeated Ellsworth, Scared Heart, Hoisington, Beloit and Ellsworth to place first, which was a first for Reno Valley at this tournament. They ended the regular season with a spectacular, high energy match win against Hesston. "One of the best middle school volleyball matches I have seen". We were seeded number one for the CKL tournament and Reno Valley held true to the #1 seed and won all 4 matches in pool play. We then had to defeat Haven and Pratt for the championship. Team members included: Josie McLean, Ava Jones, Lauren Kinsey, Brooklyn Perry, Cierah Clark, Sarah Meyer, Lauren Nelson and Jolie Shultz.

Proud to be a Panther!

RENO VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL



Reno Valley Middle School Football Panthers take the field at home before the game against Hoisington. The game came down to the last play!

Reno Valley Football

The Reno Valley Middle School football team nearly upset the unbeaten Hoisington Middle School Cardinals, losing by one touchdown on a last-minute touchdown pass.

COACHES—Matt Engelland, Nick Flowers, Cody Casey

RENO VALLEY 8TH—Nate Bell, Colin Broomfield, Jace Byard, Wyatt Clark, Landyn Dickson, Cody Goertzen, Jaxson Green, Maddi Miller, Matthew Monroe, R.J. Monroe, Gavin

Moore, Colton Morrell, Kristen Pisano, Mason Smith, Kohen Starnes, Lawrence Tuxhorn, Alerek Van Kleek

RENO VALLEY 7TH—Logan Anderson, Bryson Chapman, Raeshawn Crank, Zane Damme, Brock Doolittle, Avery Ediger, Carson Engelland, Taylor Engelland, Koltyn Giles, Fain Johnson, Cage Kelly, Ian Kinsey, Gunner Lane, Andrew Martin, Manny Martinez, Michael Nolde, Logan Rogers, Ethan Slife, Cody Spurlock, Skyler Wakefield



Reno Valley Cross Country runner Ashley Teichmann and Carsen Blasdel are shown here. They medaled for the first time, along with Jennifer Leis (not pictured) at Sterling on October 4, 2018.

Reno Valley Cross Country

RVMS Cross Country Coach Scott Weideman is "Super Proud of my RVMS Panther Cross Country Runners!" They endured the chilliest race of the season, and all finished with their best times, and our school's first Cross Country medals! League Cross Country at Smoky Valley School, Lindsborg on October 11, 2018. These runners brought home PR's and first-ever Cross country school records for RVMS.

7th Grade Boys and Girls 1 mile:

Carsen Blasdel earned our school's very first 2nd OVERALL finish, with a new PR and school record of 5:58! Daniel Pride earned himself a PR for the season, finishing 26th with a time of 7:22. Carl Williams did not compete at league, but had a season best time of 7:57.1. Ashley Teichmann placed 9th, and finished the season with a PR and taking the school record to 6:55. Jennifer Leis was hot on her trail with a 10th place finish and her PR time of 7:01. Emily Hall wrapped up her season with her best time of 7:19, and a 16th place finish.

8th Grade Boys 2 mile:

Nathan Ochs conquered his 2 mile race in 19th place with a time of 15:05. His PR for the season, and school record, was 14:52.3, at Sterling. Brayden Bass was injured and did not compete, but had a season best time of 20:26.6.

NICKERSON ELEMENTARY

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Honor Roll - 1st Nine Weeks

Grade 3 Principal's Honor Roll

Lakyn Brown
Adalynn Curran
Jackie DeWitt
Brady Engelland
Lucy Fisher
Pollyann Frank
Rayne Hedrick
Addison Heinlein
Caleb Mostek
Jaycie Ohnmacht
Austin Palmatier
Ayden Wilson
Trevor Barnes
Colton Bell
Kel Carmichael
Payton Combs
Madison Dick
Rocco DiDomenico
Kalie Dooley
Arian Gordon
Isaac Hauck
Bailee LaRue
Aaliyah Leving
Nevaeh Lomax

Isabella McClurg
Rylee Montoya
Montana Peterson
Daisy Sack
Neva Wayne
Cricket Wilson
Reid Wilson

Honor Roll

Bryanna Bennett
Alaina Borders
Lynzi Brown
Kadin Melton
Paisley Moots
Faith Williams

Honorable Mention

**Grade 4
Principal's
Honor Roll**
Jalen Batiste
Ireland Clark
Denae Engelland

Andy Huggard

Honor Roll

Isabella Basgall
Sarah Carder
Elijah Chapman
Sophia DiDomenico
Kenzie Gaston
Ambrosia Grounds
Rendor Hada
Jillian Hartman
Isaiah Hathaway
Taylor Herion
Kaidence Keeler
Keylea Myers
Gabriel Navarro
Sydney Richard
Colton Stafford

Honorable Mention

Kaley Beaird
Brittney Chestnut
Braylon DeBozy
Mercedes Dilbeck
Braden Drach
Isabelle Pina

Dagan Schneider

Grade 5 Principal's Honor Roll

Delaney Childs
Sydney Clasen
Aaron Logan
Hayden Nelson

Honor Roll

Hailey Barnes
Deion Hamilton
Emily King
Margaret Melton
Brynnlee Riggins
Katie Ruckman

Honorable Mention

Larissa Dreiling
Bailey Goertz
Kyleigh Hathaway
Teagan Lomax
Tajarie Monroe
Atton Nelson
Evan Trostle

Grade 6 Principal's Honor Roll

Chance Barr
Mia DiDomenico
Kassandra Graham
Liliana Hoffman
Taylor Huggard
Rachel Nisly
Emma Rome
Carter Schrag
Mylee Smith

Honor Roll

Alec Brown
Mara Burgess
Emily Carder
Kamryn Hamby
Kyla Matchett
Rochelle Renaud

Honorable Mention

Olivia Herion
Taylor Keffer
Sasha Perry



**JOHNNY
Appleseed**



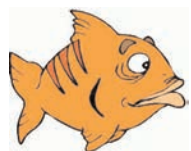
Mrs Osenbaugh's Kindergarten class is learning about apples and Johnny Appleseed. They are shown here in hats made during class.

NICKERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

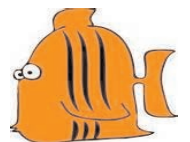


Mrs. Collins 1st grade enjoyed the book Mrs. Fankhauser read to them about rock fish. Here they show their own rock fish.

The 5th grade students of Mrs. Morris show their painted rock fish.



Rock Fish in Counselor Class



In counselor class, Mrs. Fankhauser at Nickerson Elementary read the book *Only One You*, by Linda Kranz.

Instead of illustrations, the pictures in the story are created by combining underwater pictures and pictures of rocks painted like fish.

The book taught students many important lessons, including "Find your own way; you don't have to follow the crowd," "Know when to speak; know when to listen," "If you make a wrong turn, circle back," and more.

To help them remember these lessons, each student painted their own rock-fish. NES STUCO helped pull the weeds in the front flower beds, and Mrs. Fankhauser and her husband trimmed the bushes and put down new mulch. Make sure you stop by to check out our new "school" of fish!

NICKERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Bolton Brooks is shown throwing the ball during competition for the fundraiser at the school.



Kyle Loitz participates in the fundraiser for David Maehs at Nickerson Elementary.



Holding #1 for the camera is the winning K-2 team.



The 3rd and 4th grade were the champion team.



The teacher team for the fundraiser is the K-2 & 3rd-4th teacher team.

NES Fund Raiser for David

Recently students and staff at Nickerson Elementary held a fund raiser for David Maehs a student at the school.

David is in 2nd grade and a cancer patient that is now in remission!!!

"We raised over \$1,000 - I believe \$1,100," said Sheila Berridge. "The tournament had 3 age divisions, K-2, 3-4, 5-6th. The champion of each age division then played the teachers - of course the teachers won!!!"

SOUTH HUTCHINSON ELEMENTARY

Principal: Julie Schrum 405 S. Poplar, South Hutchinson 67505 665-8441/866-665-8441(Toll free) 665-7481 (Fax)

Honor Roll - 1st Nine Weeks

Grade 5 Principal's Honor Roll

Mersadies Marciano
Tyler Morrell
Perla Pena
Rylee Potter

Honor Roll

Brenton Forrester
Kanyon Haney
Yaresli Pena
Grace Shelton
Kaylee Throckmorton

Alaiyna Tipton
Jadiah Bird
Jesse Clapper
Alaina Martin
Kinsley Martin
Cameron Welch

Honorable Mention

Jayden Belote
Riley Brawner
Alexis Harman
Aydin MacKena
Kolten Pettay

Dakoda Weible
Payton Allen
Jordan Becker
Nichole Gardner
Merrick Giles
Emmaly Martinez
Riley Spurlock
Nathan Torrez
Tramel Walker
Kealeian Weible

Grade 6 Principal's Honor Roll

Haleigh Haney
Makayla Barone
Tyler Hoffman
Jacob Moore
Dallas Yoder

Honor Roll

Dalton Coonce
Destiny Powell
Adaylee Morrell
Darrius Pointer
Wyatt Throckmorton
Garrett Crossman
Jayli Groth

Cody Looney
Cailyn Miller
Patrick Tracy
RaShawn Walker
Calvin White

Honorable Mention

Brayden Christians
Danielle Gober
Levi Pauley
Kaeden Crank

Robotics Class



Mrs. Perrone gave a robotics class for students at South Hutchinson Elementary. She explained the different parts and had them build a race car so they could race their robotic against other students.



Alexis Harman and Kinsley Martin work together on their robotics project.



5th graders work on putting together Miley the Science Rover Leo Robot.



Theron Shultz & Riley Brawner work on putting together Miley & Science Rover Lego Robot. They had to follow directions to assemble the robot & then they were able to code the robot to move forward and backward, light up, and make sounds.

SOUTH HUTCHINSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



The three students that set South Hutchinson school records this year. Garrett Crossman (right) set the school record in the Shuttle Run (9.63 seconds). Landry Smith (left) now holds the school records for 1 min Push Ups (54), 1 min Jump Rope (150) and Total Fitness Score (198). Adaylee Morrell (middle) now holds the school record for Sit and Reach (+10).



This picture shows the South Hutchinson record setters from this year and each grade level Total Fitness Score winners. Record Setters Garrett Crossman, Adaylee Morrell and Landry Smith. Total Fitness Score winners - 2nd Grade: Qwen McElheny (89) and Brooklyn Rowe (89), 3rd Grade: Austin McKee (103), 4th Grade: Landry Smith (198), 5th Grade: Mersadies Marciano (131), 6th Grade: Levi Pauley (187).

South Hutchinson Fitness

South Hutchinson Elementary Physical Education students (2nd - 6th grade) spent the month of September working hard to complete all of their Fall Fitness Testing events.

Students start the school year by getting their height and weight recorded and then spend the next four weeks testing in four categories of physical fitness in order to find their overall fitness score. The four categories tested are strength, flexibility, agility

and speed. The scores from those four tests are put together to give each student a Total Fitness Score. Students can then set goals and be retested in the Spring in order to chart improvements.

The student from each grade level that earned the top Total Fitness Score is recognized and given an award as well as any student that ends up setting any school fitness record. Physical Education instructor at the school is Dalynn Smith.

South Hutchinson Fire Dept Fire Safety



First grade classes at South Hutchinson Elementary enjoyed the visit from the South Hutch Fire Dept on October 10. It was good to review fire safety! They went over fire safety rules, discussed a tool and a toy, put on the uniform, and they all looked at the truck.

SOUTH HUTCHINSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Pumpkin Patch Excitement



Ivy Addis, Dakota Green, Langley Blasdel, Brooklyn Steffen, & Kynli Foster enjoy their trip to the pumpkin patch!



Mrs. Nelson's class visited the pumpkin patch! Shown here picking out a pumpkin is Kynli Foster a student in Mrs. Nelson's class.



Ivy Addis & Langley Blasdel play a game of pumpkin while visiting the pumpkin patch.



Micah Hays a student in Mrs. Krehbiels's class at South Hutchinson Elementary learns about nature on their trip to Dillon Nature Center.

Kindergarten Visits Dillon Nature



The kindergarten classes visited Dillon Nature Center for a spider walk. The students learned about the characteristics of spiders and the differences between spiders and insects. They had fun looking at some real spiders and examining different types of webs. It was an exciting trip and the classes learned some interesting things about the world of arachnids!

Cranky Bear



From left to right: Max Potter, Keara Riddle, Will Barkley, Lillyann, Bradley King, and Cori Williams were performing "The Very Cranky Bear" to Mrs Hummel's first grade class. This was Kelli Lauder milk's group of MTSS students that were working on fluency and speaking skills in 4th grade. The first graders enjoyed hearing the performance!



SOUTH HUTCHINSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Gaeddert Farm



Joley and Jordyn Pennington enjoyed the field trip to Gaeddert Farm with their mom. The first graders learned about the life cycle of a pumpkin during their field trip.



First graders in Mrs. Hummel's and Mrs. Nelson's class pick out the best pumpkins! Shown here are: Emily Cook, Grady Hawks, Kash Kelman, Alaric Mahoney, and AJ Turner.



Brayden Tibbett, Vela Jones, Zoie Kirk, Zoe Maley hold their pumpkins from the field trip at Gaeddert Farms. They played on the jumping pillow, played pumpkin checkers, went down the big slide, and jumped in hay. What a fun field trip the 1st graders had!!



Notes from the Nurse

Flu vs Cold

Signs and Symptoms	Influenza	Cold
Symptom onset	Abrupt	Gradual
Fever	Usual; lasts 3-4 days	Rare
Aches	Usual; often severe	Slight
Chills	Fairly common	Uncommon
Fatigue, weakness	Usual	Sometimes
Sneezing	Sometimes	Common
Stuffy nose	Sometimes	Common
Sore throat	Sometimes	Common
Chest discomfort, cough	Common; can be severe	Mild to moderate; hacking cough
Headache	Common	Rare



Friendly Reminder from the District Nurse

All Preschool, Kindergarten and NEW students must have the following paperwork on file with the school nurse:

- 1) Current Immunization Record
- 2) Current Health Assessment (physical-dated on or after 8/01/17)
- 3) Proof of Birth (Official State Certificate, Hospital Certificate, Hospital Confirmation Letter)
- 4) Complete health information on CareDox (online medical management system)

Students with medical diagnoses such as Asthma, Diabetes, Food Allergies, and Insect Allergies, Seizures and/or those that take prescription medications at school must complete the appropriate paperwork and return to the school as soon as possible.

I am missing a lot of paperwork and would appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Lastly, please be aware of the medication requirements for students taking prescription and non-prescription meds at school.

Medication Request Parent Information Sheet

The following procedures must be followed for medication to be dispensed:

1. The parent or guardian must provide all medications to be administered at school by the school nurse or other delegated school personnel. The medication must be in the original, completely labeled container. If a prescription, it should bear the label with correct AND current dosage information. Any change in time or dosage of medication requires a new prescription from the physician. Because of limited space, medication should be brought to school in the smallest size you can purchase.
2. A medication authorization form signed by a parent or guardian must be on file at the school. This request will expire at the end of each school year.
3. The first dose of medication must be given by the parent or guardian, with observation of the child for at least 24 hours for signs of adverse reactions.
4. All medication must be kept in the area designated by the Principal. Students requiring medications will be responsible for reporting to the office at the specified time.
5. It is required that medication that is a controlled substance (Ritalin, Adderall, Methylphenidate, etc.) be brought to school by the parent or guardian and will be counted.
6. If your child requires any exception to this general procedure, such as self-administration (inhalers, insulin, and epi-pens), see the school nurse about developing a special plan.
7. It is the parent's responsibility to inform the school nurse of any health, behavioral, or medication related concerns regarding this student. Please note that medical and health related information might be shared with appropriate school personnel.

Written standing orders from the district's consulting physician have been obtained for the administration of emergency medication such as Benadryl (diphenhydramine) for mild allergic reactions. The nurse's office is also supplied with topical first aid medication, such as triple antibiotic ointment. Parents are to notify the school nurse if their student should NOT receive any allergy medication or topical first aid medications.

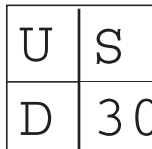
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District Nurse

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NOVEMBER

Thurs., Nov. 1, 2018

■NHS McPherson
College Jazz Festival
■NHS JV Scholars
Bowl Meet @ Lyons

Sat., Nov. 3, 2018

■NHS KMEA District
Choir & Band
Auditions/Jazz
Performance @ Wichita
Heights HS All Day

Sun., Nov. 4, 2018
Daylight Savings Time
Ends - Set Your Clocks
Back 1 Hour

Mon., Nov. 5, 2018

■NHS Athletic Buffer
Week
■NHS Panther Pride
Mtg. - NHS Cafeteria
6:30 p.m.

■NE NICKS Mtg. 6:30
p.m.

■SH Parent Teacher
Council Mtg. 6:00 p.m.

Tues., Nov. 6, 2018

■NHS Athletic Buffer
Week

Wed., Nov. 7, 2018

■NHS Athletic Buffer
Week
■SH Lifetouch Fall
Individual Pictures (2nd
Chance) 10:45 a.m. to
12:00 p.m.

Thurs., Nov. 8, 2018

■NHS Athletic Buffer
Week
■NHS Red Cross Blood
Drive - NHS Old Gym
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
■NHS Debate V @

Pratt 4:00 p.m.

■RV BB vs Hoisington
4:30 p.m. (H)
■NE LifeTouch Fall
Picture Retakes

Fri., Nov. 9, 2018

■NHS Athletic Buffer
Week
■RV 2nd Six Week
Grading Period

Sat., Nov. 10, 2018

■NHS Fall Musical
"Changing Minds" 7:00
p.m.

Sun., Nov. 11, 2018

■NHS Fall Musical
"Changing Minds" 2:00
p.m.

Mon., Nov. 12, 2018
Collaboration Day
No School

■NHS Winter Sports
Begins
■District Board Mtg. @
Complex 7:00 p.m.

Tues., Nov. 13, 2018

■NHS Debate Novice
Meet @ Home
■NHS V Scholars Bowl
Meet @ Lyons
■NE Band Concert 7:00
p.m.

Thurs., Nov. 15, 2018

■RV BB vs Lyons 4:30
p.m. (H)
■NE 5th & 6th Gr.
Music Concert 7:00 p.m.

Mon., Nov. 19, 2018

■RV BB @ Larned 4:30
p.m.

Tues., Nov. 20, 2018

■NHS LifeTouch
Winter Sports Pictures
■NHS Deadline Jostens
SR Graduation Orders

Wed., Nov. 21, 2018
Thanksgiving Break

No School

Thurs., Nov. 22, 2018
Thanksgiving Break
No School

Fri., Nov. 23, 2018
Thanksgiving Break
No School

Tues., Nov. 27, 2018
■RV BB (G) @
Remington 4:00 p.m.

Wed., Nov. 28, 2018
■RV PAWS Mtg. 5:30
p.m.

Thurs., Nov. 29, 2018
■NHS Debate V @
Larned 4:00 p.m.
■RV BB vs Halstead
RV 4:30 p.m. (H)

Fri., Nov. 30, 2018
■NHS BB V/JV @
Sedgwick 4:00 p.m.

USD 309's Core Beliefs



We believe an innovative, high-quality, rigorous curriculum will prepare our students for success beyond high school.

We believe in recruiting, retaining, and developing professionals who are committed to USD 309's success.

We believe quality facilities are paramount to a quality education.

We believe clear and effective information is accessible to students, parents, and patrons.

We believe technological instruction is critical to our students' success beyond high school.

We believe the success of our students is vital to the success and growth of our community.

We believe all students can be successful and the path to knowledge is diverse.

We believe in a positive and safe learning environment.

We believe each child can make a positive contribution to society.