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# Neosho School Notes

FROM MR. SABOL

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2011

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- February 26— Solo & Ensemble @Herman
- March 7— NO SCHOOL \*IN-SERVICE
- March 8-11— Dr. Seuss Week
- March 8—PTG @ 6:30 p.m.
- March 10— School Board Meeting @6:00 p.m.
- March 12—Solo & Ensemble @Beaver Dam HS
- March 21-25— Scholastic Book Fair
- March 24— Battle of the Books
- March 25— End of 3rd Quarter
- March 28— April 1—Spring Break

## The Dark Side of Technology



On February 16, our 4-8 grade students had the opportunity to view an internet safety presentation hosted at HUHS. Eric Szatkowski, a criminal investigator for the Department of Justice that specializes in technology related crimes, was asked to speak to our students about the possible dangers associated with inappropriate cell phone usage and internet based social networking.

The Dodge County Safe Schools & Healthy Students grant sponsored the program for Neosho students and extended the opportunity to participate in the assemblies to Erin, Saylesville, and Friess Lake. The age appropriate presentations taught students about the dangers of social media predators and cyber bullying. The experience was truly eye opening for both our students and the Neosho School faculty.

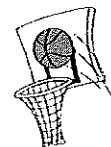
Agent Szatkowski has presented to over 200,000 people across the country and is committed to educating today's youth about the ever changing landscape of social networking. A considerable number of our student at Neosho School are current smart phone, Facebook, iGoogle, and YouTube users. There are many tools available for parents to monitor their son/daughter's technology based activities. **\*Recommended web based resources to help you in your efforts to ensure internet safety are located on the Neosho School website and on the back of this newsletter.** In addition, I encourage you to check with your cell phone service provider and/or its website for parental control options for cell phone and cell phones with internet access.

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



*Our February Birthday Table was Thursday, February 24. Happy Birthday to Brook Aufdermauer, Ryan Aufdermauer, Chase Bartelt, Ashley Buchmann, Andrew Degeler, Cole Eichinger, Madisyn Eifler, Michael Groshek, Reese Kolander, Ryan Millikin, Anthony Peters, Edward Seramur, Sadie Tarantino, and Myles Von Der Vellen! Thank you to Mrs. Neu for the delicious birthday treats. :)*

## Congratulations to Winter Athletes



Way to go Neosho! Congratulations to our 5/6 and 7/8 Basketball athletes for truly doing an amazing job of representing Neosho School throughout the winter sports season. The 7/8 Boys Basketball team are officially the 2010-2011 WDAL Conference Champs and placed 1st in the Immanuel Lutheran Invitational & 1st in the Saylesville Shootout. Thank you to Coach Rettler, Coach Buchmann, and Coach Dauphinais for their time dedicated to the basketball program!

## SUGGESTED WEBSITES TO GET MORE INFORMATION

**(Check with your cell phone service provider and/or its website for parental control options for cell phones and cell phones with Internet access! Some have GPS tracking to monitor your kids' location)**

<http://www.mycrimespace.com> (Daily links to stories that appear around the nation/world about the crime, harassment, and bullying that takes place on social networking sites)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_social\\_networking\\_websites](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_social_networking_websites) (List of more than 100 social networking sites and detailed descriptions of how they work; includes MySpace, Facebook, Xanga, etc.)

[www.pipl.com](http://www.pipl.com) , [www.peakyou.com](http://www.peakyou.com) , [www.spokeo.com](http://www.spokeo.com) , [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) , [www.bing.com](http://www.bing.com) (Search engines to help you find if your kids are on social networking sites; search by name, email address, etc.)

[www.netsmartz.org](http://www.netsmartz.org) (Interactive site for ages 5 through 17 sponsored by NCMEC, for kids, students, parents, educators and law enforcement)

[www.netsmartz411.org](http://www.netsmartz411.org) (Parents' and guardians' premier, online resource for answering questions about Internet safety, computers, cell/smart phones, social networking and the Web)

[www.cybertip.com](http://www.cybertip.com) (Report suspicious online activity encountered by you or your kids; sent on to appropriate law enforcement agency)

[www.familywatchdog.us](http://www.familywatchdog.us) (Find out where registered sex offenders live in your neighborhood)

<http://offender.doc.state.wi.us/public/> (Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry)

[www.netfamilynews.org](http://www.netfamilynews.org) ("Based on the premise that informed, engaged parenting is essential to kids' constructive use of technology and the Net.")

[www.safekids.com](http://www.safekids.com) ("Your family's guide to making the Internet and Technology fun, safe and productive.")

[www.netlingo.com](http://www.netlingo.com) (Chat and computer terms, definitions, slang, acronyms)

[www.bsecure.com](http://www.bsecure.com) (Filter example; used in the Szatkowski home since 2005)

[www.webwatchernow.com](http://www.webwatchernow.com) , [www.spectorsoft.com](http://www.spectorsoft.com) , [www.guardiansoftware.com](http://www.guardiansoftware.com) (Examples of monitoring software to records EVERYTHING that appears on the computer screen/monitor)

[www.keycatcher.com](http://www.keycatcher.com) (Example of *hardware* that secretly captures all keystrokes including passwords)

<http://getnetwise.org/> (GetNetWise is a public service brought to you by Internet industry corporations and public interest organizations to help ensure that Internet users have safe, constructive, and educational or entertaining online experiences.)

[www.monitoringsoftwarereviews.org](http://www.monitoringsoftwarereviews.org) & [www.parentalcontrolsoftwareguide.info](http://www.parentalcontrolsoftwareguide.info)  
(Reviews, rankings and ratings for security software)

[www.mymobilewatchdog.com](http://www.mymobilewatchdog.com) (IF you permit your kids to have cell phones with Internet access, this product alerts a subscriber "when unknown people try to call, email or text message your child. Exceptional activities are logged, allowing you to view, assess and take action on questionable contacts." This product DOES NOT block them from surfing or accessing inappropriate sites or content on the web)

[www.athinline.org](http://www.athinline.org) MTV's A Thin Line campaign was developed to help youth identify, respond to, and stop the spread of digital abuse in their lives and amongst peers.

# EXTRA EFFORT

**When:** Monday - Thursday (3:20-4:20)  
**Where:** Neosho School Library  
**Why:** Students needing help, a quiet place to work, any other great reason  
**Who:** Mr. Pohland will be there to help

Students can be signed up for any or all days each week. Please turn in this form to your teacher.

Parents: Please be prompt in picking up your child at 4:20 P.M.! I look forward to working with many of our children this year.

\_\_\_\_\_ Monday, February 28  
\_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday, March 1  
\_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday, March 2  
\_\_\_\_\_ Thursday, March 3

Students Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to attend Extra Effort. I understand that I must pick my child up at 4:20 P.M.

Parents

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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## 2nd Quarter Honor Roll 2010-11 School Year

### 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE

\* Popies, Thomas  
\* Buchmann, Ashley  
\* Doege, Kayla  
\* Laplander, Destiny  
  
Aufdermauer, Ryan  
Braunschweig, Emma  
Dei, Stephanie  
Eifler, Madisyn  
Neuenschwander, Jacob  
Schneider, Danielle  
Siebenlist, Josh

### 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE

\* Wendorf, Katherine  
\* Wisth, Morgan  
  
Menigoz, August  
Duehring, Miranda  
Emslie, Kolton  
Groshek, Michael  
Hogen, Kyle  
Moser, Leah  
Simmons, Evah  
Uhing, Dalton

### 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE

\* Neu, Callie  
\* Noll, Kayla  
\* Peters, Alex  
\* Spudich, Samantha  
\* Aufdermauer, Zachary  
  
Beck, Rachael  
Braunschweig, Alex  
Gettelman, Travis  
Petit, Megan  
Rodriguez, Marcos  
Staiduhar, Allysa  
Vesely, Kyle  
Westphal, Trent  
Winter, Dale

\*High Honors

# Neosho Parent-Teacher Notes

## 2011 NEOSHO PLANT SALE

The PTG announces the spring plant sale!

The plants will be provided by Black's Nursery.  
The plants are of excellent quality.

The Geraniums will come in a 4½" pot for **\$4.00**

The Impatiens and Pansies will come 4 plants per pack – 12 packs per flat  
= 48 plants for **\$10.00** ½ flat and **\$17.00** for a full flat.

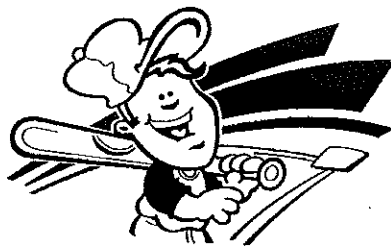
The Marigolds, Alyssum, Moss roses, Coleus and Petunias come  
4 plants per pack – 12 packs per flat = 48 plants for **\$9.00** ½ flat and  
**\$16.00** for a full flat.

**Please include one check payable to Neosho PTG with your completed order form by April 6th. Please have your customer make their check payable to you. Checks will be held until you receive the plants you sold.**

**Pick-up will be May 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.**

### Market Day Pick-up

Don't forget to pick up Market Day on Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 4:00pm. If you need a later pick-up time or have any questions, please contact Jennifer Spudich @625-3819.



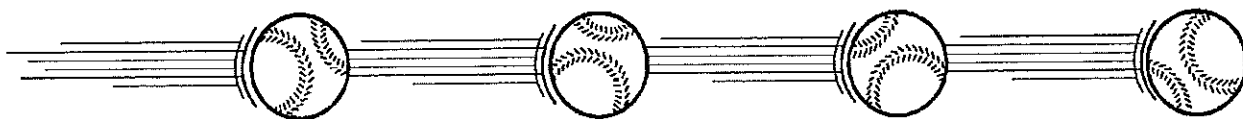
## Neosho Rockets Youth Baseball League

It is time to start thinking baseball! I am looking for *boys* who are interested in playing hardball at the following age levels; 9 – 10, 11 – 12 and 13 – 14 years old.

Last year I started a boys hardball team in Neosho through the Tri-County Youth Baseball League for boys who were in the 9 – 10 year old level, the team was such a great success that I am hoping to expand it to include other age levels this year. This is a traveling league; most of the games will be played in Rubicon, Hustisford, Iron Ridge, Mayville, Horicon and LeRoy and Neosho (the baseball field on Hale Road). Most of the games are played in June and July and on weeknights. In order to add other Neosho teams to the league I am going to need more players, head coaches/assistant coaches, umpires and concession stand helpers. Let's keep this league going it is a great thing for Neosho!

There will be a youth baseball information/registration night on **Wednesday, March 16, from 6:00 – 7:00 pm, at the Neosho Village Hall.** Even if you do not have a son in the age levels I am looking for but would be interested in coaching, umpiring or helping out I ask that you attend this informational meeting.

If you cannot attend the meeting but are interested in the league please contact Paul Balmer at 262-443-0203 or 920-625-3433 or e-mail [pdbalmer@hotmail.com](mailto:pdbalmer@hotmail.com).



# Motivation Methods That Work

“Have you finished your book report?” “When are you going to take out the trash?” Does it seem like you’re constantly nagging at your youngster to get things done?

Instead of nagging, try the suggestions and “can-do” tips in this special report. You’ll boost your child’s enthusiasm for doing what he needs to do—in school and at home!



## Offer praise

Never underestimate the power of a “Good job!” Children crave approval from their parents. A positive response, such as a hug or a smile, can be a great incentive. Whether it’s for washing a sink full of dishes or passing a math quiz, a word of encouragement will show your youngster that you notice his hard work. His self-confidence will soar, and he will want to keep trying.

**Can-do tips:** Let your child overhear you bragging to a friend when he cleans his room without being asked. Hang tests on the fridge, or send copies of a good report card to relatives.

## Create excitement

When your youngster needs help getting motivated for a task, find a way to make it enjoyable. For example, if you make reviewing for a test entertaining, you’re not only helping her study, you’re teaching her that learning doesn’t have to be boring.

**Can-do tip:** The next time your child is preparing for a test, turn studying into a game. *Example:* Draw a baseball diamond on a piece of paper. Ask her questions related to what she’s studying. Tell your youngster that she gets a base hit for every correct answer and a strikeout for every incorrect one. For every three base hits, she scores a home run.



## Show interest

Let your child know that what he’s involved in is important to you. When you express

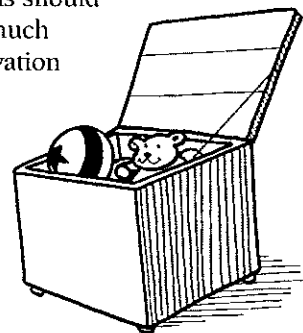
curiosity about the new computer game he’s playing with his friends or you regularly attend parent-teacher conferences, your youngster will see that you’re interested.

**Can-do tips:** Ask your child questions about his day. *Examples:* “How was the field trip?” “What was the score of the game?” Attend extracurricular and school functions, such as music recitals and parent nights, whenever possible.

## Give rewards

Simple rewards, like extra privileges, can be powerful motivators. But rewards should be used sparingly. Bargaining too much can limit your child’s natural motivation by putting the focus on getting something.

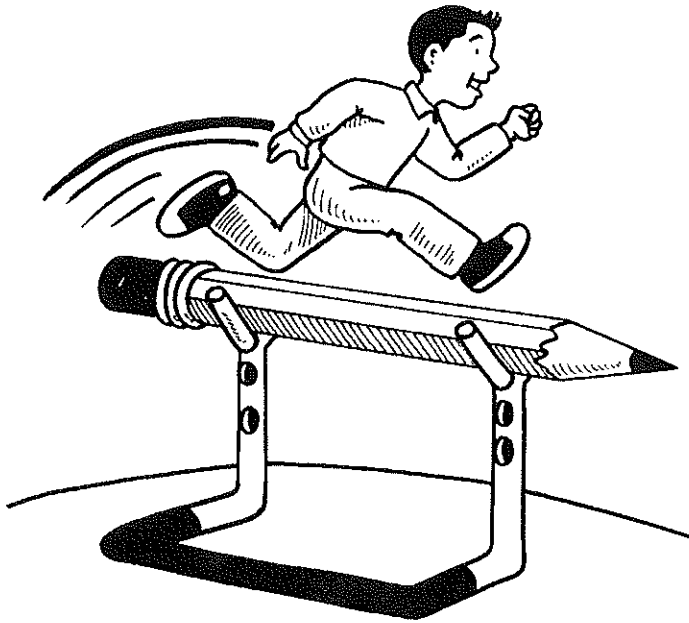
**Can-do tips:** Offer your youngster a special snack or extra TV time when she finishes her homework quickly. Or surprise her with a thank-you card in her lunch bag for helping you clean the garage.



## Use consequences

Experts agree that punishing kids for not doing what they’re supposed to do doesn’t always produce improved results. However, linking consequences to performance can provide a reason for your child to get the job done while giving him a greater sense of control over his life.

**Can-do tip:** Try to connect what your youngster needs to do with an outcome. *Example:* “After you rake the leaves in



the yard, you can go skateboarding.” This way, it will be an action on his part, rather than you, that lets him do something he wants.

## Encourage problem solving

When your child runs into a problem, don't solve it for her. Instead, give her clues that will help her discover the answer. The more she does on her own, the more confident she will feel about her work, and the harder she will try. And she'll learn how to handle future problems.

**Can-do tip:** If your youngster comes to you for homework help, have her turn the problem into a question. *Example:* If she asks you for the name of the first president of the United States, suggest that she ask herself, “Where in my textbook did I read about the first president?”

## Manage stress

You may not realize it, but stress can zap your child's energy. Feeling that he can't get everything done can keep your youngster from trying to do anything. Help him simplify his schedule so he can regain the motivation he needs to focus on what's most important: school, family and friends, exercise, and relaxation.

**Can-do tip:** If your child seems overwhelmed, make some schedule changes. Cut

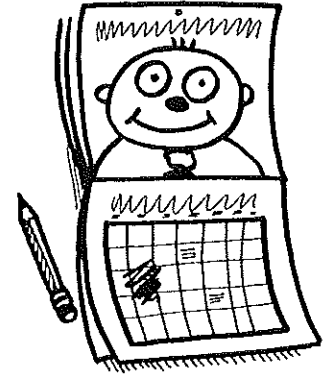


back on after-school activities like clubs and sports, and limit playdates.

## Establish expectations

It's important for parents to set high standards for their children at home and in school. Students whose parents expect them to do well in school have a better chance of learning success. Encourage your youngster to give her best effort in everything she does. Let her know that some things may be harder for her than others, but there's no excuse for not trying.

**Can-do tips:** Teach your child to be responsible at home by assigning chores and setting clear guidelines for behavior. If she's struggling with schoolwork, offer tutoring or other help to improve her skills and boost her self-confidence.



## Provide choices

Children, like adults, are motivated by their own interests. Allowing your child to make decisions will give him a sense of control and encourage him to tackle the job at hand.

**Can-do tip:** Give your youngster plenty of opportunities to have a say in day-to-day decisions. For example, ask him which movie you should rent for the evening or whether he'd like to visit a museum or a pet farm on a weekend trip. Let him choose whether to spend his allowance on a new video or the next book in his favorite series.

## Accept mistakes

Some kids are afraid of trying new things because they think making a mistake means they failed. When your youngster messes up, tell her you believe in her, and give her a chance to try again. Treating mistakes as opportunities instead of failures shows that you value effort, not just achievement.

**Can-do tip:** When your child makes a mistake, help her explore what went wrong. *Examples:* If she gets a poor grade, you might ask questions like, “Did you understand the teacher's instructions?” and “Did you remember to bring your review worksheets home?” If she forgets that she has practice after school, try, “Did you write the date on your calendar?” By figuring out why mistakes happen, your youngster will improve her chances for success in the future.

## Home & School CONNECTION