



Cougar Happenings

SEPTEMBER 2023

MESSAGE FROM MR. MINER

Dear Perry Hill Family,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2023-24 school year! We are off to a fantastic start at Perry Hill. We have lots of students who are new to NACS. As I am writing this, we have just shy of 550 students enrolled at Perry Hill. Welcome everyone!

It is AWESOME to see kids back in our halls again after summer break! The teachers are getting to know your students and are prepared with instructional activities and strategies to help each child learn and grow. As I'm visiting classrooms, I'm seeing children that are excited about what they are learning. Chromebooks have been distributed and students are enjoying learning with their new tools.

I encourage you to be involved at Perry Hill. The PTO is a great supporter of Perry Hill and works hard to make Perry Hill a great place for both students and staff. The PTO provides funds for the school as a whole and to teachers to purchase additional classroom instructional supplies. Thank you! I hope you're able to be an active part of our PTO this year.

As a school, we are continuing our focus on C.L.A.S.S. (Connected Learning Assures Successful Students). C.L.A.S.S. is where we draw ideas for things like our lifelines and Cougar Celebrations. C.L.A.S.S. helps students learn to work collaboratively. It also helps teachers be aware of the latest brain research in how students learn and gives them strategies to put this into action with students. We learn to do the right thing and treat people right. We are looking forward to implementing more C.L.A.S.S. strategies this year. A big thank you again goes out to our PTO for helping to provide the funding for our professional development and C.L.A.S.S. Ambassadors program.

The life skills for August were "Kindness and Bucket Filling" which means to do and say kind things to help others feel good. We talked about filling each other's buckets and also what it means to dip into someone's bucket. We read different books about bucket filling at each grade level. If you would like to explore bucket filling with your child, a great book is *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* by Carol McCloud. The lifeline for September is "Active Listening" which means to use your ears, eyes, and heart when listening to others.

September

1 PICTURE DAY

4 Labor Day-**NO School**

6 Bus Evacuation

8 Cougar Celebration

8 Otter Classic X Country

12-19 Swim for 2nd & 4th

14 Midterm Ends

21 Husky Hustle X Country

21 Midterms Go Home

25-29 Book Fair

26 Cadet Mile X Country

29 PH X Country

October

1 **Color Run**

13- End of Quarter One

13 **Picture RETAKES**

13 Cougar Celebration

18 Report Cards go home

20 Parent Teacher Conf

23 Fall Break

27 Fall Celebrations

I know we are all going to have a great year! If you have any questions, your child's teacher is a good place to start. You can also contact Mrs. Kathy Dougald (secretary/receptionist), Ms. Bambi Muylle (attendance/Power School), Mrs. Ali Pannabecker (guidance counselor), Mr. Matt Kochert (dean of students), or me, Caleb Miner (principal).

Yours in education, Caleb Miner, Principal



SEPTEMBER 1st

**Picture Day for Perry Hill Elementary School is
scheduled for **Friday, Sep 1.****

This event's Order Code is 78855VF.

Online ordering is available before and after Picture Day. Shipping and handling charges may apply to orders placed after Picture Day.

**Picture Day is 9/1/23, mark your calendar! Order before Picture Day to receive
free shipping to the school. Ordering online is easy,**

visit <https://inter-state.com/FlyerEntry/78855VF>.



OCTOBER 13th

If your student was absent for Fall Pictures on Sept 1, or if you would like your student to have their photo retaken, then OCTOBER 13 is the day.

Scholastic Book Fair

September 25-29, 2023

All the Book Fair details see the below webpage! Remember to sign up for eWallets to pay for your books.

[Link to view Scholastic Book Fair\](#)

Link to sign up to Volunteer:

[Book Fair Volunteers](#)



It's Book Fair Time!

Visit our school's homepage to get the latest Book Fair news, shop our Online Fair, and more!

Cougar Celebrations T-shirts:

Prior to our first Cougar Celebration in September, our LifeSkill t-shirts will be going home with all of our new students to Perry Hill. These special shirts are provided by our very generous PTO. While they can be worn on any day, we encourage students and staff to wear them on the actual Cougar Celebration Day. See the schedule below and know that dates can be subject to change due to other events.

Sept 8 Oct13 Nov 17 Dec 15 Jan 19 Feb 16 Mar 8 Apr 12 May 10

SYNCHRONOUS LEARNING



Northwest
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Synchronous Learning Guidance For Parents

Elementary	
Time	What should my child be doing?
9:30-12:00	Students will access live instruction via Canvas.
12:00-2:30	Students can... <ul style="list-style-type: none">• access help from teachers (including Special Education and ELL)• complete lessons from Related Arts, Literacy, PEAK, etc.• complete any necessary assignments.
Due Dates	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completed assignments should be turned in on/or before the third school day after the synchronous day. (Example: Synchronous day on Monday, assignments due by Thursday morning)	
Frequently Asked Questions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What if my child misses the live Google Meet?<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ All Google Meets will be recorded and posted on Canvas for students to view <u>at a later time</u>, if needed.• Does my child need to stay on the Google Meet during the independent work time?<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Yes, students should be present for the entire synchronous day.• How does my child access the live lesson?<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Students access Google Meet via Canvas.	
How to get help / Troubleshooting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact the child's teacher (either through Canvas or email). They are available from 9:30 - 2:30.• Completely restart your device.• Other troubleshooting tips are posted at www.nacs.k12.in.us/EDGE.• Contact the Tech Department directly at 260-338-5320 or access Technology Support by joining this link: https://meet.google.com/nms-shxt-fye.• If all else fails, please know that teachers will work with your student and assist as needed when school resumes.	

Activity Fliers & other Opportunities

Parents and Guardians, please remember that you can find activities and opportunities available from the district or the community on the [NACS website](#). In an effort to reduce paper waste by sending everything home with students and to offer a central location to find such information, these pages have been created for parents and the community.

Consider bookmarking these links in your browser:

Northwest Allen County Schools/About Us/ [Community Flyers](#)

Northwest Allen County Schools/About Us/ [NACS Affiliated](#)

Keeping Your Child Safe – www.OffenderWatch.com

NACS has partnered with the Allen County Sheriff's department to help create a safe community for our children. One of the resources that can help you is OffenderWatch. You can go to this free site (www.offenderwatch.com) to find offenders that are living in your neighborhood. The OffenderWatch link is also available on the NACS webpage under the "Parent" link. Please continue to talk with your student about exercising caution around strangers.



Information for Car Drop-Offs

Parents may begin to drop their children off at 7:25 a.m. I know many of you need to get to work. Please do NOT drop your child off until the adult on duty is present. The adults come on duty at 7:25. Children will be invited to enter the school at 7:25.

The parents in the car line have been doing a great job pulling up and dropping children off quickly and safely. It's been moving smoothly this year. Here are a couple of safety reminders:

1. **DO NOT** hold up the line by sitting in your car with your child.
2. **Have students exit the car on the sidewalk side.**
3. **DO NOT pull around other cars** to exit the line or to drop off students.
4. Be on time.
5. If your child is having trouble leaving the car, please pull around to the parking lot and walk them into the building. Thanks for your help in making sure all students are safe!

START

**your day the right way
with School Breakfast!**



School Breakfast
will give you **MORE** energy,
keep your body healthy
and help improve your grades!

PERRY HILL

Full Priced Breakfast - \$2.30

Full Priced Lunch- \$1.55

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