



# THE PANTHER POST



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## DATA 🐾 DATA 🐾 DATA



Maggie Cannon, Ann Hankinson, and Haley McGreevy comprise the literacy coach team in New Lexington City Schools. These ladies constructed data walls in the elementary and middle school buildings. These data centers provide teachers with a student progress data in Math and Reading. The work of this team primarily revolves around retrieving, analyzing and interpreting data to help drive instruction. Along with this data, the coaches meet with teachers to create new and innovative ways to reach students "where they are", and help them grow academically in math and reading.

Teachers can see where students are excelling or struggling and can adjust instruction to meet student need.

## WRITING ~! WE MUST LEARN TO WRITE~!



Students in Kathleen Cunningham's classes not only read, but they write~! They just completed a unit on how to read non-fiction selections. Now they are applying research skills to their writing. Skills are being built~!

## I CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT BOOKS



Nick Russell and fellow students enjoy browsing new books @ the Middle School book fair. These students finished homework in Mr. Yuchasz's room during homework help after school and asked to go read selections in the library. Book fair is one way to entice students to read. New books and high interest books are great to have. When students read and explore the world, they are creating a foundation that is life long. Learning never stops. Reading is the base for all disciplines.



Mr. Yuchasz knows the importance students learning to read and reading to learn. Students in Mr. Yuchasz's Class visit the library often. These students work with Mrs. Hoag at times to find selections that are not just on their reading levels, but the books have content that students want to read and are interesting. Often the books have content that not only interest the students but also have incredible value to the learner. An age-old novel, *The Watsons Go to Birmingham- 1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis is just the book to keep the interest of the students in Mr. Yuchasz's class. The history lesson is unbeatable!



Modeling reading, engaging students in conversation about a timeless novel is part of students learning to love reading!



## Math Counts! A New Adventure for Our Students @ the Middle School

NLMS students competed against 4 other schools in Zanesville for a math challenge. This was no easy feat!! Each team member competed in individual rounds, target rounds, and a team round.



We are excited to announce Grace Baker placed in the top 8 students who then competed in the Sprint Round. This was stiff competition!!

We are so proud of our Math Counts team and club members for taking on this challenge. NLMS had not competed in this event for 12 years. It is our hope to be involved each year. Our students were up against schools that have over 10 years involvement in Math Counts.

## Middle School teachers boast over new math curriculum! Teachers are very excited to have new books for Math

The sixth grade asked for and so graciously received new textbooks entitled Go Math! After reviewing the series, it was also purchased for students in Kindergarten through 5th grades. This series is everything we 6th grade teachers have ever wanted in a math series. It is terrific! Thank You New Lex~! The students each received their own workbook. This series correlates perfectly with the standards we teach and it certainly connects to real-life



New Lexington Elementary, Junction Elementary, and New Lexington Middle School teachers have tools of the century to assist them with student learning. Lexia, an instructional tool, provides personalized learning practice for our students. With real-time reports generated, teachers can adapt their instruction to individualize foundational reading skill practice to allow students the opportunity to learn at a pace that is just right for them. Lexia provides additional practice but does not replace the teacher or small group instruction.



In addition to Lexia, students are using Accelerated Reader. AR provides students with opportunities to read at their level. Students build a vocabulary base, develop literacy skills and improve their reading. Every student has an independent reading goal, a reading experience that builds fluency through comprehension and vocabulary acquisition.

## Junction Elementary Students Take a Trip Back in Time



Junction City Elementary sent their 4th grade classes to The Ohio Historical Society in January! The Students traveled back in time to visit a colonial period cabin, a 1950's home, and a vintage trolley car! The historic footprints tour that the students experienced focused on Ohio's Indian tribes. This tour touched many Ohio Academic Content Standards including models of burial mounds; pipes used by the Native Americans during ceremonies, and many other artifacts from differing Ohio tribes.

Other incredible exhibits included flags of civil war divisions and regiments. Men from many different Ohio counties fought in these divisions and regiments. In addition, displayed was famous artwork for enjoyment. The rocks always mesmerize students and minerals exhibit from different Ohio counties.

The students' favorite display was definitely the 1950's house. They were able to dress up in historic fashion, watch TV shows from the 50's, as well as answer phone calls on a vintage rotary phone. The trip was a fun, educational opportunity for all.



## Life Is Cool After School

Afterschool and summer learning programs are providing new learning opportunities for children—helping them to discover newfound interests, explore a variety of topic areas, and learn about different cultures and communities beyond their own zip code. Across the nation, afterschool programs are stepping up their efforts to provide more than a safe place for children to go when they get out of school. The role of afterschool programs is growing, and research shows that quality programs are helping their students make academic gains, activating a greater interest in learning, providing supportive mentors, and helping kids stay healthy and active with exercise and healthy foods.



Mrs. Hutchison's Business Law class (College Credit Plus) explored law careers during a recent virtual visit with a Vice President and Associate General Counsel from Horace Mann Insurance in Illinois. The entire visit was made possible by using Apple Face Time technology. Students were able to gain a first hand account of what it's like to work in the law field and they also asked questions.



Mrs. Hutchison's Small Business Management course (College Credit Plus) spent a semester designing their own small businesses and writing business plans as they learned about the various aspects of business. At the end of the semester, they gave presentations explaining their business plans.

## ANATOMY!

THE BRAIN IS AN AMAZING ORGAN!



Students in Mrs. Dupler's Anatomy class have been exploring the brain by dissecting sheep brains!



Jenna Kirkbride presents a drawing from her studies of Caesar in Mrs. Wells' Honors English class.



## New Lexington Girls Basketball Sectional Opponent and Date Announced

Athens - The New Lexington Girls Basketball team will open Sectional play on Wednesday, February 15. The tenth seeded Lady Panthers will play seventh seed Wellston at 8:00 pm at Athens High School. If New Lexington wins they will play second seeded Southeastern on Saturday, February 18 at 2:00 PM.



## VALENTINE DANCE

NLMS Student Council is sponsoring a Valentine's Sweetheart Dance!

**When:** February 17th Time: 6:30 to 8pm  
**Cost:** \$4.00 (Admission)

Pictures will be available for \$5.00 a set.

**Dress Code:** Semi-formal: Jeans are acceptable if and only if they have no holes and look nice.

## Cheesy Movie Night

February 17th @ New Lex High School  
Doors Open @ 4:30pm • First Movie Plays @ 5:00pm

Movies: 1. Little Rascals (PG)

2. Napoleon Dynamite (PG) 3. Madea's Family Reunion (PG-13)

If you come early and stay late... It's FREE! If not you will pay the prices below.

### Entrance Cost:

FREE before the first movie

\$2 Before the second movie

\$4 before third movie

### Exit Cost:

\$10 during first movie, \$8 after first movie

\$6 during second movie, \$4 after second movie

\$2 during third movie, FREE after third movie

### Concessions Available

\* Children 5 years old and younger enter and exit free regardless of time