

The Bulldog Drool

NATE SALISBURY, PRINCIPAL

JAN. 11, 2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



JANUARY:

11: Reflections Award Ceremony 7:00pm

11: Pink Day

12: Friday Early Release @ 11:47

15: Martin Luther King Day—No School

20: D.E.F Fundraiser Dinner @6:00pm

29: NTMS semester Day—No School NTMS only

30-31: 8th Graders going to JA Finance Park

FEBRUARY:

7: PTSA membership meeting @ 6:30

Just a Reminder:

No lunches are served on early release Fridays.

Next 5 Fridays

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NT Students Showcase Work at December Board Meeting

North Tapps hosted the December district board meeting a couple of weeks ago. Representing different subjects, students showed Dr. Judy Martinson, board members, parents, and staff how they've been using technology to support their learning. Students described one of their assignments and the "21st century skill" they used to complete it. Creativity, collaboration, communication, and critical thinking are not new skills, but the medium for using them is new, and this is what students demonstrated.

A couple students showed how they collaborated in their Language Arts class on a shared PowerPoint by inserting comments on each other's slide. For science, a student communicated her knowledge of the rock cycle with a video embedded in a PowerPoint presentation. Another student from the video game design class explained all the coding he had to do to create his video game.

In addition to board members commending students on their great work, new board members shared how they gained a better picture of how technology is being used at North Tapps to impact student learning.





Replacement of Expiring Levy for Instructional Technology Improvements

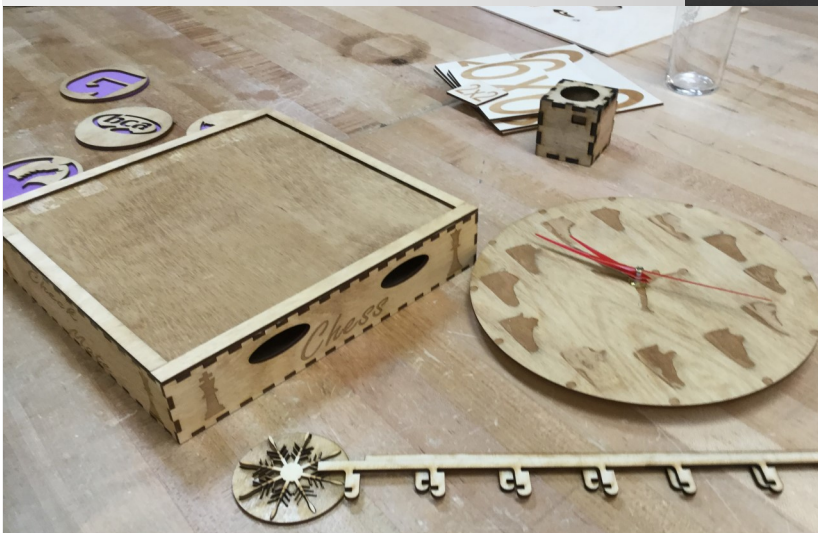
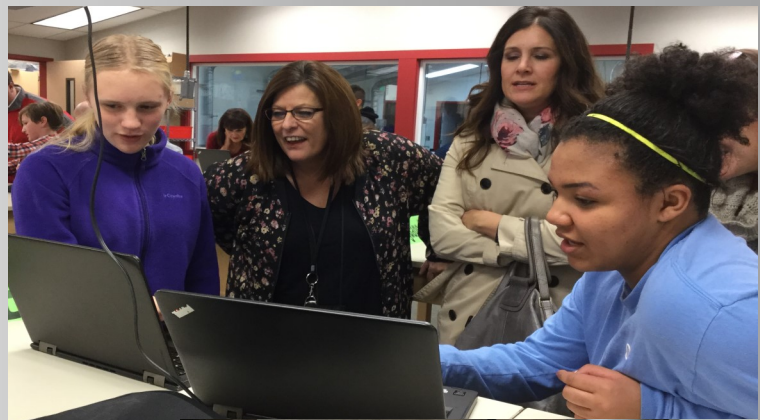
Dieringer School District is asking voters to replace the expiring four-year Technology Levy. The expiring levy has allowed Dieringer to significantly enhance our students' learning and prepare our kids for high school, college and the demands of their future careers. The replacement of the instructional technology levy will allow us to continue to provide each student access to up-to-date equipment, training and support for classroom technology.

How did we get here?

Believe it or not: **careful planning**. For years we have budgeted the resources from bond issues to equip new classrooms and the mitigation impact fees we have received from new house construction to support a growing student population and their increasing needs for technology. We have regularly asked the question: How long can we make these resources cover the technology needs of our students? Four years ago Dieringer reached the point where these resources are no longer available and the Instruction Technology Levy was passed to prevent the Dieringer School District from falling behind neighboring school districts.

Why do we need to replace the Technology Levy now?

Our students need individual access to individual technology to allow them to learn and grow toward their future. **The technology levy the community passed four years ago has allowed for wonderful student access, but it is set to expire in 2019.** Washington State does not fund technology for student learning and operations (phones, computers, wireless, software, infrastructure to support growing demands, etc.); these needs must be supported locally.





January 15th is the deadline for voter registration, address change and other updates.

On February 13th the Replacement Educational Programs and Technology Levies for Dieringer School District will be on the ballot. If you are not registered to vote, have changed your address or name, you have until January 15th to go online and complete the voter registration process.

Welcome to online voter registration.



You will need one of the following:

- a current Washington State driver license
- a current Washington State ID card

If you do not have either of these, you may still [register by mail](#) or [in person](#). For questions call: Top of Form

1-800-448-4881

elections@sos.wa.gov

Election Day	February 13, 2018
Online and mail-in deadline	January 15, 2018
In-person deadline	February 5, 2018

Cougar Cub Preschool Registration for 2018-2019

Fall 2018 registration for the inclusive Cougar Cub Pre-School, housed at Dieringer Heights Elementary School, will open at 8:00 am, January 29th, at the Dieringer School District office. This program offers a valuable connection with the pre-school population of our community in an inclusive environment.

This tuition-based pre-school program is for children ages three and four, and includes children with individual educational plans and their typically developing peers. Three-year old's attend 4 days per week, from 8:30-11:15 am; four-year old's attend 12:15-3:00, 5 days per week. A Washington State certificated teacher teaches each class with paraeducator support. If you have questions or need additional information about our program, please go to the preschool's website: https://dhes.dieringer.wednet.edu/cougar_cubs_preschool or contact DHES at (253) 826-4937.

NTMS Kids Rose to the Challenge!!

A BIG Thank you to all of the NTMS kids who brought in food for the Sumner Food Drive. What a huge drive we had too, with a grand total of 8,052 lbs. of food! All grades were challenged to bring in 1,200 lbs. and all three grades knocked it out of the park!

8th graders really lead by example with 3,700 lbs.
7th graders followed up with 2,726 lbs.

A BIG Thank You also, to our Dieringer Alumni for donating for the 4th year in a row! They raised \$1,500 for the Sumner Food Bank Drive!

Our PTSA Is the Greatest

Our Staff would like to thank the PTSA and all of the cookie contest participants who gave all of us treats the week before our holiday break, and for the coffee that you provided along with it! We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful PTSA!

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