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## ***Welcome Back!***

Time flies when you are having fun! This year has flown by. We are looking forward to a great spring semester. This is the busy time of the year in the middle school. Seventh graders have the Writing Test on March 01 and EOGs in both Language Arts and Mathematics the end of May. We have a long way to go and not a lot of time to get there.



### ***Please Send Tissue***

It is that time of the year when sinuses and allergies get going real good. We are in such close quarters it is easy for germs to spread. Mr. Person has taken to purchasing Purell antibacterial hand lotion at Sam's Club by the gallon and refilling the small bottles we brought in at the beginning of the year. This is working fine. But we need tissue! We have gone through over 40 boxes of tissue since school started and need your help making sure the kids have what they will need for the rest of the school year.

### ***Stay Informed***

Even though this age group really wants their "independence" make sure you are staying informed. Ask questions, check agenda books, and make sure the kids are staying organized so they can be successful. As quickly as things happen in the spring semester, it is easy for kids to get behind. Ms. Cox uses [www.schoolnotes.com](http://www.schoolnotes.com) and Mr. Person uses [www.hlperson.com](http://www.hlperson.com) to post assignments, projects, tests, athletic events, and everything going on at school.

The Classroom Calendar section has each day's assignments and homework posted. Each athletic event is posted as well as all the events upcoming at school.

The Textbook Resources has every activity we do at NMS right there available for download.

There is a Photo Gallery where lots of pictures are available of field trips and activities at school.

## ***Two Important New School Policies***

~Students who eat breakfast at NMS in the mornings will be getting their breakfast to go. They will depart the buses at 7:50, get their breakfast bags from the cafeteria, carry them to their homerooms, and eat their breakfast there. This should eliminate many of the problems students are having in the cafeteria.  
~We also are changing the Early Sign Out policy. Students who are being signed out early for appointments will need to be signed out before 2:50 in the afternoons. After 2:50 all students will be dismissed at 3:05 and be picked up with the other car riders in the car rider line.