

# WARRIOR MONTHLY MAIL

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Warriors  
of the  
Month



**Congratulations to our Honesty and  
Trustworthiness Warriors of the Month!**

**Coming in January:**

**Jan. 9 - Classes Resume**

**Jan. 11 - Nathan Wray Anti-  
Bullying/Suicide Prevention  
Convocation (5-8 grades)**

**Jan. 11 - PTO Meeting @ 5:30**

**Jan. 12- Report Cards  
Distribution via Alma**

**Jan. 15 - School in Session**

**Jan. 15 - Student Safety**

**Parent Presentation @ 6:30**

**Jan 15 - 18 - Cheer Clinic**

**Jan. 18 - PTO Sponsored**

**Princess Party @ 5:30**

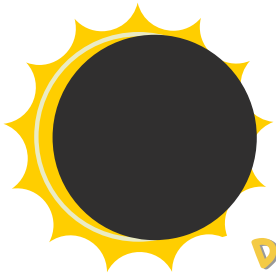
## **JANUARY FOCUS: PERSEVERANCE**

Our character value we will be focusing on for the month January is perseverance. Perseverance is a magnet for success: staying focused and working hard toward a goal is a sure way to be successful! Perseverance is the ability to not get frustrated or give up on anything, even when it is hard to do. Our quote for January is as follows: "Do not judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again." ~ Nelson Mandela



# REPORT CARD

Student report cards will be distributed via Alma on Friday, January 12th. Please be sure to check Alma to ensure you have a working email in the system or you will not receive your student's report card. If you need assistance, please stop in the office.



DON'T MISS THE  
ECLIPSE!

APRIL 8, 2024

There will be a total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 in Indiana! Due to this opportunity, we will be changing our school calendar so families can travel to see it if they would like. We will have the following calendar change:

- **January 15th: School in Session**
- **April 8th: No School ~ Enjoy the eclipse!**

## Bus

## Safety

Ensuring students are safe while being transported to and from school is a top priority for the district and its drivers. The driver's primary roll is to watch the road to ensure he/she knows what is happening outside the bus, which means that students are expected to have proper bus behavior for the entire trip. To ensure drivers can watch the road in front of them and that your students get home safely, please be sure to speak to your student about the expectations for the bus. The driver is the adult in charge of the bus, so when they redirect a student's behavior the student is expected to follow their request.

### BE SAFE

- Remain seated, facing forward, and out of the aisle way. "Back to back, bottom to bottom"
- Use quiet voice when talking to others in your seat.
- Do not throw, roll, pass, etc. any items inside or out of the bus.
- Do not touch any other person in any way with your body or any type of object.

### BE RESPONSIBLE

- Keep all food and drink in your backpack.
- Do not use any profanity or lude gestures of any kind.

### BE RESPECTFUL

- Follow driver's directions and instructions immediately when asked.
- Take care of the bus: do not litter, mark on, or damage the bus in any way.



## **PTO PRINCESS PARTY: FLYERS COMING HOME SOON!**

PTO is hosting its annual Mother-Daughter Princess Party. Flyers will be coming home this week. Flyers will also be available in the office. Please send the reservation back by Friday, January 12th so PTO knows how many to plan for on the 18th.



### ***Join us for a Mother-Daughter Princess Party Thursday, January 18, 2024 @ 5:30-7:30 pm***

#### **★ General Information**

- Dress up in your favorite dress and tiara!
- We will have cookie decorating, light snacks, crafts, face painting, and games.

#### **★ Cost**

- Cost to attend will be \$10/couple, \$5 for each additional child.
- This will cover the cost of the food and crafts.
- You can send the payment with the registration form or pay at the door.

***Please return this form by Friday, January 12, 2024***

so we know how many will be attending and can plan the number of items we need.

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**Student(s) Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Number Attending (adults and children):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO (Please make checks out to NMES PTO.)

***Alternate Date: In the event school is canceled, this event will be held on  
Thursday, January 25th at 5:30pm.***



## STUDENT SAFETY PREVENTION PROGRAM COMING TO NMES

NMES has partnered with SCAN of Indiana to bring a student safety prevention program to our school. The program was developed by the Monique Burr Foundation for Children and focuses on student safety by teaching students five safety rules and the steps to take to help keep themselves and others safe. This program has a strong focus on digital safety, which is very real safety concern as technology becomes more and more ingrained in people's daily lives.

We will be hosting a parent informational meeting on Monday, January 15 @ 6:30 in the cafeteria for parents to learn about the program and to get resources to help them keep their child safe as well. We hope that you can attend!



### Safety Connection: Parent Presentation Invitation

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Please join us! We will be giving a brief presentation about the *MBF Child Safety Matters*® program that will soon be implemented in our school. The *MBF Child Safety Matters* program teaches children to spot and respond to bullying, cyberbullying, child abuse, and digital dangers.

- » **Why do we need this program – is there a problem in our school?** There is not a specific problem in our school. However, the problems addressed in the curriculum, like bullying and abuse, exist in most schools. The goal is to prevent these problems before they happen.
- » **What exactly is covered in the curriculum?** *MBF Child Safety Matters* covers personal safety, bullying, cyberbullying, all types of child abuse, digital abuse, and other digital dangers. It is designed for elementary-aged children and based on the latest research. The curriculum focuses on teaching children to use 5 Safety Rules and Safe Adults to help them be safe.
- » **How are parents involved?** Parent involvement is key to the success of this program. Each lesson in the program includes materials to read and activities for parents to do with their children. In our presentation, we will discuss how parents are involved before, during, and after each lesson.
- » **Why do schools need to be involved in a prevention program?** Research shows, and our school agrees, that everyone benefits when children are safe. Children who are safe have higher grade in school, have better attendance, and enjoy healthier, happier, and more productive lives.

To learn more about the program, please visit [www.mbfpreventioneducation.org](http://www.mbfpreventioneducation.org).

We hope you will join us for this safety presentation to learn why our school is committed to child safety and to the *MBF Child Safety Matters* program. We look forward to answering your questions.

**PARENT MEETING:  
MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH @ 6:30 - ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA**



# THE 5 SAFETY RULES

The 5 Safety Rules are taught to children in the MBF Prevention Education Programs. Parents or other adults can reinforce the rules with children by asking them to explain each Safety Rule and practicing the motions with elementary-aged children. Additionally, parents and adults can use the 5 Safety Rules themselves to better protect children. For additional information, visit [www.mbfpreventioneducation.org](http://www.mbfpreventioneducation.org), and/or download our "Child Safety Matters" app at no cost from the App Store or Google Play.

## How to Use the Safety Rules to Better Protect Children



### Know What's Up

Talk to your child. Listen to them. Ask them questions about times when they are away from you. Know whom they are with and what they are doing. Help them understand unsafe situations and how to use the Safety Rules to keep them safe. Make sure they know your personal contact information and how to reach you. Have a private family password and make sure they know to never go with anyone who doesn't know it. Learn about the technology and devices they are using or have access to, and talk to them about potential online dangers.



### Spot Red Flags

Teach your child safety concepts such as personal space and boundaries, respecting themselves and others, safe vs. unsafe situations, secrets and tricks, and digital safety. Teach them the correct names for their private body parts, and how to report if anyone looks at, touches, or photographs their private parts. Educate them about Red Flags, both online and off, and how to seek help. If you are talking to your child and educating them about possible dangers and how to spot the Red Flag behaviors that lead to those dangers, it minimizes their risk of being victimized.



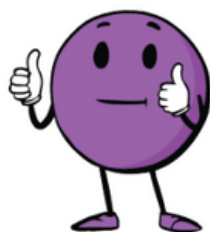
### Make a Move

If you suspect a child is being harmed, trust yourself and Make a Move to keep them safe. If a child tells you about abuse or bullying that has happened to him/her or another child, praise them for telling you and take action right away. Report bullying to the school or organization where it occurred. Report abuse to your state child welfare agency, and unsafe online behaviors to law enforcement, and the Cybertipline at 800-843-5678. **(Visit [www.childwelfare.gov/organizations/](http://www.childwelfare.gov/organizations/) for state child welfare agencies and contact information.)**



### Talk It Up

Talk about child safety because Child Safety Matters. Talk to other adults about what you have learned, so they too become better educated and empowered. Talk to your child using everyday opportunities to discuss safety and safe vs. unsafe situations. Ask your child to spot Red Flags and use the Safety Rules to protect themselves using role-play opportunities. Let your child know they can talk to you about anything, so if the need arises, they will feel comfortable talking to you about difficult topics.



### No Blame | No Shame

Let your child know that no matter what happens to them, they are never to blame because adults are responsible for keeping kids safe ALWAYS. Let them know that no matter what they are told, they should never be ashamed to tell you or another Safe Adult about Red Flags, abuse, or anything else they need to tell you to help keep them safe. Let them know you support them. If your child is a victim, remember you are not to blame and you should not be ashamed to seek help. Support is available.