

WILDCAT BULLETIN



Word of the Week (Main): Unobtrusive
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Word of the Week (Birkett): Tirade
May 15-May 21, 2017

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“Mama was my greatest teacher, a teacher of compassion, love and fearlessness. If love is sweet as a flower, then my mother is that sweet flower of love.”

~ *Stevie Wonder*

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- 1. Professional Development Wednesday, May 17:** During final examinations on May 31, June 1, and June 2, we will not allow cell phones in exam sessions. We will use a protocol similar to what students experience during SAT and AP testing. This protocol includes directions in the likely case that students do have cell phones with them when they enter exam rooms. We have been working with department chairs to develop these protocols, and I will continuously advertise them to parents and students. We would like each PLC team to review these protocols during the first 10-15 minutes of PLC time this week. See the [Splash Page](#) for exam guidelines and slides we would like all teachers to show before distributing exam materials.

Also, please continue reviewing the materials Steve Wick has put together regarding 1:1 technology. These materials will continue to be available on the Splash Page.

- 2. Retirement Celebration, May 17:** This year, the Class of 2017 is a venerable and respected group of educators whose life of service is truly worth celebration: *Gail Derrow, Carolyn Gloeckle, Penny Iantria, Jay Kellner, Mike Vandeleur, Mick Ruettiger, Natalie Smith, Babs Filkins, and Barb Barrows.* Please join the Neuqua Valley family in celebrating these educators. Our celebration will include appetizers and an open bar (supplied by generous vendors) for a limited time. The open bar will eventually become a cash bar so bring cash for your second adult beverage:

Neuqua Valley Retirement Celebration

Wednesday, May 17

4:00 pm | 4:30 pm Program

Bolingbrook Golf Club

- 3. Advanced Placement Make-Ups, May 17-19:** Please be aware that the bells will be turned off at Main and announcements will take place at 7:25 am on Wednesday, May 17 through Friday, May 19 to support Advanced Placement make up exams.
- 4. Music and Art Festivals, May 16-20:** Plenty of music and art this week:
 - **Orchestra Concerts, May 16 @ 6:30 pm and 8:00 pm**
 - **Band Concerts, May 18 @ 6:30 pm and 8:00 pm**
 - **Fine Arts Festival, May 20 @ 8:00 am to 3:00 pm**
- 5. Looking Ahead:** Things get busy over the next few weeks with so many events. Here they are:
 - Senior Final Exams: Monday, May 22 and Tuesday, May 23
 - Senior Honors Assembly: Wednesday, May 24 (Special Bell Schedule)

- Senior Brunch: Wednesday, May 24
- Graduation Practice: Thursday, May 25 @ 9 am
- Baccalaureate: Thursday, May 25 @ 7 pm
- Commencement: Sunday, May 28 @ 9:45 am
- Final Examinations: Wednesday, May 31, Thursday, June 1, & Friday, June 2
- Staff End-of-the-Year BBQ: Friday, June 2 @ 12 pm
- Faculty Work Day: Monday, June 5 (7:10 am to 12:25 pm)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND APPRECIATION

6. **Thanks!** Busy week and plenty of accomplishments.....

- **Advanced Placement Testing:** Wow! 2,556 tests in two weeks. Amazing! Huge thanks to every counselor, social worker, and secretary in the Guidance Department. Special thanks to *Sandy Schuller, Lorinda Carbonara, Stephanie LaPorta, Christina Frontera, Heather Fong, John Atchley, Special Education staff, Lee Brister, Anita Levinson, Anita Moran, Dave Gusse, Paul Vandersteen, Tonya Koppin, Mick Ruettiger, Tom McManamen, Mary Nash, Bill Casey, Sheila Roth, Tiffany Stock, Mike O'Toole, Tom Trayser, Kerry Cahill, Montrine Johnson, Lance Fuhrer, Dave Perry, Debbie Ball, IT, Ryan Rimington, and of course, Andrew Weed and his Aramark staff.*
- **Lunch and Learn:** We had another round of engaging Lunch and Learns at the BFC with teachers teaching teachers. Thanks to: *Steve Wick, Lance Fuhrer, Carrie Ory, Katie Matt, Brian Hurst, Jody Perona, Billy Ghighi, Heidi Habbas, Paul Whisler, Joe Ruzicka, and Karen Lawson.*
- **Finale Concert:** I cannot do justice to this amazing "Mr. Kellner's Opus" tribute to Jay Kellner and his 34 years as an educator. It was beautiful and moving. Thank you to *Reid Spears, Ryan Rimington, Anne Kasprzak, Lisa Traut, John Gelsomino*, and.... Of course, Maestro *Jay Kellner.*
- **NV Softball, Best Buddies, and Special Olympics:** Saturday morning brought a great event with NV Softball players, Best Buddies, and Special Olympics athletes playing together and celebrating sports. Thank you *Christina Frontera, Mandy Dunham, Jeff Wynne, Dani Asquini, Gennie Roberts, Kristine Micheles, and Maddie Gerald.*
- **Gold Ambassadors:** Thank you to *Dave Perry* and *Linda Jacobe* as well as our *entire staff* at the Birkett Center for hosting 8th grade students on Friday as they shadowed freshmen to learn more about what lies ahead in 9th grade at NVHS.

7. **Athletic Accomplishments:** What a week! It was a week of Wildcat Pride! Congratulations to **Neuqua Valley Badminton** on its **2nd place IHSA Trophy**. It is their 3rd trophy in 3 years. *Joyce Chen and Shrinithi Venkatesan* earned the IHSA Championship in Doubles. *Neuqua Valley Boys' Gymnastics:* NV student **Eric Mitchell** finished as an IHSA state champion in pommel horse.

Boys' Track and Field were repeat **DVC Champions**. *Baseball* clinched the **DVC championship** (28-1) and continued winning with wins over Lake Park and Wheaton North. *Softball* drubbed Naperville North in a DVC win. *Girls' Soccer* handily defeated Wheaton Warrenville South at a classy Teacher Appreciation evening. *Boys' Tennis* swept Lake Park in a convincing DVC victory. *Boys' Volleyball* upended Wheaton North and Naperville North. *Girls' Track and Field* finished 7th at IHSA Sectionals, qualifying a number of athletes for this week's IHSA State Meet. *Boys' Water Polo* and *Girls' Water Polo* lost in sectionals, bringing their seasons to an end.

Congratulations to **Mike Williams** on his recent induction into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame as well as **Robin Renner** on his induction into the Illinois Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Also, **Barb Barrows** was recently honored by the Illinois Association of Athletic Directors on her retirement.

ADMINISTRIVIA and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 8. Instructional Leadership Team:** ILT members will meet this week for our final regular meeting of the year on Thursday, May 18 at the BFC. Last week, we concluded our annual budget workshop. Please consult with your department chair. In brief, ILT committed funds to the following 2017-2018 priorities:
- Professional Development
 - Collaborative Classrooms
 - Collaborative Work Spaces in Common Areas (LMC, hall space)
 - Updates to IT Office at Main
 - Updates to Special Education areas
- 9. Construction on Campus:** Please be aware of construction on campus. Presently, we are having the roof, flashing, and tuck pointing improved and repaired in the E Wing of the Main Building. I am very pleased to announce that our Stadium parking lot, service road between Main and BFC, and BFC parking lot will all be resurfaced this summer. This project includes a “cut in” to the staff lot at the BFC that will be for staff only, easing your arrival at school!
- 10. Teachers of Seniors:** This is it! The final weeks. Please make sure you are communicating: [Seniors at Risk of Failing 2017](#)

**Field Trips
May 15—May 19**

Date	Teacher/Group	Where	How Many	Time/Period
5/12	Activities	Chess Nationals	8	Per 1-8
5/16	Social Studies	AP Psych In School	180	Per 1-3
5/16	Art	Art Institute	22	Per 2-8
5/17	Administration	Student Tech Team	60	Per 1-4

Two Buildings ~ One School

