



**Principal Notes: Weekly News and Notes**

End of the Year Map Assessment is here. We wish your students the best in this final assessment. Quick reminder that we need to ensure that students are quiet in the hallway to ensure that all students have a quality testing environment.

**Principal's Corner Parent Letter**

[New Principals Corner - Spanish translation to follow.](#)

**Nichols Prime Time News**

[New Prime Time released the week of April 9th.](#)

**PBIS Cool Tool of the Week**

Cool Tool: Be Respectful, Responsible, and Ready to Learn  
Be Respectful: Maintaining quiet in the hallway during testing.

**Social-Emotional Lesson of the Week (lesson attached)**

[Daily Emotional Weather Report Circle](#) (New lesson)

**Monday, April 16, 2018**

<b>Staff News – Big Ideas</b>	
8:30-3:35 PM	<b>7th/8th Grade MAP/NWEA ELA Test</b> - NMS ELA Classrooms, 800 Greenleaf Ave., Evanston, IL. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7th and 8th grade students will take the MAP/NWEA during their ELA period. Students will have 2 days (~ 160 minutes) to complete the assessment.</li> <li>Please remind students to be quiet in the hallway as their will be students from different grades involved in the assessment.</li> </ul>
11:00-1:00 PM	<b>403b/457 Advisor Visit for staff</b> - NMS Teachers Lounge, 800 Greenleaf Ave., Evanston, IL. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rick Wenzel and Melin Arias will be visiting Nichols School. Please see them in the staff lounge if they can answer any questions for you.</li> </ul>
<b>Staff News – Grade Level and Committee Meetings</b>	
10:39-11:18 AM	8th grade Department Meeting - NMS Room 322
12:04-12:44 PM	7th grade Department Meeting - NMS Room 218
12:47-1:27 PM	Algebra Excite Department Meeting - NMS Room 300
12:47-1:27 PM	Special Education Team Meeting - NMS Room 106 - Placement for 2017-18 (discussion).
2:12-2:51 PM	6th grade Department Meeting - NMS Room 118
<b>Staff News – Student IEP Meetings, 504 Meetings, MTSS Meeting, and Truancy Meetings</b>	
N/A	None
<b>Student News - Activities and Clubs</b>	
3:45-5:45 PM	<b>Y.O.U. Enrichment Program</b> - NMS Cafeteria, 800 Greenleaf St., Evanston, IL.



<b>Boys Volleyball Practice and Game Schedule</b>	
4:15-6:30 PM	<b>Boys Volleyball Game: Nichols at Chute Middle School</b> - Chute Middle School Gymnasium, 1400 Oakton St, Evanston, IL JV "B" (4:15)    JV (5:00)    Varsity ( 5:45)
<b>Girls Soccer Practice and Game Schedule</b>	
N/A	None
<b>District News – PTA Meetings, Board Meetings, and District Parent Committees</b>	
N/A	None
<b>Community Events</b>	
N/A	None

**Tuesday, April 17, 2018**

<b>Staff News – Big Ideas</b>	
8:30-3:35 PM	<b>7th/8th Grade MAP/NWEA ELA Test</b> - NMS ELA Classrooms, 800 Greenleaf St., Evanston, IL. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7th and 8th grade students will take the MAP/NWEA during their ELA period. Students will have 2 days (~ 160 minutes) to complete the assessment.</li> <li>Please remind students to be quiet in the hallway as their will be students from different grades involved in the assessment.</li> </ul>
2:00-2:45 PM	<b>District Staffing Meeting for Nichols Principal</b> - Joseph E. Hill Building, 1500 McDaniel Ave., Evanston, IL. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Harries will be out of the building to discuss staffing projections for the year.</li> </ul>
7:00-8:00 PM	<b>Nichols Science Fair</b> - NMS Room 323, 800 Greenleaf St., Evanston, IL. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Susan Fouts will be on hand to oversee/run the science fair.</li> </ul>
<b>Staff News – Grade Level and Committee Meetings</b>	
8:00-8:30 AM	<b>Club de Familias Hispanohablantes Committee Meeting</b> - NMS Room 284
3:45-5:15 PM	<b>DEC Meeting</b> - NMS Library.
<b>Staff News – Student IEP Meetings, 504 Meetings, MTSS Meeting, and Truancy Meetings</b>	
11:00-12:00 PM	<b>IEP Meeting</b> - Camron W. (6th grade) - IEP Annual Review Meeting in Room 203.
<b>Student News - Activities and Clubs</b>	
3:45-5:15 PM	<b>Untold Truths Poetry Group Meeting</b> - NMS Art Room, 800 Greenleaf St., Evanston, IL.
3:45-5:30 PM	<b>Male Mentorship Group Meeting</b> - NMS Room 106, 800 Greenleaf St., Evanston, IL.
3:45-5:45 PM	<b>Y.O.U. Enrichment Program</b> - NMS Cafeteria, 800 Greenleaf St., Evanston, IL.



<b>Boys Volleyball Practice and Game Schedule</b>	
N/A	None
<b>Girls Soccer Practice and Game Schedule</b>	
4:30-6:30 PM	<b>Girls Soccer Game: Chute at Nichols Middle School</b> - NMS Field, 800 Greenleaf St, Evanston, IL  <b>JV (4:30)      Varsity ( 5:30)</b>
<b>District News – PTA Meetings, Board Meetings, and District Parent Committees</b>	
7:00-8:30 PM	<b>PTA Council Meeting</b> - Joseph E. Hill Board Room A, 1500 McDaniel Ave., Evanston, IL. 60201 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is a recurring monthly event.</li> </ul>
<b>Community Events</b>	
7:00-8:30 PM	<b>7th Ward Meeting</b> - Chandler-Newberger Community Center, 1028 Central St., Evanston, IL. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alderman Eleanor Revelle will host the 7th Ward meeting.</li> </ul>

**Wednesday, April 18, 2018**

<b>Staff News – Big Ideas</b>	
8:30-3:35 PM	<b>7th/8th Grade MAP/NWEA Math Test</b> - NMS ELA Classrooms, 800 Greenleaf Ave., Evanston, IL. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7th and 8th grade students will take the MAP/NWEA during their Math period. Students will have 2 days (~ 160 minutes) to complete the assessment.</li> <li>Please remind students to be quiet in the hallway as their will be students from different grades involved in the assessment.</li> </ul>
9:30-12:30 PM	<b>D65 Principals Equity PD</b> - Jordan Teacher Center Conference Room, 1500 McDaniel Ave., Evanston, IL. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Harries will be out of the building.</li> </ul>
<b>Staff News – Grade Level and Committee Meetings</b>	
10:39-11:25 AM	8th grade Department Meeting Room varied by department.
12:04-12:44 PM	7th grade Department Meeting Room varied by department.
12:47-1:27 PM	Algebra Excite Department Meeting in Room 301
2:12-2:51 PM	6th grade Department Meeting Room varied by department.
3:45-4:45 PM	Walk-a-thon Committee Meeting Room 120
4:15-5:15 PM	DIT Standing Committee Meeting - Location: TBD
<b>Staff News – Student IEP Meetings, 504 Meetings, MTSS Meeting, and Truancy Meetings</b>	
9:00-10:00 AM	<b>IEP Meeting</b> - Yalitzia R. (7th grade) - IEP Annual Review Meeting in Room 203.
11:30-12:00 PM	<b>IEP Meeting</b> - Zechariah H. (6th grade) - IEP Parent Teacher Conference in Room 210



**Student News - Activities and Clubs**

11:45-5:45 PM  
3:40-4:30 PM

**Y.O.U. Enrichment Program** - NMS Cafeteria, 800 Greenleaf St., Evanston, IL.  
**Hebrew Club** NMS Room 106

- Evanston Hebrew Club is a fun, warm, and engaging environment for children to learn the Hebrew language. Classes will include art, games, and exciting activities to complement the learning.

**Boys Volleyball Practice and Game Schedule**

3:45-5:00 PM

**JV Boys Volleyball Practice: 6th and 7th grade** - NMS Gymnasium, 800 Greenleaf St., Evanston, IL.

**Girls Soccer Practice and Game Schedule**

N/A

None

**District News – PTA Meetings, Board Meetings, and District Parent Committees**

N/A

None

**Community Events**

7:00-9:00 PM

**Special Plan Commission Meeting** - Morton Civic Center, James C. Lytle City Council Chambers, Room 2800, 2100 Ridge Ave., Evanston, IL.

- View meeting agenda and minutes at the committee [web page](#). Commission packet listed [here](#).

**Thursday, April 19, 2018**

**Staff News – Big Ideas**

8:30-3:35 PM

**7th/8th Grade MAP/NWEA Math Test** - NMS ELA Classrooms, 800 Greenleaf St., Evanston, IL.

- 7th and 8th grade students will take the MAP/NWEA during their Math period. Students will have 2 days (~ 160 minutes) to complete the assessment.
- Please remind students to be quiet in the hallway as their will be students from different grades involved in the assessment.

3:45-5:00 PM

**Nichols Staff Meeting: Final Affinity Session** - NMS Room 126 or 225, 800 Greenleaf St., Evanston, IL.

6:30-8:00 PM

**Club de Familias Hispanohablantes Meeting** - NMS Room 214, 800 Greenleaf St., Evanston, IL.

- Our final event will feature Alicia Hart from ETHS who will be on-hand to discuss high school transition processes for our spanish speaking families. We will also have Ellen Urquiga, District 65's Family Engagement Specialist, to discuss resources that are available to support both students and parents. Last but not least, we will have Miguel Ruiz from Evanston Public Library on hand to inform our parents about summer



	programming that is available at the library, as well as how the library can support students during the school year.
<b>Staff News – Grade Level and Committee Meetings</b>	
10:39-11:18 AM 12:04-12:44 PM 2:12-2:51 PM 3:45 - 5:00 PM	8th grade MTSS Meeting - Room 322. 7th grade MTSS Meeting - Room 225 6th grade MTSS Meeting - Room 127 MTSS Committee Meeting - Library
<b>Staff News – Student IEP Meetings, 504 Meetings, MTSS Meeting, and Truancy Meetings</b>	
12:15-12:45 PM 3:00-3:30 PM	<b>504 Meeting</b> - Cameron W. (7th grade) - 504 Annual Review Meeting in Room 203 <b>504 Meeting</b> - Oliver H. (6th grade) - 504 Annual Review Meeting in Room 203
<b>Student News - Activities and Clubs</b>	
3:45-5:45 PM 3:45-4:45 PM	<b>Y.O.U. Enrichment Program</b> - NMS Cafeteria, 800 Greenleaf St., Evanston, IL. <b>Nichols Math Club</b> - NMS Room 104 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nichols Math Club will use challenging math problems to practice analytical skills, promote logical thinking, and build teamwork skills. Students will build confidence while learning that mathematics can be a fun and rewarding activity. Club members have the opportunity to participate in math competitions during the year. Contact Math Club Coach and Nichols parent James Lequar (jlequar@gmail.com) with any questions.</li> </ul>
<b>Boys Volleyball Practice and Game Schedule</b>	
N/A	None
<b>Girls Soccer Practice and Game Schedule</b>	
N/A	None
<b>District News – PTA Meetings, Board Meetings, and District Parent Committees</b>	
N/A	None
<b>Community Events</b>	
6:00-7:00 PM  6:30-9:00 PM	<b>Weatherization Workshop</b> - Morton Civic Center, Lake Superior Conference Room, Room G300, 2100 Ridge Ave., Evanston, IL. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Join Elevate Energy, the City's Office of Sustainability and 5th Ward Alderman Robin Rue Simmons for a free weatherization workshop that will show you how to save money on your utility bills.</li> </ul> <b>C-Change: Climate Conversations – Get on Board</b> - Rotary International, 1560 Sherman Ave., Evanston, IL. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Garden Club of Evanston will host a symposium on climate change with grassroots organization C-Change Conversations to facilitate dialogue and present an update on</li> </ul>



7:00-9:00 PM	<p>Evanston's accomplishments from city officials. Featured speakers will be Kathleen Biggins and Carrie Dyckman of C-Change Conversations and Mayor Steve Hagerty and Sustainability Coordinator Kumar Jensen of the City of Evanston. Representatives of local civic organizations, Evanston's Climate Action and Resilience Plan, and new composting service will talk with visitors. This event is free and open to the public. More information can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
7:00-8:30 PM	<p><b>Parks, Recreation and Community Services Board</b> - Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center 2100 Ridge Ave., Evanston, IL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting agendas are posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting at the <a href="#">committee webpage</a>.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>5th Ward Meeting</b> - Morton Civic Center, Lake Superior Conference Room, Room G300, 2100 Ridge Ave., Evanston, IL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alderman Robin Rue Simmons will host the Fifth Ward meeting.</li> </ul>

**Friday, April 20, 2018**

**Staff News – Big Ideas**

4:15-7:15 PM	<p><b>SEED Training for Staff</b> - Washington Elementary School Library, 914 Ashland Ave, Evanston, IL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training is for staff that has signed up to attend staff/parent sessions.</li> </ul>
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**Staff News – Grade Level and Committee Meetings**

9:15-9:54 AM	7th grade Team Meeting - Room 225
9:57-10:36 AM	Bilingual Committee Meeting - NMS Office
10:39-11:25 AM	8th grade Team Meeting - Room 322
11:28-12:01 PM	SEL Team Meeting - NMS Office
2:12-2:51 PM	6th grade Team Meeting - Room 127

**Staff News – Student IEP Meetings, 504 Meetings, and Truancy Meetings**

1:30-2:00 PM	<b>MTSS Meeting</b> - Malcolm L-L. (8th grade) - MTSS Review/Check-in Meeting in Room 203
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**Student News - Activities and Clubs**

3:45-4:45 PM	<p><b>Taekwon Do Club</b> - NMS Gymnasium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Nichols Taekwon Do Club is open to all students interested in learning this ancient Korean martial art. The Nichols Club is part of Connelly's Academy which has been teaching Taekwondo in Evanston for 30 years. Mr. Finneran, the instructor is a 3rd Dan Black Belt and began studying Taekwondo in 1974. Our club is non-contact and focused on developing self-confidence and leadership skills, as well as self-defense. NO experience is needed and students who have may have left martial arts are always welcome to start up again at their last rank.</li> </ul>
3:45-5:45 PM	<b>Y.O.U. Enrichment Program</b> - NMS Cafeteria, 800 Greenleaf St., Evanston, IL.

**Boys Volleyball Practice and Game Schedule**



N/A	None
<b>Girls Soccer Practice and Game Schedule</b>	
N/A	None
<b>District News – PTA Meetings, Board Meetings, and District Parent Committees</b>	
6:30-8:00 PM	<p><b>D65 Green Teams' 10-Second Film Fest</b> - Haven Middle School (Auditorium), 2417 Prairie Ave., Evanston, IL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Celebrate Earth Day with the D65 Green Teams at the 10-Second Film Festival! The event will feature a screening of 10-second films created by D65 students that focus on the 3R's (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle). The 10-Second Film Festival will begin with a kickoff performance by environmental “raptivist” Joey FineRhyme. Enjoy seeing your children’s perspectives about environmentalism and find out how you can become involved in sustainability efforts in D65 schools. Visit <a href="https://10secondfilmfestival.com">https://10secondfilmfestival.com</a> to submit a film; deadline is Wednesday, April 18. Tickets are free but are required for entrance. There are a limited number available. <a href="#">Click here for tickets.</a></li> </ul>
<b>Community Events</b>	
N/A	None

**Saturday, April 21, 2018**

<b>Student News - Activities and Clubs</b>	
9:00-12:00 PM	<p><b>School is open this Saturday.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please remember to let Mr. Harries know if you are in the building to prevent the possibility of being locked in the building after closing.</li> </ul>
<b>Community Events</b>	
8:00-12:00 AM	<p><b>Indoor Winter Market</b> - Evanston Ecology Center, 2724 McCormick Blvd., Evanston, IL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A series of local markets will be on hand. This is a weekly event that will be held every week.</li> </ul>
9:00-11:00 AM	<p><b>9th Ward Meeting</b> - Levy Senior Center, 300 Dodge Ave., Evanston, IL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alderman Cicely Fleming will be hosting the Ninth Ward meeting.</li> </ul>
9:00-11:00 AM	<p><b>Earth Day/Arbor Day Cleanup &amp; Tree Planting</b> - Various Locations (listed below)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community members are invited to participate in the City’s annual Arbor Day and Earth Day “Clean up, Evanston!” event. In addition to the clean up activities the Evanston Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd. will hold Family friendly Earth Day festivities and nature play from 9-11am April 21st. In honor of Evanston’s longstanding history as a Tree City USA the City will also hold a tree planting at the Ladd Arboretum at 10:00am in conjunction with the clean up event at the site.</li> <li>Community groups and individuals of all ages can sign up to volunteer at any of the designated clean-up sites across the city by visiting <a href="http://volunteerevanston.org">volunteerevanston.org</a> or</li> </ul>



9:00-12:00 PM	<p>calling/texting 847-448-4311. Volunteers are encouraged to register to meet at any of these locations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ladd Arboretum &amp; Twiggs Park, Ecology Center, 2024 McCormick Blvd.</li> <li>○ James Park, Dodge Ave. at Mulford St. (Fieldhouse)</li> <li>○ Lovelace Park (Fieldhouse), Gross Point. Rd. at Thayer St.</li> <li>○ Lakefront (Greenwood – Clark St.), 1401 Sheridan Pl.</li> <li>○ Ridgeville Park, 908 Seward St.</li> <li>○ Brummel Park, Intersection of Brummel and Elmwood</li> <li>○ Canal Shores (3 sites), Meet at 1030 Central St.</li> <li>○ Chute Middle School, 1400 Oakton Street</li> <li>○ Haven Middle School, 2417 Prairie Avenue</li> <li>○ Nichols Middle School, 800 Greenleaf Street</li> </ul> <p><b>Healthy Kids Day</b> - McGaw YMCA, 1000 Grove Street, Evanston, IL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Healthy Kids Day</a> is a free, community-wide event to raise awareness about health and encourage families to get active. There will be family fitness activities, giveaways, and more! Special performances by Jesse White Tumblers and D.I.M.E. (Dance Is My Everything). Activities include inflatable obstacle course, martial arts with Connelly's Academy, and YMCA Family Fitness activities.</li> </ul>
1:00-3:00 PM	<p><b>'unCovered' Public Art Event</b> - 1100 Florence Ave., Evanston, IL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Come view the community quilt that was created at the Winter HeARTh events on Feb. 18 and March 10 and celebrate its creation.</li> </ul>

**Sunday, April 22, 2018**

<b>Staff News</b>	
N/A	None
<b>Community Events</b>	
N/A	None