

The Warrior Chronicles

Writing Contest Edition



My Favorite Memory From School

By Sophia Laytos, Grade 2

Do you have a favorite memory from school? Well, I do and it is when all the high schoolers came for Halloween and dressed up. One of them was dressed like a frog! There was also a game called pumpkin golf and it was so fun. You had to get the golf ball in the carved pumpkin to win! There was also a place where you would get wrapped up in paper towels to look like a mummy, and you also could play tic tac toe! You could get prizes at all the games! I had so much fun!

They also had games like pin the tail, pop the balloon, and a soccer game you could play! Thank you to all the high schoolers that came!

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What I am Most Excited For In Middle School!

By Jayden Geleta, Grade 5

New Egypt Middle School is going to be the best time of my life. We are going to go from class to class, and also going to be with seventh and eighth graders. The best part is going to be the sports! They are going to be so fun and I can not wait! Another thing I am excited for is freedom and gym.

One reason why I'm excited is the school sports. This is the number one thing I'm so hyped to have. We are going to ride on team buses! That seems so cool! My whole family is thinking about school sports, they are saying they want me to be in school longer! It is going to be a blast and I cannot wait.

My second reason is we'll have more freedom. In fifth grade we stay with one teacher and don't switch classrooms. I'm so excited for it because it's a new feeling. The part about switching classrooms gives you a good minute to relax. Then you can go and learn a new lesson.

My third reason is gym. People might be saying, "what are you talking about? We have to do laps!" Well, I'm excited because I play travel soccer, doing laps will help me with my stamina. I really want to become a professional soccer player so this will help me achieve my dream!

In conclusion, I'm so excited to go to the New Egypt Middle School because of school sports, freedom, and gym class. My thoughts on NEMS is that these things will make the experience and I am going to love it when I

Next Year at NEHS

By Sydney Jenkins, Grade 8

2020 is the year that I will become a freshmen at New Egypt High School. If I am being honest, the fact that I have to start high school in a few months scares me. Although I am scared and a little worried, I am super excited. In my eighth-grade year, I applied for the Teacher For Tomorrow Academy to pursue my career in teaching. I heard that applying for an academy is fun and everyone loves them. It will give you a "break" from actual school at times and allow you to focus on something that you like. This also will allow you to find others to hang out with since you are not confined to the little bubble of the grade.

What Do You Wanna Be When You Grow Up?

By Fiona Sprouse, Grade 6

When I grow up, I want to be a writer. I want to be someone who has the ability to inspire and teach people. I want to teach people it's okay to be different, it's okay to like certain things and that it's okay to be diverse. I want to do this by writing. When I was little, I would write small little stories and I would read books with my grandma, we would stay up for hours reading, and then I would tell her my own stories. She loved to read with me every single night. Even now, she loves how I write. I write stories to show her, and she even brags to people at her work about my writing.

What I'm Excited For at NEMS!

By Zachary Adamski, Grade 5

Lockers, freedom, school sports, multiple teachers, and gym every day. This all contributes to what we have been waiting for most, middle school. The brick school down the road is all without walking in lines, one teacher teaching, and having to leave your chromebook at school.

Recreational sports have been something in my life that is delighting, but for me travel sports had always seemed above the bar. Yet next year, I will have the chance to try out for different sports teams every season.

Advanced work and more intense projects interest me because I am always looking for a challenge. The lockers are in my opinion better than cubbies because you don't have to worry about your equipment falling to the floor. The school also has different opportunities for learning such as digital media, programming, and coding.

From my siblings, I hear the school has a lot more freedom than the elementary school. Dances are something that gets my attention too. Something about middle school just makes me want to walk into those doors and learn there. The way the landscaping and the design of the school were put together draws me in. Overall, I am looking forward to going to middle school next year!

Why Is New Egypt Special?

By Keira Gabbai, Grade 7

New Egypt is nothing too special to anyone outside of the area. When you go somewhere else and someone asks you where you are from, if you say "New Egypt," you will most likely just receive a blank stare. However, to the people inside of our close knit society, it is much more.

New Egypt is a small town, nothing huge or extravagant, but quite frankly, that's my favorite thing about it. Everyone knows everyone. When you go to the store and pick up some groceries, you can stop and talk to lots of people because that's just how close everyone is. If you don't already know everyone, it is not hard to catch on soon because everyone is friendly and willing to give a helping hand.

Another quality that not every town has, is the spirit and pride we have for our little farm town. We might be small, but we've got more pep than any other town there is. Even if we lose, we're always by each other's side and we aren't afraid to show it. I would never trade my life in this town for anything.



My Favorite Memory From School

By Carter Jacobsen, Grade 4

Do you know why I love rec basketball at the elementary school? I love it because it teaches young players like me to work hard and learn the values of determination. Rec basketball is one of my favorite memories at elementary school. Everyone should love it because it is also for the children in many other grades! It will always be one of my best memories even as an adult.

I will always remember rec basketball because adults take their own time to come out on the court without getting paid to coach us and help us achieve our dreams. Rec also teaches kids to work as a team and as my coach always says, "This is not just you're team, these players are like you're brothers now." Coaches that I have had over the years have made a big impact in my life by teaching me how to be someone that works hard and does what he is told to do. I cannot wait for next season to get better and work hard along with reliving my favorite memory.

What Is My Best Memory From School?

By Gabriella Sims, Grade 3

My best memory from school is the Halloween parade. It was fun! My mom came to the parade, she also came to my class party. It was a great memory!

Do You Know What I Wanna Be When I Grow Up?

By Sophia MacArthur, Grade 7

Watching over 200 anime movies and shows has helped me decide what I want to aspire to be when I grow up. I want to be a voice actor for anime and video games. Last year, I went to an anime convention in New York City and met three amazing voice actors. One of the voice actors I met was Todd Habrickorn. He voice acts all of my favorite anime characters. He gave me some great advice on how to become a voice actor and how to start. For example, he told me I should try directing, being on camera, and many other ideas. I have learned a lot and I'm trying my best to get my grades high so I can go to a great high school with awesome academies that I can direct in.

What Makes New Egypt Special?

By Aubrey Goos, Grade 2

New Egypt is a very special place. There are a lot of fun activities in New Egypt, there are great people and friends too! The teachers are so kind and helpful to all the students. All of the people are so kind to their friends and other people they meet. I am so happy to live here!

What I am Excited For At NEMS!

By Ella Marinari, Grade 5

A few things that I'm excited for at NEMS are lockers, gym, not too much homework, and getting out of school earlier along with French and sports. Why I'm excited for lockers is because they are always more organized than desks. They're also helpful so you don't have to carry your stuff around the middle school. In elementary school we have cubbies and they are pretty small. In addition you can decorate the lockers to fit your personality!

Some reasons why I'm looking forward to having gym almost all the time is because in the gym you get to play sports! In the gym you have to run and running takes my mind off of things happening in my life.

I'm excited for not having too much homework because then I can play outside and do more sports. Homework sometimes gets in the way of things like sports and friends. In the middle school, the homework you get is mostly what you didn't finish in class.

The reason why I'm excited to get out of school early is because I get to go home alone and I can be with my sister and brother when I get them off the bus. I also get time to myself at home with peace and quiet to do my homework. I'm excited for French because it is something other than just Spanish. It's fun to learn new languages, I'm also excited for sports! I love playing sports and in middle school there's a lot of sports to pick and choose from!

That is why I'm excited for lockers, gym, not too much homework, getting out early, French, and sports when I get to NEMS!

A Tree Falls In The Forest...

By Jack Haddock, Grade 7

If a tree falls in the forest when nobody's around, would it still make a sound? This is a deep question that really tests logic and requires heavy pondering to come to a conclusion. I think that if this happened it would still be making a sound. Just because nobody hears me say stuff sometimes, it doesn't mean I didn't say it.

Also, I'm able to prove that it still makes the noise. Theoretically, if you were to place a camera down to record the tree falling, you could always run away so you personally cannot hear the sound. You could then later run out, retrieve with camera, and check the footage and you'll be able to hear the sound of the tree falling. Therefore, if a tree was to fall in the forest when nobody is around it would still be making a sound.



What Makes New Egypt Special

By Aubrianna Csik, Grade 7

New Egypt is a very special place. What makes it so special is the people. The people have a huge impact on everyone around them. Not everyone in the school is from here, but we are all part of the same community.

No matter what age or background, there always seems to be a friend here. New Egypt is what created the amazing friendship that I have now. That doesn't mean you're best friends with everyone, there may even be people that have conflicts, but you are never without support.

Even here in the Middle School, our community is definitely represented. We all have a system of friends that are there for you and can make your day no matter what. The teachers also play a role in making our school community special. They don't just support in the bad times, they are here all the time to make you laugh, smile and feel special. Yes, definitely laugh! This writing may sound very serious, but there's nothing boring about New Egypt. In all, the people of New Egypt definitely play a role in making this place special.



My Favorite Memory From School

By Shannon Gabbai, Grade 4

My favorite memory from school is every year on the first day of school when I get to meet my new teachers, as well as all of the students in my class. I always love the first day of school because so far all of my teachers were nice and amazing. Also on the first day of school it means you can see your teachers almost every single day!

But my least favorite memory is when I have to leave for the summer. I have to leave my teachers every year and I don't get to see them much after that. I get very upset and sad on the last day of school, I miss my teachers. Even though I'm still right here with them, I don't see them much, and I will never forget them. I will also never forget how sad I was each year on the last day of school. I don't like to leave my friends and teachers.

Something Exciting Happening At School!

By Estrella Walle-Morfin, Grade 3

A cool exciting thing that I'm doing at school is a social studies paper about the Liberty Bell, the bald eagle, the Statue of Liberty, and the White House. I get to write facts about the Liberty Bell, the bald eagle, the Statue of Liberty and the White House. I also get to color the pictures of them. I like the Statue of Liberty because it represents freedom. I also like the bald eagle because of our country. I also like the Liberty Bell because you get to find the cracks. That is something fun I'm doing at school!

What I Am Excited For at NEHS

By Gillian Horvath, Grade 8

There are lots of things that make NEHS cool and exciting. One of those many things is the academies. Our high school has five academies that let students test out future careers that they are interested in. Not only do those programs get us ready for adulthood, but they also give us a really cool environment to work in.

For example, there is an engineering academy. This Academy has a room with awesome technology and advanced machines for students to use. Having these let students explore what kind of fun things they want to work with when they get older. This is important because students may think that they know what they want to do and they grow up, and find out that they were wrong when it's too late. All in all, this is only one example of one of the many things that NEHS has to offer.

What Would I Change If I Was Principal For The Day?

By Olivia Goelz , Grade 2

If I was principal all day I would make recess have water. First, because kids run a lot and get very thirsty. Also you can't bring water bottles outside on the playground, and some kids don't have water bottles. I think everything else is fine. I like the school. But that is the only thing I want to change. I hope you agree with me!

Something Fun Happening Around The School

By Ryan Regal, Grade 5

One thing I find cool at school is when Mr. T comes in to do activities with our class. I think this is exciting because when he comes into our class he does things like acting! For example, the last time we were in with Mr. T, we learned about the Massachusetts Bay Colony and the Virginia Colony to make a debate on which one was better. Also, we acted as if we were in a town hall meeting. One thing that is also cool about Mr. T's activities are when we get to learn things as well! We learned about styles of acting, and sometimes he does music with us.

One time, after music class, Mr. T came in and told the class we were going to split up into three groups. In the groups we made statues, but each group had to use different instruments. The three instruments were the piano, the pipe organ, and the harpsichord. It was really cool and fun making the statues and some of them were very interesting. Like how some people were the base of the piano and some people were the strings, and the last group of people were the keys. Overall, having Mr. T come do fun activities with us is really great and I hope we do more!



Something Fun Happening At School!

By Ella Kisthardt, Grade 4

Something really exciting now in school is that I'm making a slideshow about the Battle of Gettysburg. Reading about the Battle of Gettysburg is interesting because I'm learning new things in history, which I love learning about. The past shows us about history and how it is still the same thing today. I'm also glad I'll be able to teach my classmates about facts I learned and studied to make it great!

Some of the information included in my slideshow are details of all three days of the battle, the Gettysburg Address and why the North and South were fighting. I'm very proud of my work, I believe and think I did my best and tried my hardest. At first I didn't know anything about the Battle and I didn't want to do this topic, but now I know a lot of things about the Battle of Gettysburg and I'm enjoying reading about the Battle. I think it is the best slideshow I've made so far this year! I hope my classmates will enjoy it and learn new things about history.



What I Think Happens When a Tree Falls and No One Is There

By Yosef Hailemichael, Grade 4

I think when a tree falls down when nobody's there it makes a loud noise and probably no one hears it. If they do, they tell their friends that a tree fell. Their friends might be amazed by what happened and want to see it. They might ask, "Did someone cut it down?" The person and their friends might look for the tree and take pictures of it. They might tell their parents about it, and they might call people about it to remove it, and then call the newspaper to be interviewed.

But if nobody hears it, it might become weaker and die. It might have another tree grow then the same thing happens and so on. Maybe one day someone might discover the tree. They might try and keep it alive and protect the tree. They might pick oranges, apples, or bananas. They will be proud they helped the tree become alive and never forget how they kept the tree alive. If someone or something tries to hurt the tree, like a woodpecker, they will make it go away and they will keep taking care of it until it is strong enough to take care of itself. This will make it able to stay strong and not be so hurt. It may fall down all over again, but the same process will keep on happening. But if someone takes care of another tree, it will stay healthy and fresh!

So if you see a poor tree, take care of it. Keep it safe. Make it the best tree ever! You won't regret it. You'll be able to produce fruit and sell the fruit and make money while keeping it safe, healthy, and able to be cared for. That is the key to a good tree to take care of it, but remember the the key to a good tree is also loving it!

What Do I Wanna Be?

By Christopher Schwark, Grade 7

When I grow up, I want to be an environmentalist. I would like to be an environmentalist because of the constant awful things that humans are doing to the environment. One of those things is the Amazon rainforest which has been constantly burning. We've already lost 20% of the Amazon rainforest and it's growing fast. There are also things like ocean pollution such as The Great Pacific Garbage Patch and so many others. I plan to make the best of my ability by using eco-friendly products and finding ways to minimize pollution and conserving land for the forest that supplies us with air that we breathe to LIVE. In order to secure the best future for humans and keep the Earth peaceful and safe I want to be an environmentalist.

Exciting Things Happening at School!

By Emily Robbins, Grade 5

Something that is cool this year is that we get to help the kindergarteners with crafts. This month we're decorating little Valentine's Day boxes for candy from the class. Our class is buddies with Mrs. Gilbert's class. I have a buddy, her name is Juliana. We all have our own buddy. In October we made scarecrows out of all of the different kinds of material. The first time we went to the classroom we made little counting boards. That is what I like about this year.

My Favorite Memory From School

By Charlotte Lisiewski, Grade 4

This memory was from three years ago when I was in first grade. It is my favorite memory ever! So let's get reading. It was an ordinary day in first grade at the primary school, and my teachers Mrs. Thurkauf and Mrs. Zirrillo said, "We're going to be making yearbook covers for the school!" We were doing a class competition, I was very excited and I ran to get my paper and grabbed it very quickly and ran to my desk because we only had 10 minutes to do it. I wanted to win so bad! What I drew that day was the big Primary School, all the boys and girls in colorful shirts holding hands and even holding the giant glass doors for all the wonderful kids coming into the school! I also wrote "be a bucket filler" in rainbow letters with a giant happy sun and rainbow peeking through the big blue skies. Then the time was up, I finished just in the nick of time! I handed my drawing to the teacher and put my colored pencils inside the desk! Either later that day or the next day the principal made an announcement he said, "Now we are going to announce the winner for the front cover, the winner is Charlotte Lisiewski!" I was so happy it made me cry, my teachers and class were so happy for me! We were all in a big group hug! I went home and I told my family the amazing news they were so happy. When I purchased the yearbook I admired it for such a long time for the work I had done. That was the best memory in school ever! Thank you for reading my memory. I hope you enjoyed it!

What Makes NE Special?

By Brielyn Minter, Grade 4

New Egypt is very special because the school district makes everyone feel great even when you don't feel great. When you have no one to play with at recess and you are on the Buddy Bench someone will ask you if you want to play so you don't feel lonely. If you don't feel important they will make you feel important. When you feel like no one even likes you, someone in the district will ask to be your friend and you will get more and more friends. If you feel like you're invisible to people they will make you feel like you are a star and you will feel better. If you are in a fight with your best friends they will let you talk to them and make you feel like you and your friend are doing a better job of being friends again. If you are going through something tough they will let you talk to them about it and make you feel better and is if it's not happening to you. If you feel really lonely they will make you not feel lonely.

What I Want To Be When I Grow Up

By Jack Burger, Grade 5

When I grow up I am planning on becoming a lawyer. I want to become a lawyer because I think that it might be pretty cool to be the person to save someone from being wrongly accused or helping someone with something that happened to them. I just think it would be really cool to become a lawyer. One of the main reasons for wanting to become a lawyer is because I already know a lot about it. In enrichment I am learning about all kinds of stuff about the law. We're learning about eminent domain, mock trials, and even reading books about it!

How cool would it be to save someone from being thrown in jail when they never did anything wrong. Another reason I would like to become a lawyer is because I could teach my kids or even other people about it and maybe even inspire them to become lawyers themselves. One of my favorite reasons I want to become a lawyer is because I might even get my own office that would have files on top of files all around me and maybe have a huge desk right in the middle of my office. My last reason I want to become a lawyer is because I can help people with eminent domain but they don't know much about it, or even help people who are going to lose their house for not the right reason. Those are all the reasons why I want to become a lawyer when I grow up.



What Would You Change If You Were Principal For The Day?

By Rachel Maldonado, Grade 4

If I was principal for the day, I would tell the teachers to give less homework to the kids, have extra recess, and have gym everyday. My first reason is to have less homework. I think this is because we are in school for 6 hours and we still have to do work when we go home, it is not fair. I would make only one page of homework each night, but we still need to learn so give them a little bit.

The second reason is we get extra recess. I think that we are always crazy and need more recess plus we are always working and need to get our sillies out. Besides we need to do more fun things and that is our chance to do them.

My last reason is we have gym everyday. I think this is needed because we always sit around and gain more weight and need to move around more. We also need to keep our heart healthy, well that is what my gym teacher says. Those are all my reasons on what I would do if I was principal.

What Do I Want To Be When I Grow Up?

By Aiden Spencer, Grade 5

I want to be a race-car driver when I grow up because I have been doing it for five and a half years. One reason why I want to be a race-car driver is that it is really fun and I have lots of experience. I want to do this because I got inspired by another race car driver. I won a championship before and that made me want to keep doing it. I wanted to start because I have been watching racing since I was little and I wanted it in real life since on TV it looked really awesome. I won my first race in my go-kart when I was 8 years old and I have won a lot of races since and I am proud of myself so I want to continue when I get older. I do it on Sundays and my dad wants me to keep doing it. The go-kart is a lot of work to fix and I have wrecked it and fixed it before. The races are on Sundays at a place called Wall Stadium Speedway. They have a banquet after every race season.



Thank you to everyone for the submissions. We received hundreds of articles from grades second through eighth and it was a very tough process to file through and select our print edition. Due to the fact that we are no longer in school, we were not able to do as we planned by uploading all of the runners up on our online site. We are thankful however we were able to produce this special edition of the *Warrior Chronicles* that was initially intended for our now canceled *Pride Night*.

Once more, thank you so much for all of the submissions. We apologize that not all made it in to this special edition. From the bottom of our hearts here at the Chronicles, we ask that all of the young writers, who both are featured and not featured, to continue writing because that is the fuel of creativity and passion.

Keep writing, keep creating, keep thinking, and keep believing. It was an honor and a treat for us to hear from and read the work of hundreds of such young and bright students.

Stay safe and stay healthy in this wild time and remember,
Once a Warrior, Always a Warrior!

Sincerely,
The *Warrior Chronicles* Writing Staff