The Reflector to bring Northside Middle School student news and views

Question: What do you do when you want to find out your favorite teacher’s favorite food, or what’s currently hot in sports, or even what word in the English language rhymes with the word “month”?

Answer: Read the Reflector.

Northside Middle School has a new student club - The Reflector student newspaper. And you can find new issues each month on the Northside Middle School website.

The reflector staff meets every other Monday from 3:30 to 4:00 in Mrs. Waldron’s room. See more about Reflector coadvisors Mrs. Waldron and Dr. Stevenson on page 3.

The staff is made up of news reporters, entertainment reporters, sports writers, columnists, and photographers. The student staff will be out and about at school covering Northside news and opinions. The student staff will be interviewing teachers, staff and students about interesting topics. They will be busy interviewing, writing, reporting, and taking pictures. There might even be a cartoonist soon.

If you would like to submit a story or picture for publication in The Reflector, please submit it to Mrs. Waldron. Be sure to include your name and homeroom teacher.

You may also submit ideas for stories to Mrs. Waldron or to any member of the Reflector staff.

Pictured at left is the Reflector student newspaper staff standing at the entrance of the school. (Kneeling- Sam. Standing front row (left to right) Brayden, Sunni, Peyton, Dawson, and Daisy. Second row (left to right) Anthony, Piyush, Xavier, Mabry, Katie, Hannah, Carson, Austin, and Sean. Not pictured: Taylor.)

Northside’s getting a neighbor

The new Merrywood Elementary School, 93,000 square feet, will open to students in August, 2008. It is being constructed by H. G. Reynolds Construction Company of Aiken, SC. The architects are Jumper Carter Sease of West Columbia, SC. The total cost will be approximately $15 million

(Killed donkeys?)

Zak contributes to Penny Wars. Chelsea and Emily, students in Mrs. Saco’s class, collect pennies, silver, and bills for the Clemson vs. Carolina fundraiser. Profits will be split between Relay for Life and Student Activities.
What are you thankful for?

-- Sam --
I am thankful for: life.

-- Jasmine --
I am thankful for: my family and friends.

-- Zac --
I am thankful for: the new school and Mr. Rice.

-- Anthony --
I am thankful for: my family and health.

-- Hannah --
I am thankful for: my family.

-- Brett --
I am thankful for: my family and the food we have at Thanksgiving.

-- Katie --
I am thankful for: technology.

-- Kevin --
I am thankful for: the internet, my parents, brother, sister, God and Jesus.

-- Dee --
I am thankful for: our good school.

-- KaReese --
I am thankful for: God and mom.

-- Dequan --
I am thankful for: my parents.

-- Mr. Rice --
I am thankful for: my family and friends. I am also very thankful for our great new school!

Here are some answers to the question: “What does Thanksgiving mean to you?”

By Sam and Sean
NMS Reporters
Ashley: “Giving thanks” Matthew: “Giving thanks”
Zak: “Giving thanks” Justin: “Being with family”
Robbie: “Turkey” Mrs. Bates: “Family and food”
Hayden: “Family and less school” Garrett: “Nothing”
Dawson: “Turkey” Mrs. Bennett: “Family and thankfulness”
Regan: “Give thanks” Keever: “Havin’ a turkey”
Cheyenne: “Thanks” Cecilia: “Happiness”
Alle: “Thanks” Nikol: “Family”
Mrs. Hunt: “Family gathering and giving thanks”
Sierra: “Thanks”
James: “Food and time off”
Linda: “A lot of turkey”
Zachary: “Family and food”
Josh: “Food”
Mrs. Waldron was born and raised in Greenwood, S.C. She has been teaching for 13 years. All 13 years have been at Northside Middle School. She has taught Reading, Science, and Math and is currently teaching sixth grade Math and Science. She is married and has a son named Andrew. Andrew is in the second grade at Merrywood Elementary. She enjoys teaching, spending time with family and friends, and walking. Some of her favorites are pizza, purple, Mickey Mouse, lighthouses, balloons, and dogs.

Mr. Stevenson is a Northside parent and member of the PTO Board. He has been a professor of Mass Communications at Lander University for 16 years and was recently named Lander’s Distinguished Faculty member for 2007. His favorite pasttime is spending time with his sons Anthony and Nicholas.

Fascinating Facts

By Anthony
NMS Columnist

Donkeys kill more people annually than plane crashes.

A fresh egg sinks in water; a stale one won’t.

One in ten people live on an island.

The first owner of the Marlboro Company died of lung cancer.

Pearls melt in vinegar.

It is possible to lead a cow upstairs, but not downstairs.

A duck’s quack doesn’t echo and no one knows why.

On average, 100 people choke to death on ball-point pens every year.

Elephants are the only animals that can’t jump.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

No word in the English language rhymes with “MONTH.”

All polar bears are left handed.

A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.

TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters on one row of the keyboard.

It is physically impossible for pigs to look up into the sky.

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JOIN THE REFLECTOR

Working on the Reflector student newspaper staff is tons of fun!
If you’d like to join, come to Mrs. Waldron’s room for the next student newspaper meeting from 3:30 to 4:00 on Monday, December 3rd.
Profile: Mrs. Risinger

By Piyush
NMS reporter

The following are some questions and answers for Mrs. Risinger.

1. Favorite food: creamed corn
2. Favorite restaurant: The Dixie
3. Favorite vacation spot: the beach
4. Favorite movie: The Sound of Music
5. Favorite book: Where the Red Fern Grows
6. Favorite subject in middle school: Science
7. How many siblings: two
8. Do you like indoors or outdoors better: outdoors
9. What would you like to change about school if you had the chance: students who do homework
10. Funniest school memory: “When I was at the science fair, I was helping set up a project and a project caught on someone’s pants and ripped the whole seat out.”

Teacher interviews

By Daisy and Sunni
NMS Reporters

Would you like to know what teachers are really like and what they think? Well now you can know because we interviewed two teachers asking them various questions. We asked Mrs. Bates and Mrs. Lewis 5 questions. Here’s what they had to say.

Mrs. Bates

Q: About how many books are in the library? A: About 9,000.
Q: Why did you decide to become a media specialist? A: I like to read books, and I like kids.
Q: What did you want to be when you were little? A: I wanted to be an artist.
Q: Did you like to read a lot when you were little? A: Yes.
Q: What is your favorite book? A: Giver

Mrs. Lewis

Q: What is it like to be a teacher? A: It’s hard.
Q: What did you want to be when you were little? A: I wanted to be a Psychic Juggler.
Q: What do you enjoy most about your job? A: I like hands-on projects where I get to hear what students think about life.
Q: What is your hobby? A: I don’t have a hobby right now, I’m too busy taking classes.
Q: What is your favorite food? A: I love Indian food, especially at India Palace in Greenville.
Carolina’s Stats

By: Dawson
NMS sportswriter

Currently 6-4, they started out unranked, but after the 16-12 win against Georgia, they moved up to #17 in the AP poll. After the win against SC State, 38-3, they moved up to #12. After losing to LSU, 28-16, the gamecocks dropped to #16.

The Cocks, following the 38-21 win against Mississippi State, then moved up to #11. Then, after beating Kentucky 38-23, up to #7. They moved on up to #6 following a victory at North Carolina, 21-15.

Following were three losses, so they went from #6 to #15 after losing to Vandy, then #23 following losing to Tennessee 27-24 in overtime, and following the 48-36 loss to Arkansas here they are currently, unranked.

Key Players

Blake Mitchell #12: Has 108 completions for 1147 yards. He has 6 touchdowns.

Chris Smelley #7: Has 92 completions for 1176 yards. He has 9 touchdowns.

Cory Boyd #3: Has 785 rushing yards and 6 touchdowns. He also has 313 receiving yards and 1 pass for a touchdown.

Mike Davis #25: Has 495 rushing yards and 5 touchdowns. He also has 224 receiving yards and 1 pass for a touchdown.

Kenney McKinley #11: Has 748 receiving yards and 7 touchdowns.

Ryan Succop #14: Has made 12 out of 16 field goals for 66 points.