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This year is flying by here. We are a month into our 3rd Trimester already. With the weather getting nicer, the days longer and opportunities for spring activities it is easy for students to get distracted from school work. Please help your child be in school on time every day. And...don't forget, doing so will put them in the drawing to earn a bike. Every school day is so important and we know attendance is critical for their academic success. Our teachers work hard and will continue to provide high quality instruction each day. Let's make this last quarter the best! The last day of school is May 27th.

Here's a bit of interesting information I came upon recently... Thanks to Mr. Gillan and Ms. Antonich for all they do for our students in Band and Music.

The National Association for Music Education (NAfME) published statistics showing the benefit of music in our schools:

↳ **MUSIC & Math/Spatial Reasoning:** The combined results of 12 experimental studies indicate a positive relationship between voluntary music study and math achievement.

↳ **MUSIC & Reading/Verbal Skills:** The combined results of 30 studies indicate that music instruction is linked to significantly improved reading skills.

↳ **MUSIC & Academic Achievement:** First-graders who participated in special music classes as part of an arts study saw their reading skills and math proficiency increase dramatically.

↳ **MUSIC & Academic Achievement:** 2012 SAT, students who participated in music scored approx. 31 points above average in reading, 23 points above average in math, and 31 points above average in writing.

↳ **MUSIC & Successful Schools:** Schools that have music programs have significantly higher attendance rates than do those without programs (93.3 percent as compared to 84.9 percent).↳

↳ **MUSIC & Social Emotional Development:** Students who participate in music groups score significantly higher than their peers on measures of social capital including talking more with parents and teachers.

CONGRATS!!!! Science Fair winners

Ashlyn Korst and Jaxon Coats won Gold, Which is Worse Smoking or Vaping.

Trent Leardini and Beau Davis won Silver, Windpower.