

The Cougar Times-February

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Mission Statement

**Nurturing and
Preparing
Minds for
Success**



Did You Know . . .

Course Selection Night for 8th graders will be Wednesday, Feb. 3 & Thursday, Feb. 4 from 6-8 pm at NPHS.

ISTEP+ begins February 29th.

Our Spelling Bee winner was Grace Jones. Runner up was Julia Jones.

Our Geography Bee winner was Troy Hay and runner up was Julia Okrzesik.

Our Winter Dance is scheduled for Friday, February 19 from 2:15-4:00 pm.

From the Desk of the Principal

Second semester is in full swing and students are settling back into their routines. First semester brought many academic successes for our students. In addition, we have seen much improvement in behavior and social interactions. We thank our parents for supporting us as we strive to make New Prairie a great environment for all students.

Mrs. Becky Gaff joined our staff this week as she will replace Mr. Phillips for the rest of the year. Mrs. Bubanovich will teach Mr. Phillips' EC classes while Mrs. Gaff will teach Mrs. Bubanovich's 2/3 period of Language Arts.

Our boys basketball season ended with some successes and a lot of good fun. Girls' basketball and wrestling are just getting started. We look forward to a competitive season.

Students have been working hard in their classrooms to get ready for the ISTEP+. As many of you know, last year's test was the beginning of a new and more rigorous test for the State of Indiana. You will see much more homework focused on "showing evidence" for an answer, as well as, writing anecdotal notes over what they have read. In math class students will be expected to know the Process Standards as well as showing their work.

