

The Cougar Times-February

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Mission Statement

**Nurturing and
Preparing
Minds for
Success**



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.

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.

We had five students bring home Scholastic Art Awards. Jacob Abbott – Silver Key, Jamileh Cornejo – Honorable Mention, Ayden Dang – Gold Key, Sage Mougín – Silver Key and Daniel Reshan – Silver Key. Congratulation to these students and Mrs. Serry.

Students have been working hard in their classrooms to get ready for the ISTEP+. As many of you know, the new ISTEP is more rigorous than previous tests. You will see much more homework focused on “showing evidence” for an answer, as well as, writing anecdotal notes over what they have read. We have been working hard all year on Close Reads in every class. In math students have been asked to show their work and pay close attention to detail. Solving two & three step problems is also a big focus.

Did You Know . . .

Our next Early Release Day will be Tuesday, February 7.

February 20th will either be a snow make-up day or recess day.

ISTEP+ begins February 27th – March 10th.

Our Geography Bee winner was Blake Carpenter and runner up was Erin Johnson. Congratulations!

Our Spelling Bee Champion was Grace Jones and runner-up was Audrey Henning. Grace will go on to the LaPorte County Spelling Bee at NPBS on Feb. 15. Congratulations ladies!