

North Mac CUSD #34 Elementary School Information 217/965-5424 <u>Today is Thursday, April 8th, 2021</u>

## News:

SPRING IS THE MOST DESIRED SEASON – (mentalfloss.com)

- 1. Moderate Temps People are most agreeable when the temps around their body are between 69 and 71 degrees.
- 2. More Daylight Sunlight is a mood booster and decreases mental stress.
- 3. Birds Return Studies show watching birds increases mental health significantly.
- 4. Baby Animals Watching baby animals run around is shown to increase focus.
- 5. Safety Increases Crime rates, particularly robbery, drop in the Spring.
- 6. More Time Outdoors Spending at least 30 minutes outside contributes to a healthy heart rate, more relaxation, elevated mood and better memory.
- 7. More Creative Alters thought processes and makes us more open to new information and images.
- 8. Leaves Come Back to the Trees Green stimulates brain activity. New vegetation mitigates heat increases. Increased moisture in the air can alter temps by 9 degrees.
- 9. Plants absorb Carbon Dioxide Releases fresher, cleaner air for breathing.
- 10. Fresh Produce Becomes Available This increases happiness and life satisfaction, not to mention good for your physical body.
- 11. Flowers Return Increases positivity and lowers anxiety.
- 12. Allows Outdoor Exercise This increases energy levels and promotes healthier breathing.
- 13. Absorption of Vitamins Your largest organ, your skin, begins to absorb lovely Vitamin D.

## **Reminders/Calendar:**

- 4/15 FREE Illinois Extension Office after school program. Contact: <u>econrady@illinois.edu</u>
- 4/22 FREE Illinois Extension Office after school program. Contact: <u>econrady@illinois.edu</u>
- 4/22 Earth Day Make your yard an oasis for birds and creatures to enjoy nature or start a recycling program at your home/office.
- 4/28 Board Meeting at High School 6:30p (Limited seating due to Covid restrictions. Please call 217/627-2915 to make reservation.)
- 4/29 FREE Illinois Extension Office after school program. Contact: <u>econrady@illinois.edu</u>
- 4/30 Arbor Day Plant a Tree! Students will be encouraged to wear something green that day.
- 5/26 Board Meeting at High School 6:30p (Limited seating due to Covid restrictions. Please call 217/627-2915 to make reservation.)
- 6/23 Board Meeting at High School 6:30p (Limited seating due to Covid restrictions. Please call 217/627-2915 to make reservation.)

Week's Menu: (Each day for breakfast the children will enjoy a fruit, a juice and a milk. For lunch they will enjoy a vegetable, a fruit and a milk.)

Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday the 9th – Bfast – Mini Pancakes Bfast – Mini Donuts Lunch – Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Lunch – Cheese Pizza