



Striving  
For  
**EXCELLENCE**

## CORE VALUES

Wisdom

Obedience

Separation

Honesty

Service

Balance

## A Word From Our Staff

I have had the privilege to serve at NMCS for the past 17 years and my desire has been to inspire young people to make a difference in this life. We have so many students with potential to do great things, but it often requires someone willing to invest compassion and commitment into their lives, to see the potential they have come to fruition. I'm reminded of a story by Dick and Judy Hoyt. They had a son, named Rick, born to them in 1962. As a result of oxygen deprivation, Rick was diagnosed as a spastic quadriplegic with cerebral palsy. Told that Rick had no chance of recovery, his parents were advised to institutionalize him as he would be a vegetable. They refused to accept this advice and instead, they brought him home, determined to give him normal childhood experiences. At age 12, Rick was able to begin communicating with the help of a speech device. One day, he told his father that he wanted to participate in a 5-mile race to help a teenager who had been paralyzed in an accident. There was one big obstacle—His dad was not a runner. Nevertheless, he agreed to push his son's wheelchair for the entire race. After the race, Rick told his father, ***"Dad, when I'm running, it feels like I'm not handicapped."*** With that race and that statement, **Team Hoyt** was born. For the past 37 years, Dick has pushed, pulled, and carried his son through thousands of races, including the Boston marathon (where a statue of Team Hoyt is erected) and triathlons – including the grueling Ironman, made up of a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike-ride, and 26.2 mile run. The point of this story is that every single life has value regardless of their physical or mental abilities. We must be willing to look past the problems people have and see their potential. That's exactly what Jesus did for every one of us! Let me challenge you this week to invest in someone's life, you might never know the difference it will make.

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It's Box Tops Submission Time!! Our school will be sending in the Box Tops we've collected by October 29th. Remember, our goal this year is to earn \$500. That is a total of 5,000 box tops. Our first goal is 2,500, due on October 29th. If every student will bring in 30 box tops we can reach this goal! Please be sending in your Box Tops as soon as possible.

HERE ARE A COUPLE OF TIPS TO HELP MAKE SUBMITTING EASIER:

- Bundle your Box Tops in groups of 10 or 50 using an envelope or Ziploc bag.
- Tape, glue, or staple your Box Tops on a collection sheet - available at [btfe.com/collectionsheets](http://btfe.com/collectionsheets) or get one from your child's teacher.

Once we send in all of our Box Tops, our school will receive a check. We hope to purchase **classroom tablets** for our students with the money we raise. Please Help us reach our goal!

# 4th Grade Agriculture Awareness Day

On October 2<sup>nd</sup> our 4<sup>th</sup> graders in Mrs. Kelly's class got to participate in McDowell County's Agriculture Awareness Field Day. This is a two-day event put on for all the 4<sup>th</sup> graders in the county. The purpose of the field day is to help make students aware of the importance agriculture plays in their everyday lives, through a positive hands-on experience. Displays are set up at the Agricultural Center dealing with a wide variety of agricultural commodities produced in North Carolina, and in McDowell County. Students are rotated through nine 15-minute educational presentations dealing with various aspects of agriculture like beef production, bee production, crop production, horticultural production, etc. After going through each station, students participate in a Jeopardy challenge, answering questions about what they learned that day. Approximately 600 students participated in the event this year and we were so excited to be part of it.





# Upcoming Events:

