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### **FROM THE EDITORS**

Spring is around the corner! Spring Break is scheduled for March 23-27. Accounts will remain open if student want to continue to do their school work during the break.

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### **BEATS AND RHYMES CLUB**

Interested in DJ-ing?

Next Meetings:

March 13th and 20th

From 1-2pm

Contact Rob Brown for more info:

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### **NDA ACTIVE DAYS**

Batting Cages and Putt-Putt—March 12th from noon-2pm \$5

Swimming @ YMCA— April 9th from 2-3pm \$1

# Recipe of the Month

From: <https://butterwithasideofbread.com/9-fun-festive-st-patricks-day-recipes/>

## Mint Chocolate Pudding Cookies



### Ingredients

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup butter softened (1 stick)
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 small box instant vanilla pudding mix 3.4 oz
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp mint extract
- 3 drops blue coloring + 10-15 drops green coloring
- 1 1/2 cups chocolate chips\*

### Instructions

Cream together sugar and butter. Add egg, sour cream and pudding mix. In a small bowl, combine flour, salt & baking soda. Incorporate flour mixture into the pudding mixture and mix until well combined. Add mint extract and food coloring until

Add in chocolate chips. \*I used 3/4 cup chocolate chunks, 3/4 cup regular chocolate chips and 1/2 cup Andes baking bits. Any combination is wonderful, but note that while the Andes mint baking pieces add an incredible flavor, they kind of disappear in the cookies. So add them in addition to the 1 1/2 cups chocolate chips, if you opt to put them in!

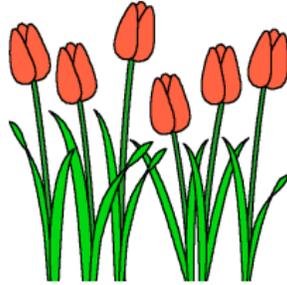
Drop by rounded tablespoonfuls onto greased cookie sheet.

Bake at 375 for 10 minutes. Transfer to a cooling rack and enjoy!

# Student Columns

## Are You Ready for Spring?

By Vanessa Miller



The first day of spring is March 19. The grass will be green again, the flowers will start to bloom. But, are YOU ready? Here are some ways that you can be prepared for spring.

**Preparing your House:** declutter, put away your winter clothes, test smoke alarms, replace furnace filters, check roof shingles, and clean your gutters

**Preparing Outdoors:** fertilize the lawn, trim your shrubs before they start budding, pick up debris, start seeds, and check power equipment

**Preparing Yourself:** get ready for spring testing, drink plenty of water, and wear sun-screen

# Alumnus Spotlight

## Matt Grabo—NDA Grad and Business Owner

Matt Grabo, a recent Newark Digital Academy graduate, has opened a shoe store in Newark called Addikted 2 Kicks. He and a business partner have opened a storefront, which focuses on buying and selling tennis shoes, primarily basketball shoes. They carry many name brands, including Jordans, Lebrons, and Kobis. Customers can buy new and used shoes or trade in their older shoes. Addikted 2 Kicks also pays cash for older shoes.

Growing up, Matt had a passion for shoes. He says that there were times when he was younger that he couldn't afford the shoes he wanted and saw his friends getting new shoes. He wanted to open a store that would allow kids who grew up like him to have an option to still get the shoes that they want.

As a business owner, Matt says he deals with challenges, such as keeping up with store inventory, but also has the pleasure of setting his own hours, albeit long ones. Ultimately, he is doing what he loves. We at NDA love seeing students chase their dreams and find success. Awesome job, Matt!



## Science News and Lesson Credit Opportunity

April 22<sup>nd</sup> marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day. Earth Day is an annual event celebrated around the world on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. To honor our Earth Mother and celebrate 50 years of working to save the planet for ourselves and future generations, Licking County Recycling Department Education Coordinator Verdi Able will be coming to NDA. During Mr. Able's presentation he will be discussing recycling, sustainability and environmental responsibility. All are welcome.

Additionally, several of your instructors have agreed to offer Lesson credit for attending. Lesson credit may require submission of a written reflection or completion of related worksheets. If you have Social Studies, English Language Arts, Earth Science, Oceanography or Chemistry, contact your teacher to see if Lesson credit is available to you. Contact Mr. Barbuto with other questions about this fantabulous opportunity. We hope to see you there.

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The Wilds is excited to announce that scholarships are available for WildeCamp, our premier residential camp experience. Campers ages 8-18 stay overnight in Mongolian-style yurts while enjoying canoeing, horseback riding and unique animal encounters. Scholarships are available can cover up to 90% of the fees for families who need financial assistance.



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On Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> we set our clocks up one hour. This is the first sign that Spring 2020 is right around the corner. Along with the warmer weather, coming Next Generation and End of Course Exams. Soon you will be receiving a letter that lists the days and times of the tests that you will take. These tests will begin after the week of Spring Break. Spring Break is Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Testing will begin when we return to school on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

The third quarter ends on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. You should be at lesson 27 in all off your year- long classes. If you are behind, you can make up some ground during the week of Spring Break as your accounts will be open. Also, remember to take advantage of the staff at NDA. They are here to help! We want you to be on target to finish your courses by the end of the school year.

We are very proud of all you have accomplished already this year! We are excited to work with you through the rapidly approaching end of the year! As always, be safe on-line and everywhere!

John Lutz – Coordinator of Alternative Education