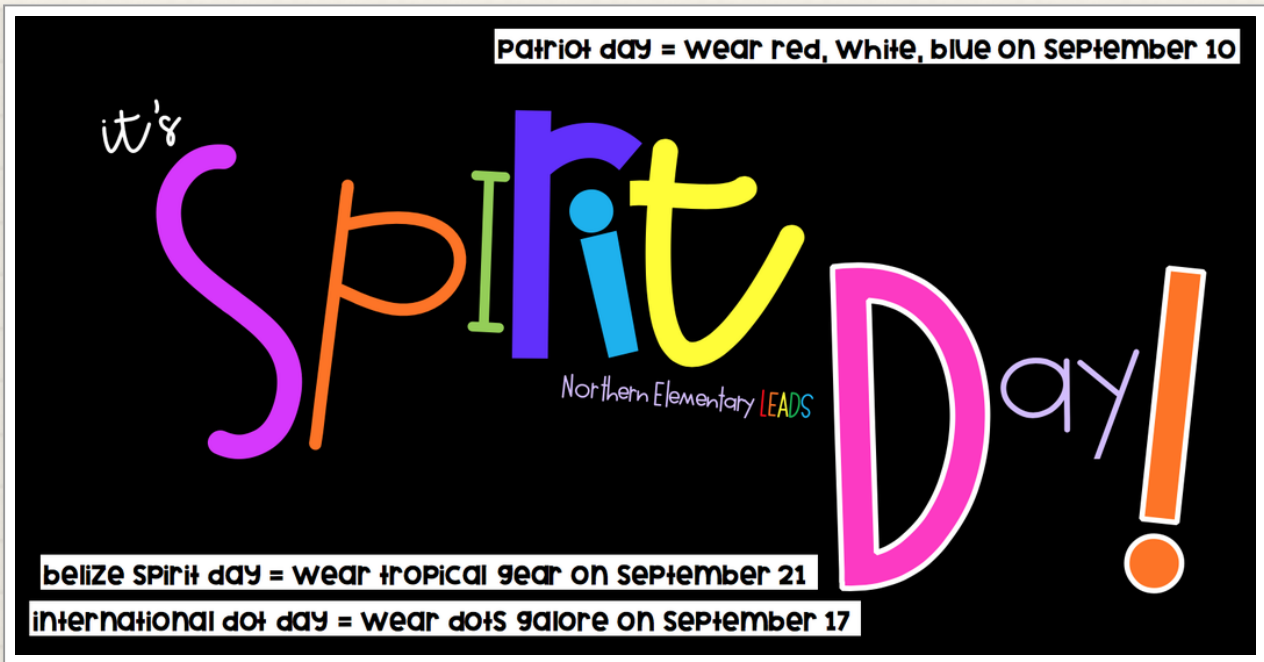


# NES Connection

Northern Elementary School News - 09/05/2021



## Important Dates

September 06: No School = Happy Labor Day!

September 07: Mask mandate for all staff/students, unless District Exemption form is submitted to principal.

September 07: PTO Meeting, 7PM - NES Library.

September 08: **School Drill** = Bus Evacuation Drill with all bus riders

September 10: **SPIRIT DAY** = Patriot Day: Wear red, white, blue.

September 13: Dillsburg Library Visits Grade 1

September 14: Bible Adventure (GR3-5 opt-in only)

September 15: Life Touch Fall Picture Day

September 16: K-5 Teacher Presentation Night (6PM and 7PM)

September 17: **SPIRIT DAY** = International Dot Day: wear dots, dots, and more dots!

September 21: **SPIRIT DAY** = You Better Belize It Day: wear tropical gear!

September 24: Early Dismissal at NOON, no lunch served.

## Mask Mandate- Letter from the Superintendent, 09/04/2021

Please find attached a letter from the Board of School Directors describing the District's position on the mandate and a link to a form to help you navigate exemptions to it should you qualify. If the form applies to your child or you, it should be filled out and turned in to the building principal.

We intend to take every step within our capability to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our school buildings. Masks will be available for all students for use on school buses and in our buildings. We will implement our Health and Safety Plan in all material respects. That includes maximizing social distancing where feasible, encouraging and promoting good hygiene, and rigorous cleaning and sanitization of the learning environment, among other things. We will continue to work closely with the Department of Health to respond to cases of COVID-19 in our buildings, provide assistance where requested, and seek guidance to best position our schools to control the spread of the virus. We take seriously the responsibility to create a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff and will continue to do so within our operational capability.

Establishing a respectful environment in which students and staff can learn and work is crucial to achieving our shared mission. Therefore, any form of harassment of students or staff related to face coverings or personal viewpoints regarding COVID-19 or any related strategies or mitigation efforts will not be tolerated. Should this occur, immediately report any incident to the building principal.

We expect the information from the Departments of Health and Education will likely change as the school year progresses. Should that occur the district will communicate with you how those changes impact our program and plans. We want our students to enjoy the school year in-person, in their classrooms with their friends and teachers, and will continue to partner with you to ensure we all have a memorable and enjoyable Northern educational experience.



NYCSD Mask Mandate Plan Communication.pdf

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## Mask Exemption Forms = submit by email or return document to school

The criteria for mask exemption is outlined in the document below. If your child meets the criteria and you are seeking exemption, please fill out the form, sign and submit to [jcal@northernnyork.org](mailto:jcal@northernnyork.org). Families who have submitted forms will receive an email confirmation of receipt on Monday evening.

We ask that parents fill out and submit these forms because, in order to be in compliance with the Governor's Order, students cannot be allowed to be without a mask on a bus or inside a Northern building without having an exemption form completed. In those instances, students will be asked to put on a mask. If they do not, they will be sent to the office where the administration, student, and parent will discuss the situation.

No school discipline will be enforced on respectful individuals, but without an exemption form, students will be expected to be taken home or will be asked to complete their school work in a designated area. Teachers and other classroom staff do not play a role in granting an exemption, so we appreciate your cooperation as we look to minimize any distraction to the classroom over this matter.



Mask Exemption Form NYCSD.pdf



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## Student Data Forms

### Forms Awaiting Completion

Form	Description	Status	Open Until	Actions
<a href="#">2021-22 Student Device 1:1 Acceptance Form</a>	Student Device Procedures and Information	Open	05/30/2022 12:00am	
<a href="#">2021-2022 Contact Information Validation</a>	2021 Student Contact Information Validation	Open	05/31/2022 12:00am	
<a href="#">2021-2022 Medical Verification Form</a>	Please complete by Friday, September 10th	Open	01/31/2022 12:00am	

## NYCSD Devices Assigned to Students - Please Review and Submit

NYCSD devices are ready for student assignment at school. Children in Grades K-2 will receive an ipad, while Grades 3-5 will receive a chrome book. These devices will be specifically assigned to the student, for use by him/her only. Devices will remain in the classroom and only when in quarantining or remote learning will they be sent home. Students will be taught to care for and be responsible for the safe keeping of their devices at school.

In order for a student to be assigned a device, the parent/guardian must review the technology handbook and choose "Yes" to accept the terms of use, in the Sapphire Parent Portal. Devices will not be assigned to students who do not have this form completed in the Sapphire Parent Portal. With this, we ask families to please sign into the Sapphire Parent Portal account, click on "Student Data Forms," and submit.



NYCSD Student Device Handbook 21-22.pdf



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## Bus Evacuation Drill - An Overview

This month students will participate in two safety drills: Bus Evacuation Drill and Fire Drill

This week, we focus on the **Bus Evacuation Drill**. All drills are mocked to support practice within a safe environment. Drills take place on our school campus. During this drill, bus riders will practice exiting the bus from the rear doors. Two student leaders are assigned to support the exit doors. These student leaders assist their peers in safely exiting the bus, and students are directed to use these steps:

1. Doors are assessed for safe exit.
2. If the loading doors are safe to exit, the first half of the bus exits in that manner, while the back half of the bus exits from the rear exit.
3. Book bags and belonging are left on the bus.
4. Students exit by rows.
5. The student sits down on the landing of the rear doors when it is his/her turn to exit.
6. Student leaders assist by providing physical support from the bus landing.
7. Student hops down from the landing with the leader's support.
8. Student walks to the quiet line, located away from the road.
9. Students voices are off to hear directions.
10. Students are situationally alert to the traffic around them.

This week, our students receive specific directions from their bus driver and NES staff assist each bus in practicing safe exit and passenger accounting.

Your partnership is valued as we continue to support and empower our students in creating a safe and secure environment for travel.

## NORTHERN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Picture Day is scheduled for:

**Wednesday, September 15, 2021**

Picture Day ID: EVT2BJB2G

Use your Picture Day ID to order your portrait package.

**SHOP NOW**

Picture Day is scheduled for:

**Tuesday, November 9, 2021 (Retake)**

To order, check back about 4 weeks before Picture Day.

## Picture Day is Coming to NES!

Wednesday, September 15 = Picture Day

Please check backpack mail for Life Touch Picture Day flyers. Families wishing to order online may [click here](#), using the Picture Day ID: EVT2BJB2G or families may choose to return the Picture Day flyer with their child to school.

All children are photographed in the Fall and parents opt-into purchasing packages.

## Quick Links and Important Forms for You

The quick links below provide a direct link to the documents you may need. Please see the files related to the quick links, posted below for your convenience.

1. **Wish to see our NES Procedures and Routines in one location?** Check out our [NES Informational Smore](#) here.
2. **Wish to see your child's report card and other important documents?** Create and sign into the [Sapphire Parent Community Portal Account](#). This is different than the account used for registration.

3. **Wish for your child to have access to his/her school device?** Verify the [required NYCSD forms](#) after creating or signing into your account.
4. **Wish to pick up your via our Car Rider line?** Sign up for a [Car Rider Tag](#) which permits you to pick your student up at the end of the day. Please see the important drop off and pick up procedures below.
5. **Wish to assist our teachers and students as a volunteer this year?** Fill out the [volunteer](#) form and complete the required clearances.
6. **Wish to plan lunch for your student?** Check out the [Food Service](#) menus and information.
7. **Wish to [stay connected](#) with NES?** We tweet daily!



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How to Add a student to existing Sapphire Community Portal Account.pdf

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Sapphire Upgrade Community Portal Parent Directions For Pre-August 1 Accounts.pdf

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NES Aug-Sept Lunch Menu.pdf

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NYCSD Free and Reduced Meal Packet 21-22.pdf

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NYCSD Approved 21-22 School Calendar.pdf

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# Transportation Update

Our Transportation Department has worked this week to shift a few Bus 33 and 34 assignments to vans, seeking to find a solution for the length of time students are on buses.

Our NES Faculty have been working hard to get students loaded and released as soon as possible. Bus 31, 33, 34 are the first buses loaded and released. The remainder of our buses: 16, 20, 14, 19 are loaded and released by 4PM.

Our goal is to streamline further, in an effort to have all buses on the road by 3:50PM. We hope this week affords a more consistent PM arrival of your children, supporting families in creating a more predictable end of day routine.

At this time, masks are still required for all students on district transportation, unless an exemption is on file.



# Medication Reminders

## Medication Reminder to Parents

Student medications may not travel to/from school with students. If your child has a medication that must be dispensed at school, please communicate this to the school nurse [NESnurse@northernnyork.org](mailto:NESnurse@northernnyork.org) and deliver this item to the school between the hours of 8:30AM-4:00PM.

Families may visit the [District Health webpage](#) to review the medication policy and to obtain the medication order request forms that must be signed by a physician. Families who need this information printed for them should contact the school office to make this request: [NESOffice@northernnyork.org](mailto:NESOffice@northernnyork.org)

Reach out to Mrs. Krammer, school nurse, with any questions at 717-432-8691 ext. 1502.



2021-22 Kindness Calendar.pdf

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# Back to School Night

**SEPTEMBER 16**

On **Thursday, September 16, 2021**, parents are invited to attend our NES Back-to-School Night in their child's homeroom.

- **Mrs. Armbruster and Grades K, 1, 2 meet: 6:00 PM-6:45 PM**
- **Mrs. Ensminger and Grades 3, 4, 5 meet: 7:00 PM-7:45 PM**

This orientation is for parents/guardians only, as the classroom teacher will share pertinent information about the grade level program and curriculum. If there is a need to provide us with personal, individual information about your child, please schedule an appointment with the teacher and/or principal at a time other than this evening.



2021 NES Back to School Night.pdf

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## Sapphire Parent/Community Portal Information

[Click here to access or create your Parent Portal](#)

## Sapphire Parent Community Portal Accounts

### Parent Portal Documents

The [Sapphire Parent Portal](#) remains your go-to location for district information and student documents. You received your homeroom letter and Open House information through the parent portal and throughout the year you will find forms that require your consent and/or review. This is also where report cards and attendance letters are posted.

Beginning of year documents that you will need to sign include:

- 2021 – 2022 Student Device 1:1 Acceptance Form
- 2021 – 2022 Contact Information Validation
- 2021 – 2022 Medical Verification Form

Make sure that you create and log into your parent portal for access to these important documents throughout the year. If you are having trouble access the portal, please contact the office at 717-432-8691 x1500 or email [nesoffice@northernnyork.org](mailto:nesoffice@northernnyork.org). We are happy to assist you.

## Time Sensitive: I-1 Device Consent

### 1:1 Technology Acceptance Form, located in [Sapphire Parent Portal](#)

The Northern York County School District values the use of technology on instructional practices and learning. One to one device initiatives require a financial commitment from the



School District, and we are particularly grateful for the priority given to this initiative by Northern York.

- Students in K-2 will be assigned an ipad for use at school.
- Students in 3-5 will be assigned a chomebook for use at school.

With this, the District has posted a1:1 Technology Acceptance Form that parents are to read and sign, after reviewing with their child.

**It is important to note:** School devices will not be issued until a parent has signed the Student Device Handbook. Any missing 2020-2021 technology must be returned or paid for before student devices are assigned (devices, cords, hot spots, etc.).

To access the 1:1 Technology Acceptance Form, please go to the [Sapphire Parent Portal](#) and sign the form electronically. Once in the Sapphire Parent Portal, click on the [Student Data Forms](#) link. There, you will find the 1:1 Technology Acceptance Form to read, review, electronically sign, and submit for approval.

***Students will receive their school-issued device within the first 8 days of school, following parent completion of the 1:1 Technology Acceptance form in Sapphire and the return or payment of outstanding technology.***

## Seeking Volunteers: Junior Achievement

Northern Elementary partners with Junior Achievement, a worldwide nonprofit organization that presents important life skills through hands-on educational lessons focusing on financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and work readiness. [Click here to review the programs available.](#)

Caring adults (like you) are asked to volunteer to share the JA program with students in the classroom. Our goal is to inspire young people to value our free enterprise system and to improve their quality of life through their understanding of financial literacy.

As a classroom volunteer, you will discover the benefits of having a direct impact on local education and the fun of sharing your life experiences with a classroom full of students.

Interested in volunteering? See the attachment below or [click here](#) to sign up. Don't forget to list Northern Elementary School as your school of interest and be sure to complete the [NYCSD volunteer requirements](#).




Junior Achievement Electronic Sign-Up Form.pdf



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Junior Achievement FAQ Document.pdf

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Check out our Northern Elementary PTO  
FB Family



## NES PTO Board 2021-2022

We are so pleased to announce our 2021 PTO Board:

Co-President: Erin Stein [erin\\_stein@yahoo.com](mailto:erin_stein@yahoo.com)

Co-President: Lydia Flinner [lflinner815@gmail.com](mailto:lflinner815@gmail.com)

Vice President: Tanja Worrall [tmworrall86@gmail.com](mailto:tmworrall86@gmail.com)

Secretary: Amy Harlacher [amy.n.harlacher@gmail.com](mailto:amy.n.harlacher@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Kiely Holcomb [kiely23@hotmail.com](mailto:kiely23@hotmail.com)

Interested in supporting the PTO in some capacity? Reach out to our members at [nespto1@gmail.com](mailto:nespto1@gmail.com).

## PTO Tuesday Meetings

We invite you to attend our PTO Tuesday Meetings, held in our **NES Library** from **7PM-8PM** on the following evenings:

- **September 7, 2021**
- **November 2, 2021**
- **January 4, 2022**
- **March 8, 2022**
- **May 3, 2022**

This is a fantastic opportunity to offer ideas, partner further, and add to our NES Community. Unable to attend? Our PTO Meeting notes will be posted to our website. We look forward to collaborating with you this year!

## Help Us Raise Funds As You Shop!

Our PTO collaborates to gain funds from your regular shopping! This does not impact your account in any way.

- **Box Tops Rewards** earns cash for our school. This program has moved to a mobile application. Download the app by [clicking here](#).
- **Amazon School Rewards Program** earns cash for our school via Amazon Smile. Use [this NES link](#) to make your purchases on Amazon, with no impact to your account. Amazon rewards our school with funds.



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Box Tops How-To.pdf

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## Link your Weis Club Card to Support NES!

Wish to support our NES Cubs each time you shop?

Please consider linking your Weis Club Card to Northern Elementary. This act will attribute funds to our school, without impacting your individual points.



**Just one step needed:** present the unique barcode in this email and ask the cashier to scan the barcode and your Weis Club card. That's it, no other steps required!



Weis Club Card Helps NES.pdf

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## Important 2021-2022 School Information

Visit our School Website to stay connected.

## NES Connection Opportunities

### Ways to Stay Connected

**Website:** Our website at [www.northernpolarbears.com/nas](http://www.northernpolarbears.com/nas) has a wealth of information about our school, along with updated calendar, teacher websites, and more. Please bookmark this site and visit often!

**Smore News:** Our school news can additionally be reviewed weekly at this link: [NES Connection](#).

**Sapphire Parent/Community Portal:** Please take a moment to ensure that your contact information is accurate in the [Sapphire Parent Portal](#). The primary email address listed in our system is used to send out weekly messages. If you wish to receive text message updates from NES, please ensure that "SMS" is checked by your cell phone number in the contact information in the Parent Portal.

**Twitter:** For daily highlights of school events and happenings, be sure to follow us on Twitter [@NESPolarBears!](#)

Facebook: Follow the [NES PTO](#) on Facebook!

Thank you for your ongoing partnership in your child's educational journey at NES. We look forward to connecting with you and your family in 2021-2022, our Year of Community!



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