

# NES Connection

Northern Elementary School News - 09/12/2021

## NES BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Postponed to A Virtual Event

On September 23 a virtual Link to the pre-recorded Teacher Presentation will be shared.

### Important Dates

September 13: Dillsburg Library Visits Grade 1

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

September 15: Life Touch Fall Picture Day

September 15: Race for Education Informational Email and Link to Share

September 16: Masks required; medical certification required for exemption

September 17: GR4-5 Students Learn about the Orchestra and Band Opportunities

September 17: **SPIRIT DAY** = [International Dot Day](#): wear dots, dots, and more dots!

September 20: Race for Education labels and email confirmation slips due to NES

September 20: GR4-5 Band and Orchestra Preview Night; NHS 7:30PM

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

September 23: Back to School Night/Teacher Presentation Video Link to-be-shared

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

# This Week's Lunch Menu

Monday: Chicken Nuggets

Tuesday: Walking Taco

Wednesday: Ravioli

Thursday: Hot Hambo

Friday: Pizza Sticks

Lunch 2 = Hot dog on Roll

## Grade One At the Library 2021



## September 13: Grade One At the Library (GOAL)

The Dillsburg Library will help our first-grade students shoot for the GOAL of a lifelong love of reading and learning! First grade is a time for children to learn to read. With the [York County Library GOAL initiative](#), they strive to encourage a thirst for reading by introducing your child to the abundance of books, programs, and computer resources available through a library membership.

Every September, York County Libraries and PeoplesBank team up for the Grade One At the Library (GOAL) Membership program, and our first graders are invited to join!

Simply fill out an [online application at this linked site](#). If you prefer, paper copies of the application will come home with your child; please return the **paper copy** to your child's teacher.

**After getting your Library Card, visit the Dillsburg Library or any other York County Library!**

With your first three visits to the library, you will receive a new prize to take home with you! From year to year, the prizes change, but the third and final prize will always include the featured book of the year.

This featured book becomes the center of the Campaign Celebration at the end of the 3-month program.

- **Visit 1:** GOAL pencil or gel bracelet
- **Visit 2:** GOAL sports/book bag
- **Visit 3:** A FREE copy of [Anthony D Fredericks'](#) book [Tall Tall Tree](#) and a PeoplesBank® flying disc

*\*Information from the [York County Libraries](#) website.*

## September 15: Picture Day

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.

### 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.

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

## September 16: Masks Required - District Information Below

On Thursday, September 16, the District will move forward with an update to our exemption process to ensure we are in compliance with federal law and the face covering order. The Thursday start date allows families time to consider their educational options and pursue the updated exemption process as appropriate.

### NES Health and Safety

Masks required in school  
Masks required on district transportation  
Surfaces cleaned daily  
Routine handwashing procedures  
Child ill, keep at home and communicate absence  
3 feet of separation, where feasible  
Contact tracing protocols continue  
Shared materials w/ handwashing & sanitizer use  
Access to bottle filling stations, fountains disabled

The updated process will require **medical certification** in order to claim an exemption from wearing a mask. The previous exemption form that was issued on Saturday, September 4 will



no longer be valid after Wednesday, September 15, and will be replaced with the new Section 504/IDEA Exemption Form (linked below):

### UPDATED MASK EXEMPTION REQUEST PROCESS

In order to request an exemption to the mask order, Parents/Guardians must:

Submit a completed [Section 504/IDEA Mask Exemption Request Form](#) to your building principal.

1. Please note that available medical records should be submitted along with the 504/IDEA Form. This will enable a multidisciplinary team to determine whether an accommodation is appropriate for your child.
2. Each 504/IDEA Form and accompanying records will be reviewed and responded to within five (5) school days.
3. Section 504 and IDEA exemptions granted last year (2020-21 school year) will continue to be honored, and a new form does not need to be submitted at this time.

On Thursday, all students who have not applied for and received a medical exception will be expected to comply with the mask mandate within the framework below. If a student is not wearing a mask when they are supposed to, the following procedures will be implemented:

For Sept. 16:

- Students will be reminded to wear a mask.
- A supply of masks will be available in each building.

For Sept. 17 and beyond:

- First Incident: The principal will meet with the student and offer the student a mask. The principal will conference with the student, and a written notice will be given to the student to take home to inform the student's parent/guardian. The principal will attempt to contact the parents.
- Subsequent Incidents: Principals will address the situations according to the building's disciplinary practices.

Families in the process of acquiring the necessary medical certification for a mask exemption that need more time beyond Thursday, September 16, must show proof of a scheduled doctor's appointment to their child's principal.



NYCSD Updated Exemption Process - Message to Families.pdf

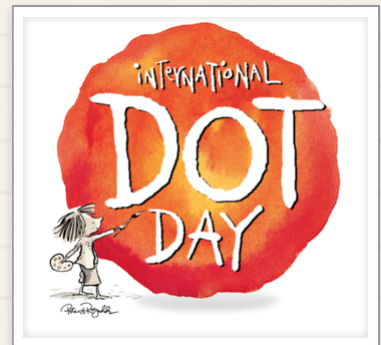
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## The Dot



## September 17: Spirit Day = International Dot Day

Imagine the power and potential of millions of people around the world connecting, collaborating, creating and celebrating all that creativity inspires and invites. NES will join the growing global community of creativity champions using their talents, gifts and energy to move the world to a better place.



Our NES Picture Day lands on International Dot Day this year, therefore our Dot Day SPIRIT DAY will take place on 9/17/21. Do you know why we celebrate International Dot Day? Author, Peter Reynolds, provides the inspiration with the picture book, [The Dot](#). (read aloud- linked)

[The Dot](#) (how the text came to be- linked) is the story of a caring teacher who dares a doubting student to trust in her own abilities by being brave enough to “make her mark.” What begins with a small dot on a piece of paper becomes a breakthrough in confidence and courage, igniting a journey of self-discovery and sharing, which has gone on to inspire millions of children and adults around the globe.

*\*information from [www.internationaldotday.org](http://www.internationaldotday.org)*

# NES BAND and ORCHESTRA INSTRUMENT INFO and RENTAL NIGHT

Monday, September 20, 2021  
7:30pm–9:00pm, Northern HS Auditorium

## September 20: GR4-5 Band and Orchestra Info/Rental Night

On September 17, students in Grades 4-5 will be participating in a Zoom meeting (during the school day) with our Band and Orchestra Instructors to learn more about the instruments and the programs. Following this preview, students may be interested in taking lessons at school.

Families with students who are interested in joining Band or Orchestra are invited to a Instrument Info/Rental Night, held on September 20th at the Northern High School. Please review the attached document for specifics on both programs.



NYCSD Instrumental and Orchestra Letter 2021.pdf

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## September 23: Back To School Night / Teacher Presentation Night, Virtual Event

In an effort to better accommodate all our families, our Back to School Night, slated for Thursday 9/16/21 has been moved to a virtual event, with the release of a virtual link on 9/23/21.

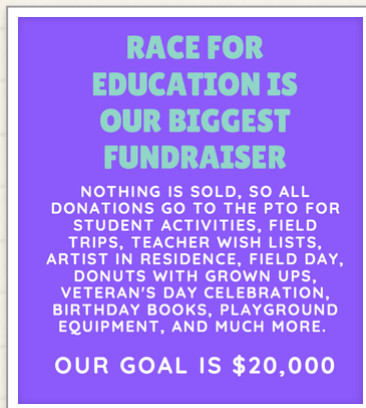
This event will be a pre-recorded virtual opportunity for families to view a screencast, presented by the classroom teacher, providing specifics on the classroom, curriculum and other important facets of the year. This will additionally afford families the flexibility of reviewing this information at their convenience, as the video will be available following this evening.

Please do not report to your school for this event. You can anticipate a communication by 4PM on 9/23/21, providing the link for the classroom teacher's virtual (pre-recorded)



presentation.

We thank you kindly for your continued partnership and look forward to our year ahead.



## RACE for EDUCATION is Coming!

Northern Elementary... our biggest fundraiser is coming... and we need your help! Please see the attached flyer and get ready to hear more about what you can do to assist us in raising funds for our students!

- Tuesday 9/14: Race Info sheets and labels will come home with students
- Wednesday 9/15: Email with Race online flier and link will come for families to share out.
- Monday 9/20: Labels and/or Email confirmation slips due to NES
- Friday 10/08: Race for Education Day at NES!



Northern Elementary Race for Education (8).pdf



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## Sapphire Parent/Community Portal Information

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

## 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

Student Data Forms	
Forms Awaiting Completion	
Form	Description
2021-22 Student Device 1:1 Acceptance Form	Student Device Procedures i
2021-2022 Contact Information Validation	2021 Student Contact Inform
2021-2022 Medical Verification Form	Please complete by Friday, 5


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," complete and submit.



NYCSD Student Device Handbook 21-22.pdf

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## 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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## 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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## 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) and

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:

- **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 are attached below. We look forward to collaborating with you this year!



NES PTO Minutes - Sept 7, 2021.pdf

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## 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.



Box Tops Family Letter.pdf

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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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## 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 FAQ Document.pdf

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Junior Achievement Electronic Sign-Up Form.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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