

NES Connection

Northern Elementary Sunday News - 10/10/2021



Gratitude Gateway: A Community Space

Gratitude Gateway spotlights *The Worrall Family*, crafters of this month's fun Gratitude Gateway Display, reminding us of the upcoming Book Fair!

The Ayers Family kicked off our Gratitude Gateway September Display, underscoring our Community focus with, "*Individually we are drops, together we are an ocean.*"

Families are invited to participate in brightening up our NES shared space by signing up for a particular month. Your creativity is welcomed in providing a positive lens on upcoming events, positive mantra, or at theme specific to that month. Interested? Click on the pink button below.

Do you know the history of Gratitude Gateway? 2009 served as the Year of Gratitude, Ms. Cal's personal sentiment, her first year at NES - grateful for the opportunity to lead and learn alongside an incredible staff and supportive community.

Each year since, students have selected the year's theme in the November elections held at NES. What will next year's theme bring? Have ideas... [share here!](#)

Our themes have included:

2009: Year of Gratitude
2010: Year of Generosity
2011: Year of Grace
2012: Year of Joy
2013: Year of Peace
2014: Year of Love
2015: Year of Strength
2016: Year of Creativity
2017: Year of Hope
2018: Year of Courage
2019: Year of Cheer
2020: Year of Imagination
2021: Year of Community

Our Gratitude Gateway (along with the other street signs in our building) reminds us of the school community that we continue to foster, fuel and flourish at NES. Our family connection remains a valued scaffold for this work. Wish to be a part of this shared space? Click on the pink button below!



GRATITUDE GATEWAY DISPLAY: Family Sign-Ups Welcomed

Interested in brightening up our Gratitude Gateway (Main Lobby) with a family crafted fun display?
[CLICK HERE](#) to sign up for a month! We are grateful for your kind, creative spirit!

This Week's Lunch Menu

Monday: Marinara Meatballs

Tuesday: BBQ Chicken Wrap

Wednesday: Steakum w/ Cheese

Thursday: Pizza Sticks w/ Dip

Friday: NO SCHOOL

Lunch 2 = Hotdog on Roll



NES October Lunch Menu 2021.pdf

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Important Dates

10/04-10/17: Spirit Wear Orders (click [HERE](#))

10/12: **SPIRIT DAY**- Old Farmer's Day: Dress as Produce, Farm Animal or Farmer!

10/14: **SPIRIT DAY**- Wear Red, Green, or Yellow: Apple Crunch Day in the Sunshine Café!

10/15: DISTRICT CLOSED- NO SCHOOL= Happy Farmer's Fair!

10/18: Scholastic Book Fair Week: **Volunteer Sign-Ups** (click [HERE](#))

10/20: Scholastic Book Fair Evening Family Hours 4PM-6PM, NES Library

10/25: SPIRIT WEEK Red Ribbon 2021: Memo below

10/29: Fall Character Costume Parade, 2:30PM NES Playground (15 minutes)



2021-22 Kindness Calendar.pdf

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NES Seeks Family Ideas and Feedback

Have a few moments to help NES grow? Consider sending us anonymous feedback that will aid in strengthening our approach. Highlight ideas that allow us to grow, spotlight areas you are pleased with, offer insight on ways we can improve.

10/15: Fall Book Fair is Here!

Scholastic Book Fair = October 15-22

Have your required clearances and able to assist? Click on the pink button below to sign up!

CLASSROOM VISIT TO FAIR

Students will visit the Scholastic Book Fair during the week of 10/18 (schedule attached). Parents will be provided with order information, and students may use this time to shop for books, receiving aid from our PTO helpers during their assigned session.

FAMILY SHOPPING HOURS

Parents may choose to forgo sending in orders if they prefer to shop individually with their child. Visits are not permitted during the day, however this family opportunity is afforded on Wednesday **10/20/21 from 4PM-6PM** in the NES Library.

FAMILY OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE: TEACHER BOOK BINS

Interested in contributing to your student's classroom library? Families have the opportunity to purchase a book from their child's Classroom Library Wishlist, dedicated to the classroom library in their family name. This gift supports the 2021 classroom cohort and many others that follow. Classroom Libraries serve to enrich and incite interest and engagement in reading! Thank you for considering this contribution.

Book Fair 10/18-10/22	D3: 10/19/21 During Guidance	D4: 10/20/21 During Library	D5 10/21/21 During Guidance
9:00-9:40	Ensminger		
9:45-10:25	Sinclair	Warner	Daly
10:30-11:10	Benfer	Henry	Ashcraft
11:10-11:40	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break
11:45-12:25	Moose	Snyder	King
12:30-1:10	Make-ups	Make-ups	Armbruster
1:10-1:50	Landis	Witmer	Eyster
2:00-2:40	Clendaniel	Schiffgens	Baechtle
2:45-3:25	Lang	Vogt	Krieger

PTO Volunteers Needed: October Scholastic Book Fair

Have your required clearances and able to volunteer? Please consider upcoming events, including this month's PTO opportunities. [Click here to sign up!](#)

10/14: Apple Crunch Day

Keen on apples?! **On Thursday 10/14, wear Red, Yellow, or Green to vote for your favorite type of apple!** Color competition will take place in the Sunshine Café and students will be provided with apples at lunchtime.

NES Health Services will celebrate Apple Crunch Day with students and staff on Oct 14th, joining a nationwide celebration of healthy snacks! In view of Farmer's Fair, it is also a wonderful opportunity to promote our local farmers, orchards and agriculture. **Check out our NYCSD October Health Newsletter below!**

Studies show that it is important to have at least five servings of fruit and vegetables every day.

Why Fruits and Veggies?

- Add color, texture, and appeal to your plate
- Are nutritious in any form – fresh, frozen, canned, dried and 100% juice
- Are naturally low in calories
- Provide fiber that helps fill you up and keep your digestive system happy
- Are rich in vitamins and minerals that help you feel healthy and energized

By working together, we can help today's children lead active, healthy lives!

Apple Crunch is a program of Penn State PRO Wellness Center. For more information on this event and ways you and your family can make healthier food and activity choices at home, please visit med.psu.edu/PROwellness

NES'ers may wear red, green or yellow in vote for and in honor of their favorite type of apple! Color tallies will take place in the Sunshine Café



October Health newsletter.pdf

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Due 10/17: PTO Spirit Wear Orders

PTO Fall Spirit Wear will is now available through October 17th.

Delivery expected the week of November 7th.

https://artisticimprints.3dcartstores.com/Northern-Elementary_c_350.html


10/25: Red Ribbon Character Week

This year's Red Ribbon Theme focuses on the individual student, those who select to put their energy into choices that show respect of themselves and contribution to their local and global community.

Our spirit week will focus on picture books that unpack the **#MyStory** and positive contributions of others. Each day, we will unpack another picture book that underscores the power of positive action and leadership.



Northern Elementary School Red Ribbon Week 2021.pdf

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10/29: Fall Character Costume Parade

NES Students and staff are invited to culminate **Red Ribbon (Picture Book) Character Week**, by participating in a Fall Character Costume Parade, spotlighting a favorite character of their selection. Guidelines are outlined in the PDF attachment. The classroom teacher will reach out via Seesaw, if there is a need for one volunteer during this time.

When: 10/29/21 at 2:30PM

Where: perimeter of NES Playground


Specifics: Grade levels parade around the perimeter and then move to the grassy area for a group picture. After photos, students and staff return to the building while visitors exit through the playground gates.

Following our Character Costume Parade, students engage in a Classroom Family Gathering w/ snacks provided by food services.



NES 2021 CHARACTER COSTUME PARADE.pdf

10/29/21: Brief parade at 2:30PM on the NES playground. No pets permitted.

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NORTHERN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CHARACTER COSTUME PARADE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2021

2:30PM, NES PLAYGROUND



Students and staff are invited to feature their favorite character in our Fall Character Costume Parade. Have the book? Your child may bring it in on 10/29/21.

The costume/book should accompany students to school in a bag, labeled with the student's name. We thank you kindly for ensuring that your child's costume meets these guidelines:

- No pretend weapons, blood, or costumes that are scary and/or depict violence or horror
- Use school-aged appropriate themes for costume and dress
- Dress code guidelines apply to costumes
- Keep costumes simple so students can dress quickly

Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend this outside parade. Please be mindful of those around you and distance yourselves as a part of our health and safety plan. Entrance and exit to the parade will occur thru our playground gates located on the right side of our parking lot. Please check in with the building staff who will welcome your arrival.

We remind all visitors that pets and tobacco products are not permitted on school property.

PLEASE NOTE: One classroom volunteer (sign up and clearances required) will join the class at 2:15PM to assist students, as needed, with their character costume. No inside visitors permitted on this day/for this event. MS/HS siblings may not accompany volunteers for this event. In addition, younger siblings or infants are not permitted to accompany volunteers.



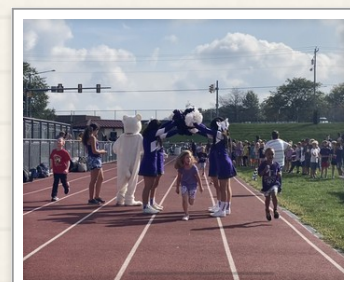
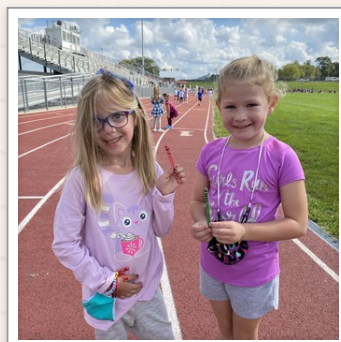
Race 4 Education Fundraising Continues!

What a JOYful experience for NES'ers on Race for Education Day!

Our Race chairperson, Mrs. Ayers enthusiastically hosted our Cubs and our PTO board, including volunteers and visitors, made for a fantastic morning of engagement, community, and cheer! Thank you so much, NES Community, for your incredible support of this special event.

Students enjoyed applesauce pouches, donated by **Subway-Dillsburg**, showed spirit with Cub Prints and raced around the track amid cheers from family, HS cheerleaders, and HS girls track team. What a collaborative effort, making for a wonderful day!

We are still fundraising, half-way to our goal for the year! Please send the attached flyer to family and friends, with options for check acceptance or venmo payments. Your support assists us in creating fun school and family opportunities this year!



FAMILY AND FRIENDS

WELCOME

TO OUR RACE FOR
EDUCATION AND

Year
of
Community



YOUR DONATION SUPPORTS

TEACHER WISH LISTS,
ARTIST IN RESIDENCE,
FIELD DAY, DONUTS WITH GROWN
UPS, VETERAN'S DAY, FIELD TRIPS,
CELEBRATIONS,
BIRTHDAY BOOKS,
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT,
AND MUCH MORE.
OUR GOAL IS \$20,000!



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READY TO RUN!

On October 8th, Northern Elementary will run on the HS track to celebrate healthy bodies and healthy minds during Race for Education. This event is our largest fundraiser and is always a lot of fun.

After a year of few gatherings and celebrations, we are so excited to be together again to show school spirit and belief in ourselves and our community. We would love your support to fund many aspects of our school year. You can donate easily with **Venmo @NES PTO** or mail a check payable to Northern Elementary PTO. Your cancelled check is your receipt:

Northern Elementary
657 S. Baltimore Street
Dillsburg, PA 17019

With gratitude, The Northern Elementary
Community

Venmo @NES- PTO

Join us on Oct. 8th at Bostic Stadium or follow
updates on @Northern Elementary PTO or
 @NESpolarbears

NYCSD Covid Updates and Information

Click here for important information, related to NYCSD current status, mask mandate and Health and Safety Plan.

Mesh Masks Not Permitted

Dear Northern York County Family,

This communication is to clarify that **mesh masks** do not meet the department of health mask definition. Inquiries/questions should be directed to 1-877-724-3258.

We thank you for your continued partnership as we navigate these unprecedented times.

Physical Education Update

Our Physical Education teachers continue to follow the direction of the mask order, requiring masks indoors, when students are not distanced 6 feet. Our teachers are prioritizing classes outdoors to support mask-free activities. When this is not possible, masks are required if students are close to each other and when movement is not high intensity.

Per the Mask Order, when indoors, masks are off when:

Participating in high intensity aerobic or anaerobic activities, including during a physical education class, in a well-ventilated location and when able to maintain a physical distance of six feet from all other individuals.

NES Year of Community Informational Smore

Click here to review NES important information pertinent to building procedures.

Important: Reporting Student Absences

Reporting your child's absence:

Please communicate student absences, early dismissals and car rider pickups by:

- emailing nesoffice@northernnyork.org
- calling our main office: 717-432-8691 x1500,
- or if before 8AM, calling our hotline: 717-432-8691 x 5555

Important Note: *Please do not send emails regarding absences, early dismissal and/or car rider pickups to Mrs. Gayman or Ms. Cal's email address. We wish to ensure that your information is received, and if sent to those emails, they could be missed when these individuals are out of the building. Please send to: nesoffice@northernnyork.org. Thank you for your assistance and understanding.*

Please communicate to the school whenever your student will be:

- absent for the day
- picked up early for an appointment
- absent for an educational trip
- quarantining due to close contact outside of school


Medical providers may fax or email an excuse to our school office: **FAX 717-432-7329** or email to NESOffice@northernnyork.org

Verifying your child's absence =

Please send in an excuse (written or digital) within three days of the student's return to school. If an excuse is not received within three days of the student's return to school, it is considered unlawful. Please see the PDF file below and our NYCSD Elementary Handbook for specifics regarding student absences.



NES 2021 Process for Reporting Student Absence (1).pdf

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Family Resource: Polar Cares

Polar Cares is a clothing closet to be used by NYCSD families. Polar Cares is organized and kept up by the Kiwanis Club of Dillsburg and members of the NYCSD staff. There is clothing and shoes for infants through adults, along with underwear and socks in the closet. We also have a toiletries closet and cleaning supplies as well.

There are 3 ways families can visit the Polar Cares Closet.

1. Make an appointment through the polar cares email donatepolarcares@gmail.com
2. Contact Mrs. Surubaru, psurubaru@northernnyork.org -school counselor, for an appointment.
3. Visit via the monthly Polar Cares events that will begin in October.

Check out our Northern Elementary PTO
FB Family

Our PTO Rocks: Events to Come

Our NES PTO continue to partner in an effort to spirit NES Community and our students, staff and families.

Upcoming Events:

- **October Book Fair: 10/15-10/22 - See information above**
- November Veterans Breakfast and Veterans Parade: More Info to Come
- December Family Movie Night: More Info to Come

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!

Help Us Raise Funds As You Shop!

Our school gains 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](#).
- **Weis Club Card** earns cash for our school. Please see the QR code below



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!

Our school's code



Weis Club Card Helps NES.pdf

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End of Day Car Rider Pick Up Information

[Click here to sign up for a Car Rider Vehicle Registration Tag.](#)



NES 2021 Parent Pick Up Drop Off Information.pdf

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Sapphire Parent/Community Portal Information

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



New Community Portal Account Directions_2022.pdf

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Northern Elementary Website

Missed a Sunday Smore Connection or wish to visit your teacher's website? Click here to access our School Website.

NES Connection Opportunities

Ways to Stay Connected

Website: Our website at www.northernpolarbears.com/northern 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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