

NES Connection

Northern Elementary Sunday News - 10/17/2021

NYCSD Covid Update and Information

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

Update from Superintendent Kirkpatrick

In its Special Board Meeting (on 10/14/21), the Board and Administration had productive discussions on matters related to the District's Health and Safety Plan and the PA Mask Order.

The board intends to continue discussion in subsequent board meetings on the following:

- Drafting and discussing a Board Resolution pertaining to the Department of Health's Face Covering Order
- Discussing District practices related to the following:
 - Quarantining recommendations for students identified as close contacts
 - Reimbursing students for COVID-related testing
 - Enforcing mask compliance for indoor sporting, extracurricular, and community events within our facilities
- Discussing the District's ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan and potential updates to ensure the plan reflects current practices

Also, for your awareness, there are [FAQs on the Face Covering Order](#) posted to our COVID webpage. The answers seek to clarify **why** and **how** we go about following the Order.

The final Q & A in the document addresses requests for students to wear **mesh masks** while in school. We reached out to the Department of Health for clarification and mesh masks do not meet the Department of Health definition of an appropriate face covering. Inquiries/questions should be directed to 1-877-724-3258.

Mesh Masks Not Permitted

This communication is to clarify that **mesh masks** do not meet the department of health mask definition. With this, your student will be provided a school mask, should a mesh mask be worn. Inquiries/questions regarding mesh masks should be directed to 1-877-724-3258.

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.

This Week's Lunch Menu

Monday: Chicken Patty on Roll

Tuesday: Hot Hambo

Wednesday: Cheeseburger

Thursday: Pasta Alfredo

Friday: Stuffed Crust Pizza

Lunch 2 = Tuna fish Sandwich



NES October Lunch Menu 2021.pdf

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Important Dates

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)

11/02: SPIRIT DAY: Wear Red White and Blue: NES Leaders Vote

11/02: NES Leaders Rock the Vote: **Contribute your ideas** (click [HERE](#))

11/02: PTO Meeting, 7PM NES Library

11/03: End of Marking Period 1

11/05: EARLY DISMISSAL at Noon; No lunch served.

11/09: Picture retake day

11/12: Report Cards posted to the Sapphire Parent Portal

11/12: Veteran's Breakfast and Parade (tentative)

11/15-11/19: SPIRIT WEEK American Education: Memo to come

11/15 and 11/18: Parent Teacher Conference Night; sign up via Teacher MyConference Time.

11/24-11/29: NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Holiday Break

11/30: School Resumes; Cycle Day 5



October Health newsletter.pdf

Explore healthy tips and other keen information from our school nurse, via this newsletter.



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2021-22 Kindness Calendar.pdf

Random Acts of Kindness serves as our Classroom Family Meeting focus at school. Check out the great ideas for spreading sunshine, here!



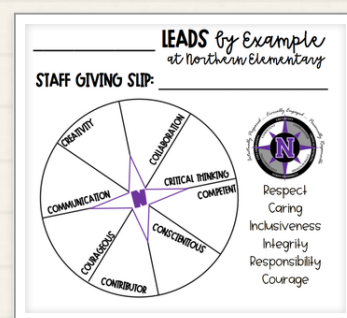
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NES LEADS: Student Leaders

Our NES LEADS School Wide Positive Behavior Program is underway!

These student leaders were randomly selected in our first weekly drawing. Students choose from a leadership, experiential, or token reward via their Leader Cards on Monday 10/18/2021. Weekly classroom drawings will take place with monthly grade level spotlight of Leaders. There will be numerous opportunities for all our students to be recognized as leaders throughout the year.



Kindergarten Leaders:

- Payton Abel

- Maddox Boldosser
- Avery Davis
- Neil Gautam
- Prishan Karki
- Ira Nye
- Blaire Rice
- Jackson Sinclair
- Caden Zirkle

Grade 1 Leaders:

- Alana George
- Dominic Hake
- Harper Holcomb
- Lena Kennedy
- Hannah McClellan
- Taylor Seibert
- Jackson Seymore
- Benjamin Walker
- Abbie Worrall

Grade 2 Leaders:

- Carter Cicero
- Micaiah Danner
- Mariana DePalma
- Nathan Gilliland
- Carter Hoffheins
- Anna Ingham
- Jackson Ismirle-Dunwoody
- Ava Rice
- Trey Sentz
- Nora Sultner

Grade 3 Leaders:

- Mackenna Borden
- Quinn Border
- Josiah Harlacher
- Steven Long
- Valon Myers
- David Nightengale
- Layah Serrano
- Linsey Stoner
- Lane Thomas

- Ciara White

Grade 4 Leaders:

- Yousuf Abbas
- Gracelyn Bauer
- Stella Brady
- Skyler Eppley
- Ian Hemauer
- Ella Holmes
- Stella Knox
- Shyanne Miller
- Brooke Seibert
- Henry Sheaffer

Grade 5 Leaders:

- Branson Baker
- Gianna Beaver
- Jacob Bechtel
- Michael Brown
- Reed Hershock
- Ava Keeney
- Rinnah McClellan
- Dylan McGill
- Mattea Perry
- Jayton Thoman
- Aryeanna Wiedman

NES Survey: 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.

10/18: Fall Book Fair is Here!

Scholastic Book Fair = October 18-22

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. Please wait for all buses to be dismissed before exiting your vehicle to enter the school.

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!](#)

RED RIBBON WEEK 2021 with #mystory mentors

at Northern Elementary School

monday 10/25/21	tuesday 10/26/21	wednesday 10/27/21	thursday 10/28/21	friday 10/29/21
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 CREATE AND/OR WEAR A POSITIVE MESSAGE TEE	 WEAR YOUR COOLEST HAT OR ACCESSORY	 DRESS TO IMPRESS	 DRESS IN MIS-MATCHED OR PATCHWORK, COLORFUL GARB	 DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTER IN FALL PARADE
ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP PICTURE BOOK SHARING THE ACCOUNT OF ONE GIRL'S FIGHT FOR AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES.	THE FIVE O'CLOCK BAND PICTURE BOOK SHARING TROMBONE SHORTY'S PERSEVERANCE AND YOUNG LEADERSHIP	MALALA'S MAGIC PENCIL PICTURE BOOK SHARING ONE GIRL'S STORY OF HOPE, HEART, AND HUMANITY	AMY WU AND THE PATCHWORK DRAGON PICTURE BOOK CELEBRATING THE JOY OF CULTURAL SYMBOLS, HERITAGE AND FAMILY	INSERT YOUR PICTURE BOOK HERE WHAT PICTURE BOOK SPEAKS TO YOU AND SERVES AS A MYSTORY MENTOR FOR POSITIVE CHOICES?
TWEET YOUR PHOTOS @NESPOLARBEARS OR EMAIL YOUR PHOTOS TO JCAL@NORTHERNYORK.ORG				

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.



At A Glance: NES Red Ribbon Week 2021.PDF

At a glance, Picture Book Parade with #MyStory Mentors - Spirit Week 2021

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Northern Elementary School Red Ribbon Week 2021.pdf

10/25-10/29: Spirit Week focusing on #MyStory mentors who lead by example.

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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.

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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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:

- **PREFERRED** = 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.



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

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

WELCOME

TO OUR RACE FOR
EDUCATION AND

Year
of
Community

Northern Elementary School
#belonging #growing #becoming



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!



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

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

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!

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!



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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