

# NES Connection

Northern Elementary Sunday News - 11/07/2021

## This Week's Lunch Menu

**Monday:** Chicken Cheddar Sub \*menu change

**Tuesday:** Chicken Ranch Wrap

**Wednesday:** Nacho Dippy Dips

**Thursday:** French Toast Sticks

**Friday:** Dbl Stuffed Pizza Square

Lunch 2 = **Breaded Fish Sandwich**



NES November Lunch Menu 2021.pdf

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## NES FALL CHARACTER PARADE VIDEO

OUR NES YouTube Channel will be updated with the Fall Parade Video on 11/01/2021. An email with the upload confirmation will be sent on 11/01.

**NES needs your feedback: Please click on survey below.**

We are seeking the feedback of all parents/guardians as we gear up for Strategic Planning at NES and NYCSD. Please take the survey linked below, to provide our school and district with important feedback. Your input is vital and valued. Thank you so much for supporting us in this way.

## CLICK HERE: Survey Family Feedback/Strategic Planning

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.

## Important Dates

11/08: Monday is a Cycle Day 5

11/09: Picture Retake day: previously taken = return package; new students will be photographed

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

**11/12: Patriotic Spirit Day: Wear Red, White and Blue**

**11/12: Veterans Vehicle Parade: RSVP's required**

11/15-11/19: SPIRIT WEEK American Education:

11/15: We Rise: Wear purple and white

11/16: We Learn: Wear Crazy Hair

11/17: We Grow: Wear Crazy Hat and Socks

11/18: We Lead: Dress as a School Staff

11/19: We Care: Wear your Fav Team Gear

11/15 and 11/18: Parent Teacher Conference Night; masks required for in-person conferences.

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

11/30: School Resumes; Cycle Day 5

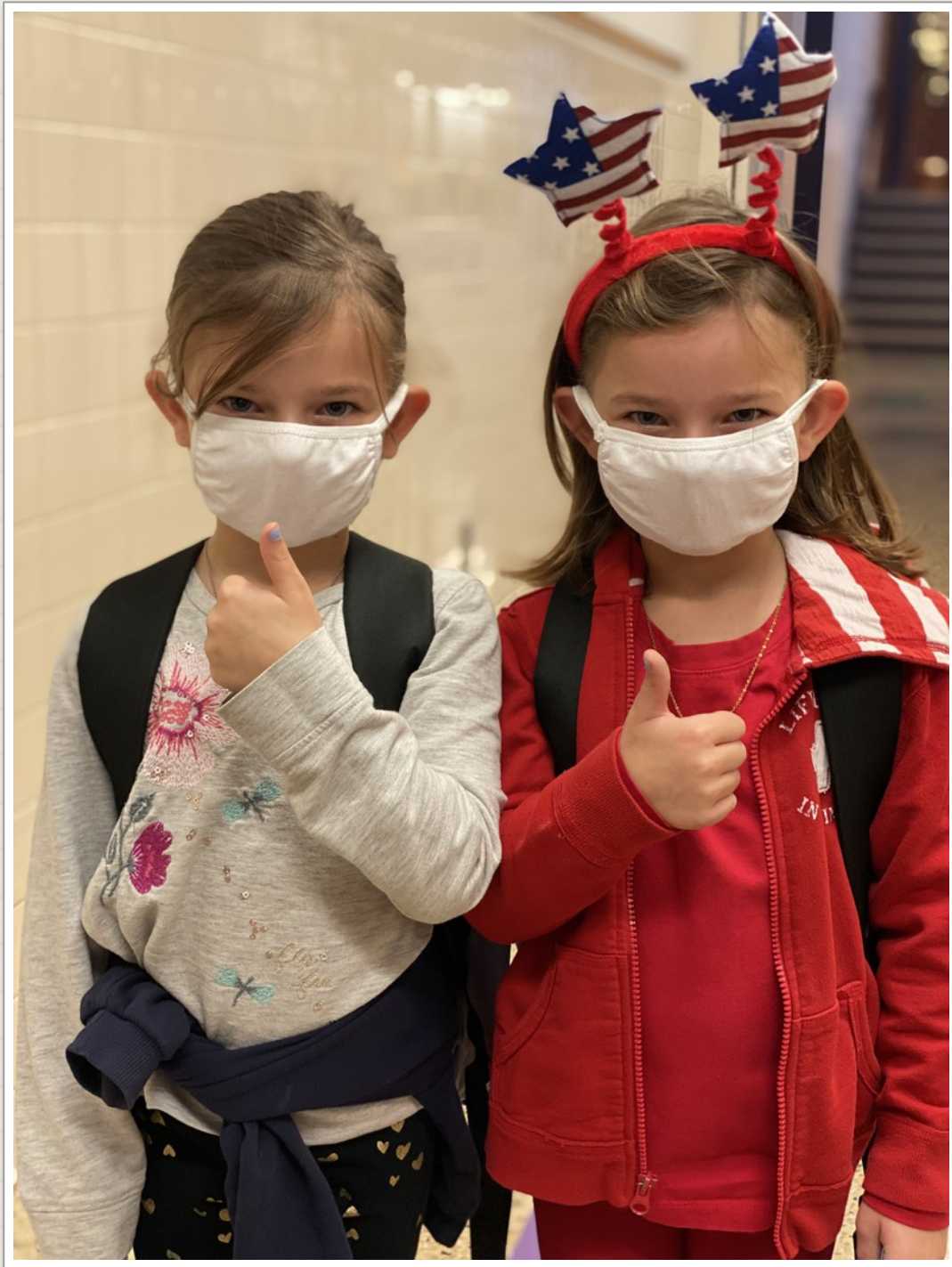


### 2021-22 Kindness Calendar.pdf

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 ROCKED THE VOTE!

On Tuesday 11/02/21, students donned red, white and blue, and cast their ballot for the following NES Events:

1. 2022 Year of \_\_\_ Theme
2. 2022 Spring Field Day Theme
3. Race for Education Reward

Our 2022 Year of \_\_\_ Theme suggestions came from families filling out our NES Survey. The suggestions of Growth, Positivity, Authenticity, Individuality, and Perseverance were exceptional!

Our Spring Field Day Themes came from student conversations during Leaders on the Stage lunch visits.

Our Race for Education Reward options came from our PTO.

#### Our students voices were heard:

- **2022-23 Year of POSITIVITY**
- **2022 Spring Field Day Theme** (revote suggested) with 121 for Polar Bear Pirates, 122 for Cub Cadets - bootcamp, 93 for Northern Nations. We will revote on Polar Bear Pirates and Cub Cadets Bootcamp, allowing our 93 voters to let their voice count in that runoff.
- **2021 Race Reward:** Bounce House, with a resounding 227 to 105 vote!

#### NES Rocks The Vote 2022-23

##### year of 2022 theme: CHOOSE 1

- year of growth
- year of positivity
- year for authentic you
- year of perseverance

##### field day theme: CHOOSE 1

- polar bear pirates
- cub cadets (boot camp)
- northern nations (world)

##### race for education reward:

##### CHOOSE 1

- bounce house
- dunk tank

## 11/09: PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Picture Retake Day is scheduled for Tuesday, 11/09.

- New students who entered after our Fall Picture Day, will be photographed on 11/09.
- Students who wish to have their picture retaken, should return the original photo package on 11/09.

# VETERAN'S PARADE

We wish to celebrate your veteran!

Please join us on:

Friday, 11-12-2021

RSVP's required

Send information to [jca@northernnyork.org](mailto:jca@northernnyork.org)

## 11/12: Veteran Vehicle Parade

NES is hosting an outside Veteran Vehicle Parade, celebrating Veteran Family or Friends.

Veterans will drive or walk through our NES Community of Cheer, stop at the NES Lobby for photo, before exiting the parade. We will be adding this event and Veteran Visitors to our NES Vet Youtube Video.

**Date:** Friday, 11/12/2021

**Time:** LineUp begins at 9:30AM, Parade begins at 9:45AM

**RSVP Due:** Monday, 11/08/2021 - [Click here](#) to RSVP or email RSVP to [jcal@northernnyork.org](mailto:jcal@northernnyork.org)

**Specifics:** Map and additional information will be sent to RSVP'ers on 11/10 via email to the student host family.

**Have a Veteran you wish to honor? Please invite them to join us.**

If your Veteran is able to walk for the distance from MS Band Field around the loop of our parking lot, please let us know. We wish to have walkers, accompanied by their student host and spouse or family member, and for those not able to do that distance, they will follow up with as vehicle riders.

**Please RSVP to [jcal@northernnyork.org](mailto:jcal@northernnyork.org) or [click here](#) to provide the same information:**

- Name of student hosting Veteran
- Veteran First and Last Name
- Veteran Hometown
- Military Branch
- Years of Service
- Nickname
- Any other special information you wish to share
- Photo of Veteran

## 11/12: Wear = Red, White, Blue, Boy Scout, or Girl Guide Uniform

We want an ocean of red, white and blue to greet our Vets on Friday 11/12. Students are encouraged to dress in Patriotic Gear.

Is your student a boy scout, brownie or girl guide? [Please click here](#) if they will wear their uniform, the morning of Friday 11/12.



## 11/15, 11/18: PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES, Masks required

Homeroom teachers will provide families with option of in-person or virtual parent teacher conferences for the evenings of 11/15 and 11/18, via My Conference

- **REMINDER: ALL In person conferences require attendees to wear a mask for the duration of the time in the school building.**
- Families who wish to forgo mask requirements, please request a virtual conference with your child's teacher.

# AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK 2021

# November 15-19



#aew2021 | [www.nea.org/aew](http://www.nea.org/aew)



## 11/15 - 11/19: AMERICAN EDUCATION SPIRIT WEEK PROMPTS

We are hosting several writing prompts for students to write in school or at home:

If your child writes /draws to one of these prompts at home, send it to [jcal@northernYork.org](mailto:jcal@northernYork.org) or to your classroom teacher to be spotlighted next week in school.

- What I like best about my school.
- What I would do if I were teacher for the day.
- Tell about an educator, staff member, bus driver, etc. who has inspired you.
- What I would do if I were principal for the day.
- Tell how your NES Community cares for you.

# WE'RE ALL IN FOR AMERICAN ED WEEK

at Northern Elementary School

Monday 11/15/21	Tuesday 11/16/21	Wednesday 11/17/21	Thursday 11/18/21	Friday 11/19/21
<b>WE RISE</b>	<b>WE LEARN</b>	<b>WE GROW</b>	<b>WE LEAD</b>	<b>WE CARE</b>
				
SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY: WEAR PURPLE AND WHITE	CRAZY HAIR DAY: LET YOUR INNER WACKY OUT	CRAZY HAT AND SOCKS DAY: MIX IT UP	SCHOOL ADULT FOR THE DAY: DRESS AS A SCHOOL STAFF	NES TEAM DAY: WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM GEAR
THE HOME TO SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP ELEVATES AND STRENGTHENS OUR WORK AT SCHOOL	OUR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS KEEP CONSISTENCY FOR LEARNING	OUR SUPPORT STAFF SUSTAIN OUR GROWTH WITH ENERGY AND FLEXIBILITY	OUR TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS SERVE TO LEAD WITH STUDENTS, FAMS, COMMUNITY	OUR SCHOOLS STEPS TO BE A CARING COMMUNITY FOCUSED ON PROFILE OF A GRADUATE TENETS
<b>FAMILY CHALLENGE:</b> FAMILY SUPPORTS PROMPT: WHAT I LIKE BEST ABOUT MY SCHOOL.	<b>FAMILY CHALLENGE:</b> SUBSTITUTE EDUCATORS PROMPT: WHAT I WOULD DO IF I WERE A TEACHER FOR THE DAY.	<b>FAMILY CHALLENGE:</b> ED. SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS PROMPT: TELL ABOUT A SCHOOL STAFF WHO HAS INSPIRED YOU.	<b>FAMILY CHALLENGE:</b> EDUCATORS IN THE SCHOOL PROMPT: WHAT WOULD I DO IF I WERE THE PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY?	<b>FAMILY CHALLENGE:</b> NES COMMUNITY PROMPT: TELL HOW THE NES COMMUNITY CARES FOR YOU
TWEET YOUR SENTIMENTS, PHOTOS @NESPOLARBears OR EMAIL YOUR SENTIMENTS, PHOTOS TO JCAL				

## 11/18: Children's Grief Awareness Day

[Children's Grief Awareness Day](#) will be a virtual experience for families wishing to participate. Highmark Caring Place will present a full day packed with stories of hope and inspiration, child- and family-friendly activities, opportunities to remember loved ones, and special guest speakers like Dr. Edith Eva Eger, Josh & Gab, Mollie Landman Huncker, Tracy Subisak, Kartine Philp, FRZY, and so much more.



Watch LIVE on their [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) channels and/or Children's Grief Awareness Day's [Facebook](#) page on **Thursday, November 18th** – new videos will be released every hour from 8AM-9PM!



## 2021 VIRTUAL CHILDREN'S GRIEF AWARENESS DAY SCHEDULE

- 8AM** Empowering Children to Feel Safe to Say "I'm Not OK" – *Children's Grief Awareness Day Kick-Off* (Terese LaVallee, Sally Wiggin, Merrill Hoge, Neil Walker & Vicki Jay)
- 9AM** It's OK to Remember – *"If I Could Turn Back Time" Activity* (Valerie's House - Fort Myers, Naples, & Punta Gorda, FL)
- 10AM** It's OK to Ride the Grief Wave – *Preschool/Elementary Block: Presentation* (Josh & Gab - Pittsburgh, PA) & *"Ride the Wave" Activity* (Highmark Caring Place - Pittsburgh, PA)
- 11AM** It's OK to Show Your Feelings – *Middle/High School Block:*  
11AM – *Presentation* (Mollie Landman Hunker - Grove City, PA)  
11:30AM – *"Feelings Mask" Activity* (Brighter Days Grief Center - Eden Prairie, MN)
- 12PM** It's OK to Grow – *"Companion Planting" Activity* (AgWorks Program - Harrisburg, PA)
- 1PM** It's OK to Be Sad – *Author Interview & Activity* featuring the author of *Jenny Mei Is Sad* (Tracy Subisak - Portland, OR)
- 2PM** "It's OK to Not Be OK" – *Grief Talks Webinar* (Highmark Caring Place)
- 3PM** It's OK to Tell Your Story – *A Conversation About Grief* with Holocaust Survivor & Author Dr. Edith Eva Eger (La Jolla, California)
- 4PM** It's OK to Grieve Together – *"When Someone Dies: Activity Cards for Young Children"* (National Alliance for Children's Grief - Lubbock, TX)
- 5PM** It's OK to Dance – *"It's a Beautiful Day" Mister Rogers' Tribute* featuring recording artist FRZY (Pittsburgh, PA)
- 6PM** It's OK to Express Yourself – Activities include:  
6PM – *"Scream Boxes" Activity* (The Irish Childhood Bereavement Network - Dublin, IE)  
6:15PM – *"Response" Activity* (Roberta's House - Baltimore, MD)  
6:30PM – *"Memory Stones" Activity* (Trying Together - Pittsburgh, PA)  
6:45PM – *Various Grief Activities* (ACH Clear Pathways- Pittsburgh, PA)
- 7PM** It's OK to Share Your Grief – *MTV's Beautiful Something Left Behind Panel Discussion* (Director Katrine Philp, Producer Katrine Sahlstrøm, and members of the cast - Copenhagen, DK & Robbinsville, NJ)
- 8PM** It's OK to Keep the Memory of Our Loved Ones Alive – *"Time of Remembrance"* featuring:  
• 2021 Illuminating Hope Mosaic Mural reveal  
• Moment of Remembrance  
• "Hope" artwork creation & reveal by "Paints by Kait" - Seattle, WA
- 9PM** *"Thank You for Supporting Us" – a message from grieving children, families, and organizations who support grieving children from around the world*

MORE UPDATES:   

[www.childrensgriefawarenessday.org](http://www.childrensgriefawarenessday.org)

**NES LEADS:** Monthly Focus

### November/December Power Words: Caring, Contributing, Compassion

Our students spent September and October unpacking the power words of Respect and Communication discussing what this looks like and sounds like in our home, school and community.

This month students will explore why Caring is such a fundamental part of our school community. This Caring focus will be paired with our Profile of a Graduate tenet, Contributing and our NES addition, Compassion.

# NES LEADS: Student Leaders

Kindergarten	Grade One	Grade Two
Zoey Feldman Elijah Green Sloane Giouard Jamison Johnsen Sawyer Kuykendall Eliot Peightal Adele Shedlock Kiersten Trump Sadie Under	Langston Hicks Kaden Kauffman Audan McCachren Randy Myers Calee Rose Benjamin Shumberger Blake Smith Maggie Stacknick Lyla Stine	Lucas Culver Lilyana Eckert Evelyn Flinner Jace Glace Delilah Heigley Bella Lerew Piper Martin Ryker McDade Coleman Reid Ryder Weaver
Grade Three	Grade Four	Grade Five
John Baxter Carson Holley Alivia Tennis Alondra Negron-Santana Gabriel Lobo Addyson Oakes Loucas Linsenbach Morgan Messinger Owen Swogger Dwayne Nye	Bailey Burkholder Norah Higgs Kian Kennedy Jonathan Oakes Adisynn Miller Byron Spalti Ava Weaver Bridgette Wilson	Fatima Abbas Austin Brackbill Justin Harmor Berkeley Hoch Hannah Keilholtz Asher Paxton Isaac Torres Bryce Waggonner Owen Worrall

Check out our Northern Elementary PTO  
FB Family

PTO Food Truck Fundraiser, A  
Success!



## PTO EVENTS: SAVE THE DATE!

- **NES STAFF SOUP & BREAK LUNCHEON: November 18, 2021 - see button below**
- HOLIDAY MOVIE NIGHT: December 10, 2021, 5PM.
- SKATING PARTY NIGHT: January 30, 2022, 4PM- 6:30PM Fountain Blu Skating Rink.

Stay tuned for an Informational Flyer that will outline specifics for both these events. Our PTO is working hard to fundraise and foster community at NES! Thank you PTO!

[Click Here to Sign Up: 11/18 NES Staff Luncheon](#)

The PTO will host a staff Soup and Bread Luncheon on 11/18 for American Education Week. Able to contribute? Sign up by clicking on this button.

## PTO Race for Education Update

We are so close to our adjusted goal of \$15,000! If we hit that mark, the student voted, Bounce House, visits NES as a fundraiser reward. Know someone who wishes to contribute? Share the flyer below for easy access to venmo; however checks made out to Northern Elementary PTO, and cash are also welcome!

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

**WELCOME**



TO OUR RACE FOR  
EDUCATION AND

Year  
of  
Community



Northern Elementary School  
#belonging #blooming #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!



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**Venmo @NES-PTO**

## 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

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

## 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:

- 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



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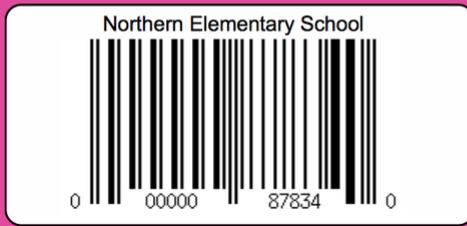
## Link your Weis Club Card to Support NES!

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



www.weismarkets.com



Weis Club Card Helps NES.pdf

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## NYCSD Covid Update and Information

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

## Mesh Masks or Masks with Vents: Not Permitted

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

## 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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## Northern Elementary Website

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

### Family Resource: Polar Cares

Polar Cares is a clothing closet to be used by NYCS D families. Polar Cares is organized and kept up by the Kiwanis Club of Dillsburg and members of the NYCS D 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](mailto:donatepolarcares@gmail.com)
2. Contact Mrs. Surubaru, [psurubaru@northernnyork.org](mailto:psurubaru@northernnyork.org) -school counselor, for an appointment.
3. Visit via the monthly Polar Cares events that will begin in October.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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## 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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## 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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