

# NES Connection

Northern Elementary School News - 09/26/2021

## END OF DAY DISMISSAL

Car Rider Dismissal = 3:30PM

Van and Bus Dismissal = 3:40PM

*\* Note, although this is 10 minutes later, we are now able to shift to this correct dismissal time. NES transportation procedures are now streamlined and so buses should be loaded and depart by 3:50-3:55PM.*

## End of Day Car Rider and Bus Dismissal

Dear Families- Thank you for your kind support and patience over the past several weeks. Our transportation department has worked hard to troubleshoot new routes and iron out the transitions unique to our building. To assist this process, NES has for the past several weeks, started the dismissal process 10 minutes earlier to afford the timely release of students for loading and departure.

We are pleased to report that our school-wide procedures are streamlined and reflect the organized procedures we are accustomed to running each year.

With this, **NES will be shifting to our regular dismissal time starting tomorrow, Monday 9/27/21.**

- Students being picked up by parents at the end of the day (Car Riders) will be dismissed at 3:30PM.
- Students riding a bus or van will be dismissed at 3:40PM for the loading process.
- We anticipate that our buses/vans will depart our campus by 3:50/3:55PM.

This shift should not impact or delay student's arrival home. We appreciate your understanding as the times may shift by a couple minutes at most. Thank you kindly for your continued support.

## This Week's Lunch Menu

**Monday:** Steak Parmesan Sub

**Tuesday:** Spaghetti and Meatballs

**Wednesday:** Stromboli

**Thursday:** Grilled Cheese

**Friday:** PIZZA of some sort

Lunch 2 = Pierogies

## Important Dates

**09/27: BUS 19, MORNING PICK UP** will be 10 minutes later, starting 9/27.

**09/27: NES Car Rider Dismissal** shifts from 3:20PM to dismissal at 3:30PM.

**09/27: NES Bus and Van Dismissal** shifts to 3:40PM, with buses leaving site by 3:50-3:55PM.

09/27: PBIS Launches via Schoolwide Classroom Family Zoom Meeting w/ Ms. Cal

09/28: Fire Drill

10/01: World SMILE Day! #WearYourBestSmile

10/05: World Teachers Day! #ThankATeacher

10/04-08: Fire Prevention Week

10/08: Race for Education

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

10/15: District Closed- No School, Happy Farmer's Fair!

10/18: Scholastic Book Fair Week: Info to come

10/25: Red Ribbon Spirit Week: Memo to come



Physical Education NES DES  
@MissCarlsonPE



Today we celebrate my friend Anna Ingram for being chosen as our very first all star of the month at Northern Elementary! She has shown great RESPECT in the month of September and I am so proud of this @NESPolarBears ! #becomebelongNYCSD #focusword #community 🐾💜🐻



2021-22 Kindness Calendar.pdf



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# #BelizeIt in the Sunshine Café

MS. CAL WAS UNABLE TO GET INTO THE SUNSHINE CAFÉ LAST WEEK TO SHARE HER #MYSTORY WITH NES'ERS. HOWEVER, THIS WEEK AFFORDS THAT OPPORTUNITY!

THANK YOU NES COMMUNITY, THE TROPICAL GARB WORN ON 9/21/21 IN HONOR OF #BELIZE40 BROUGHT GREAT JOY!

## Oct 08: RACE4ED INFO

Northern Elementary... our biggest fundraiser is coming... and we need your help! Please see the attached flyer and help us in raising funds for our students!

- NES Race for Education Flyer.
- Please share this flyer with families and friends via email

We welcome you to be a part of the NES Community and in any capacity that you are able, a financial supporter.



The stands will be open for local friends and family to come cheer our NES'ers on October 8th. The concession stand will be open for visitors - this is a part of our fund raising efforts.

Please note: visitors (parents, families) are not permitted on Bostic track/field. This event includes viewing, cheering, waving from the stands only.

We are grateful to our volunteers who can join us on the field that day.

<http://www.ttsu.me/raceevent>

The PTO is still seeking a Pay Pal account for online donations, however in the interim, Venmo is available.

## Masks Required - District Information Below

The District is officially operating with the expectation of mask wearing by all students, staff and visitors. Families have been provided daily reminders of the process intended and administrators have reached out to individuals to assist in this process.

Any requested exemption will require **medical certification** in order to initiate the 504 process. The previous exemption form that was issued on Saturday, September 4 is no longer valid and families must use the new Section 504/IDEA Exemption Form ([Section 504/IDEA Mask Exemption Request Form](#)). This document must be received by the building principal by 09/20/21.



#### **Information provided to families on Thursday 09/16/21:**

This week Northern York transitioned to the required wearing of masks by students and staff in school. Superintendent Kirkpatrick's message last week served to inform families on the rationale for this requirement and provided the next steps for families seeking medical 504 or IDEA accommodation for their child. As noted in his communication, medical certification is a requirement for this process.

Thursday's communication serves as a reminder to our families of the mask-wearing requirement in school. Staff and students were provided with building-wide announcements reminding of the mask mandate and the opportunity to get one from the nurse/office if they forgot their mask at home.

All students will again be reminded of the mask-wearing requirement. If your child does not have a mask, and the school has not received medical verification for the 504 process, a mask will then be provided to your child. At this point a phone call will be made home to the family.



NYCSD Updated Exemption Process - Message to Families.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](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.

# Sapphire Parent/Community Portal Information

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

## 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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## 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.

Check out our Northern Elementary PTO  
FB Family

# Make a Difference!

The PTO is preparing to go BIG in the 2021-2022 school year. Now is your chance to get in on the planning and brainstorming for next year. Make a difference in not just your student's life but in all 300+ lives.



#NESleads

nespto1@gmail.com

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## 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 2, 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.



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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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