

NES Connection

Northern Elementary Summer Update, July 25, 2021

Sunday Connections Resume!

Sunday Connections resume with the intention of keeping families and faculty updated on our strategic planning, fall reopening and community celebration. Some weeks may be sparse, others weighty, and yet we hope to keep you informed as we move through the summer. PDF's of each NES Sunday Connection can be accessed on our website at: [Northern Elementary Website](#).

Sapphire Parent Portal for New Users

New Families to the district are asked to create a Parent/Guardian Portal Account in our Sapphire System. Attached you will find directions to create this important account. Upon completion, this account provides access to your child's school records: class assignment, report cards, attendance information, etc.

Sapphire is updating its community portal and with this, new users will not be assigned a PIN. We wish to support our Kindergarten and New Families needing assistance in this process. Please reach out to our school with any questions.



NYCSD Creating a Parent Portal Account.pdf

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Sapphire Parent Portal: Updates for Current Users

Our Student Information System, Sapphire, is planning to launch a new community portal in the coming days. The district will notify families when this new portal is operational. The new site is basically redesigned to better accommodate various mobile devices such as tablets, phones, and laptops.

Parents/Guardians who already have an account will need to log in with user name and password, and their Sapphire PIN number. If you do not have this number, please contact our

NES School Office (717-432-8691 x 1500) for assistance. Following this one-time PIN entry, current users will no longer need a PIN.

New users will not be assigned or required to enter a PIN.

The school district will send out a message via Blackboard upon notification that the new portal is operational. They will also post a notice and the directions on school and district website. Current users may review that information below.



New Sapphire Community Portal Parent Student
Directions.pdf

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Northern Elementary Welcomes Washington Township Families with Year of Community.

Our Northern Family continues to grow with the addition of new families to the District. This year, we enthusiastically welcome many new K-5 students from Washington Township. Our focus on **Community** aims to underscore the many strengths that come from a community centered on shared ownership, beliefs and goals. 2021 offers the opportunity for our Northern Elementary Family to expand and deepen with new relationships and resources.

Washington Township Transition - District Information can be found [here](#).

Northern Elementary Gears up for August Open Houses

It's official! Washington Township and New Grade 1-5 Families will be invited to tour our building on **August 16** (specifics to come this week via email). Our custodians continue to work hard to get our building up and running for these early visits. We look forward to providing families with the chance to get in and see where classrooms are located, have an opportunity to ask questions and build comfort for their child's entry to school. We are so eager to welcome our new families!

Kindergarten Families will be invited to a Kindergarten Orientation, slated for **6PM on August 26**. This is an evening tailored just for Kindergarten. It provides an orientation to building procedures, access to their child's classroom, time with the administrator, and an opportunity to meet their child's teacher. Information specific to this event will also come via email.

Grades 1-5 Open House is slated for the evening of **August 25**. We invite all GR1-5 families to join us on this evening, as this is a chance for children to meet their teacher and tour the school in advance of our first day.

Check out our Northern Elementary PTO FB Family

NES PTO Seeks Your Support

Our NES PTO is seeking a parent/guardian to serve as Co-President in the Fall. Individuals interested in this position may reach out to Tanja Worrall at tmworrall86@gmail.com

Our 2021 PTO Board includes:

Co-President: Erin Stein erin_stein@yahoo.com

Co-President: Vacancy

Vice President: Tanja Worrall tmworrall86@gmail.com

Secretary: Amy Harlacher amy.n.harlacher@gmail.com

Treasurer: Kiely Holcomb kiely23@hotmail.com

As we enter 2021, our fundraising efforts remain critical having lost the opportunity for Race for Education last year. The funds raised support student teas, yearbooks, field trips, fun events and so much more. We look forward to your collaboration and participation in planning for and attending our PTO sponsored events. Interested in supporting the PTO in some capacity? Reach out to our members at nespto1@gmail.com.

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.



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FB Northern Elementary PTO

NYCSD Fall 2021 Health and Safety Plan

Northern York County School District's plan for the 2021-2022 school year is for students and staff to return to school in-person on August 30, 2021. The Northern York County School District will continue to monitor the guidance from the Commonwealth of PA and the CDC, and based on our district and community needs, update our plans accordingly.

Click [here](#) to read the full draft of the Health and Safety plan.

The District wishes for stakeholders to have an opportunity to provide feedback on the plan. Please complete the survey linked [here](#) by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, July 19, 2021.

Superintendent Kirkpatrick's Letter

Mr. Kirkpatrick sent a July update to families this past week, outlining the District's intent for Fall reopening. Our Leadership Team continues to plan weekly, focusing on an aligned approach that serves the best interest of our students, staff, community. You may reference the July update on our [NYCSD Website](#).

2021-2022 Grade Level Learning Teams

Kindergarten Team:

Ashley Baechtle
Paula Clendaniel
Kristina Schiffgens

Grade One Team:

Andrea Daly
Erica Sinclair
Meredith Warner

Grade Two Team:

Katie Benfer
Sheri Henry
Ashley Ashcraft

Grade Three Team:

Mackenzie King
Samantha Moose
Madeline Snyder

Grade Four Team:

Scott Eyster (Social Studies, Science, Intervention/Enrichment)
Sadie Landis (English Language Arts)
Laura Witmer (Mathematics)

Grade Five Team:

Sarah Krieger (English Language Arts)
Allyson Lang (Mathematics)
Melanie Vogt (Social Studies, Science, Intervention/Enrichment)

New Additions to our School Faculty



Kristina Schiffgens - Kindergarten

Pictured with daughters, Grace and Julianna, Ms. Schiffgens joins our NES Kindergarten Team having served as KDG LTS at DES. You will find that her enthusiasm is palpable!



Erica Sinclair - Grade 1

Pictured with her lovely family, Mrs. Sinclair rejoins our NES Family, having served as Kindergarten Teacher many years ago, and now joining our Grade 1 Team. We are thrilled for her return!



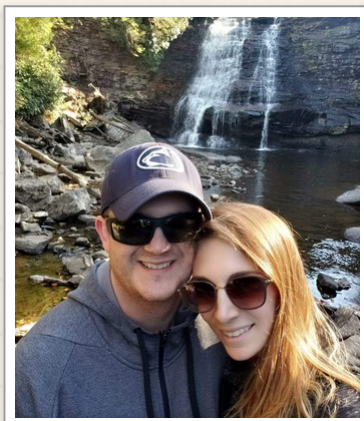
Katie Benfer - Grade 2

Miss Benfer joins our Grade 2 Team as a recent graduate of Messiah University. An accomplished individual, Miss Benfer eagerly anticipates the arrival of her classroom family!



Mackenzie King - Grade 3

Miss King joins our Grade 3 Team as a recent graduate of Messiah University. She has a minor in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) and gets married in November!



Sadie Landis - Grade 4

Pictured with her husband, Mrs. Landis moves from a Long Term Substitute position to English Language Arts teacher on our Grade 4 Team. A graduate of Millersville University, she has experience working with students K-5.



Laura Witmer - Grade 4

Pictured with her beautiful family, Mrs. Witmer joins our Grade 4 team as she enters her 11th year of teaching. With a Masters Degree in Education and a passion for curriculum and instruction, she looks forward to



Melanie Vogt - Grade 5

Pictured with her niece and nephew, Ms. Vogt joins our Grade 5 Team, coming from Colorado Springs, CO. She brings a diverse background of experience and tremendous strength in classroom community and student leadership!



Ashley Ashcraft - Grade 2

Mrs. Ashcraft our most recent hire, comes to us from Virginia with 10 years experience at various grade levels. Recently returning to the local area, we welcome look forward to introducing Mrs. Ashcraft in our next NES Connection!



English Language Development

With growing ELD numbers, our program will be split into Elementary and Secondary supports. Ms. Sandy Isolino shifts to the Secondary focus in 2021. We are so grateful for her partnership and look forward to sharing our new hire in the next few weeks.

NES Family Ambassadors - updated link

We look forward to welcoming new families joining our NES Family in 2021 and building connections for the new year. With this, we are looking for NES Ambassador Families, willing to serve as a community connection for incoming families. This role would include reaching out to make a connection with a new family, serving as a liaison for community happenings as they integrate to the Dillsburg/NES/Northern York community. This is also a great opportunity for student-student connection.

If you are interested and/or willing to serve as a NES Family Ambassador, please complete this quick 30 second survey, located here: [NES Ambassador Survey](#).

Save the Date 2021: More information to come!

August 1: Homeroom Rosters Released to Sapphire Parent Portal

August 25: Grades 1-5 Open House Night

August 26: Kindergarten Orientation Night

August 30: 1st Day of School!

September 03: No School

September 06: No School - Happy Labor Day!

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

September 15: Life Touch Fall Picture Day

September 16: K-5 Teacher Presentation Night

September 24: Early Dismissal at Noon



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