

NES Connection

Northern Elementary Update, July 11, 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 NES Connections will be located on our website at: [Northern Elementary Website](#).

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](#).

Act 66, Retainment of Student, Form due by July 15

Earlier this week, families received information about Act 66, giving parents the option to retain their student in 2021. This is a time-sensitive decision and therefore we ask that parents considering this step, review the information provided on our website, fill out and submit the linked form to their school principal. Please see the District's response to Act 66 at [this link](#).

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. We look forward to sharing summer opportunities to connect with our Washington Township friends. Stay tuned!

NES Family Ambassadors

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](#).

New Faculty Members Arrive!

We have many updates on our faculty family, welcoming new faces and wishing these familiar ones well. We will miss our teammates, yet wish them the best as they embrace new opportunities:

GR2 Christa Fowler has found a position closer to her home and in her preferred content area of writing.

GR3 Melanie McCleaf has found her niche as a Reading Specialist in the Lancaster Area.

GR4 Kim Lohr has moved on to the private sector, working with John Hopkins.

For 2020-2021, our two deep grade levels have now increased to three deep at all grade levels. Photos and official introductions will take place in our next Smore update.

Kindergarten Team:

Ashley Baechtle

Paula Clendaniel

Kristina Schiffgens (new family member)

Grade One Team:

Andrea Daly

Erica Sinclair (new family member)

Meredith Warner

Grade Two Team:

Katie Benfer (new family member)

Sheri Henry

TBA (new family member)

Grade Three Team:

Mackenzie King (new family member)

Samantha Moose

Madeline Snyder

Grade Four Team:

Scott Eyster

Sadie Landis (new family member)

Laura Witmer (new family member)

Grade Five Team:

Sarah Krieger

Allyson Lang

Melanie Vogt (new family member)

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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