

NES Connection

Northern Elementary Summer Update, August 01, 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/Community Portal Information

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

Homeroom Assignments Released

Our Sapphire roll-over takes place today, August 1. Homeroom Assignments will be posted to the Parent Portal at 8AM on Monday, August 2. Families may access their child's portal by clicking [here](#) and entering the log-in information. If you have not created a Parent Portal Account, which is different than the account created for Registration, please see the information below which provides directions on how to set this up.

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. The Parent Account is a separate account from the Registration Account used to enroll your student.

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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703.1 KB

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

[Download](#)
1.6 MB

NES Welcomes Washington Township Families

Northern Elementary Welcomes 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](#).

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](#).

Northern Elementary School Welcome Events

GR I-5 Washington Township/New Family Tours

AUGUST 16

Washington Township and New Grade 1-5 Families are invited to tour our building on **August 16, 2021**. We look forward to providing new families with an informal chance to 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 meet our new NES'ers!

New Families in Grades 1-5 may sign up for a 25 minute session by clicking on [Sign-Ups via Time to Sign Up](#) and RSVP'ing for that day.

GR I-5 Open House Event

AUGUST 25

Grades 1-5 Open House is slated for the evening of **August 25, 6:30PM-7:30PM**.

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.

Kindergarten Welcome and Orientation Event

AUGUST 26

Kindergarten Parents/Guardians and Kindergarten student(s) are invited to a Kindergarten Welcome and Orientation, slated for **6PM** and **7PM** on **August 26**.

To afford smaller gatherings on this evening, each classroom cohort will be split into two sessions. Please see the schedule for you and your child's arrival on that evening:

Thursday, August 26, 6:00 PM - 6:50 PM =

Mrs. Baechtle's Class: Session for student's with last name beginning with A-K.

Mrs. Clendaniel's Class: Session for student's with the last name beginning with A-Ha.

Ms. Schiffgen's Class: Session for student's with the last name beginning with A-P.

Thursday, August 26, 7:00 PM - 7:50 PM =

Mrs. Baechtle's Class: Session for student's with the last name beginning with L-Z.

Mrs. Clendaniel's Class: Session for student's with the last name beginning with Ho-Z.

Ms. Schiffgen's Class: Session for student's with the last name beginning with Q-Z.

This is an evening tailored just for Kindergarten. It provides an orientation to school 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.

K - 5 Back To School Information Night

SEPTEMBER 16

On **Thursday, September 16, 2021**, parents are invited to attend our NES Back-to-School Night in their child's homeroom.

Mrs. Armbruster and Grades K, 1, 2 meet: 6:00 PM-6:45 PM

Mrs. Ensminger and Grades 3, 4, 5 meet: 7:00 PM-7:45 PM

This orientation is for parents/guardians only, as the classroom teacher will share pertinent information about the grade level program and curriculum. If there is a need to provide us with personal, individual information about your child, please schedule an appointment with the teacher and/or principal at a time other than this evening.

Important 2021-2022 School Information

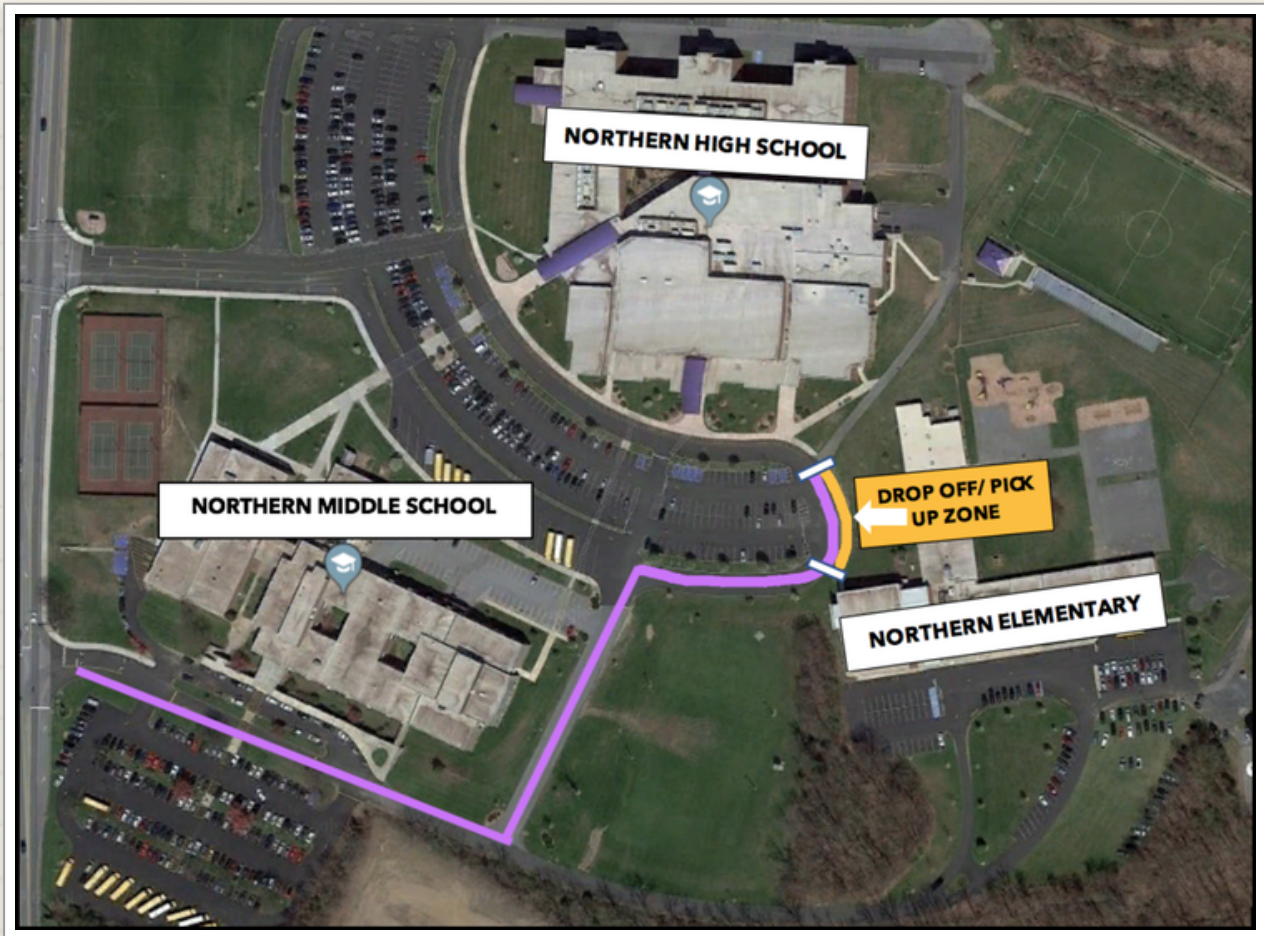
Visit our School Website to stay connected.

Start and End of Day

First Day of School

The first day of school for children is **Monday, August 30, 2021**. It is a Cycle Day 1. Our school day starts promptly at 9:00 AM and student entry begins at 8:45 AM.

Please note, students *may not* be dropped off at the school in advance of 8:45 AM. Students *arriving after* 9:00 AM will need to be signed into the *main office*, located in front of Northern Elementary, by the person dropping them off.



Car Rider Drop Off and Pick Up Information

Car Riders

AM Entry to Building: 8:45 AM - 9:00 AM

PM Dismissal to Parents: 3:30 PM - 3:40 PM

Our car rider loop is located in the back of Northern Elementary, between the High School and Northern Elementary. Vehicles should enter via Middle School drive, turn left onto Polar Bear Drive and turn right to the Drop Off/Pick Up Zone.

Vehicles are required to move forward to the very end of the line, closest to the High School, assisting us in keeping the line of traffic flowing. It is important that vehicles stay on the left side of the yellow line. Students should be released via the passenger side and only when the

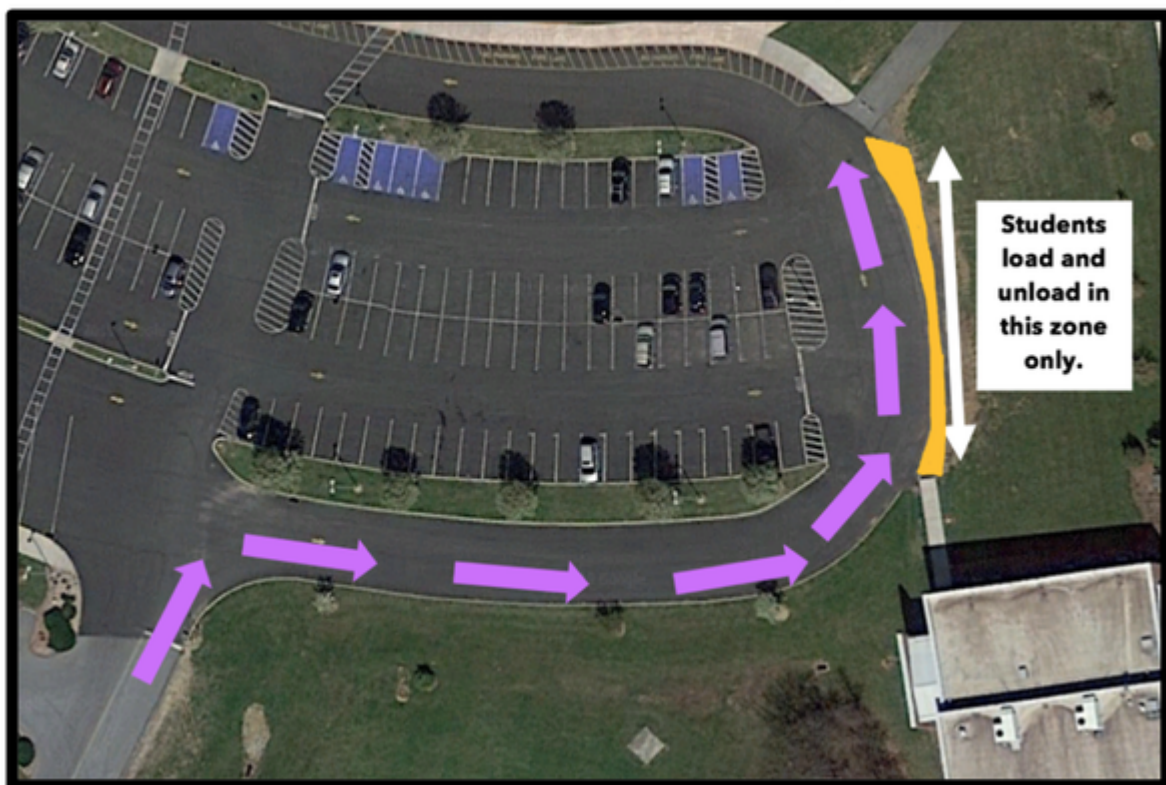
vehicle is within the yellow lined zone. Parents remain in their vehicles, as Northern Elementary staff will support student entry into the building.

Please ensure that your child is packed and ready for exit upon entering the car rider line. It is important that the flow of this line remains expedient and safe, permitting both exit and entry within the time allotted for this service.

If your child will be a **daily** parent pick up or an **occasional** parent pick up, the car rider dismissal registration form on our website will need to be filled out. This form will allow you to register for a tag for the car pick up line. Please visit www.northernpolarbears.com/nas and select the "Car Rider Registration Form" and complete the required information. The form can be additionally accessed [here](#). A three day turnaround from completion to available tag is necessary.

Families will be able to pick up car rider tags for the 2021-2022 school year at our NES GR1-5 Open House and Kindergarten Welcome Events. More information about this process is available on our website and will be communicated through an email.

Back of Northern Elementary



Transportation: Bus Information

Transportation Information:

Please be advised that your child's bus information will be released to the Sapphire Parent Portal later in August. Information on bus procedures will be shared closer to the start of school. Students traveling by vans to our school will receive their information via a phone call from the school. This information will be shared with the parent/guardian of the student.

school. Please contact the transportation office at (717) 432-8691 ext. 1106 with any questions.

We strongly encourage students to ride the school bus to and from school, starting the very first day. This practice will support their success in arrival/dismissal routines. Staff members will be on hand to assist all children in arriving safely to their classrooms.

Food Services

School Lunch Accounts

Our school cafeteria will provide students breakfast and lunch for the 2021-2022 school year.

If you wish to open a MyPaymentsPlus account for your child, please visit www.mypaymentsplus.com. MyPaymentsPlus, a convenient, easy and secure online prepayment service, allows parents to deposit money into a school meal account and provides parents the ability to view account balances, add funds electronically, and view what is purchased each day. Parents can also sign up to receive an email when a low fund balance occurs.

Menus are available online by visiting the district webpage: www.northernpolarbears.com and selecting the lunch bag/apple icon. Additional information regarding the school lunch program can also be found at the Food Services section of our website. An application for free and reduced meals will be sent home with your child at the beginning of the school year. Families who received free/reduced meals last year must submit a new application no later than **October 12, 2021** to continue with this benefit.

Other Important Reminders

School Supplies

Basic school supplies are provided to your child by the district. Students are welcome to bring their own book bag and lunch box from home.

NES Connection Opportunities

Ways to Stay Connected

The staff and I look forward to working with you and your child as we strive to provide the best education possible. With the home and school working together, I am confident your child will have an excellent educational experience at Northern Elementary School. Please see the main ways to stay connected with NES:

Website: Our website at 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!

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

Northern Elementary School

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www.weismarkets.com

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.



#NESleads

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FB Northern Elementary PTO

NYCSD 2021-2022 ReOpening Information

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 District update to families in July, 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](#).

Our Board Approved 2021-2022 School Calendar can be accessed below.

Northern York County School District											
2021-2022											
School Year Calendar											
											
Board Approved - March 23, 2021											
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Act 80 - No School
 Early Dismissal
 New Teachers
 School Closed
 First/Last Day of Class
 In-Service - no students
 End of Marking Period
 Aug 19-20 New Teachers

Aug 23-27 Inservice (Aug 27 - Flex)
 Aug 30 First Day of School
 Sep 3 & 6 - Labor Day/School Closed
 Sep 24 - Early Dismissal
 Oct 15 - Farmer's Fair/School Closed
 Nov 3 - End of MP1
 Nov 5 - Early Dismissal
 Nov 24 - Act 80/School Closed
 Nov 25-29 - Thanksgiving Break
 Dec 23 - Early Dismissal
 Dec 24-31 - Christmas Break
 Jan 14 - Early Dismissal
 Jan 17 - Inservice/School Closed
 Jan 19 - End of MP2
 Feb 18 - School Closed
 Feb 21 - Inservice (Flex)/School Closed
 Mar 25 - End of MP3
 Mar 25 - Act 80 Day/School Closed
 Apr 14 - Early Dismissal
 Apr 15-18 - Easter Break
 May 30 - Memorial Day/No School
 May 31 - MS/HS Early Dismissal Only
 Jun 1 - Last Student Day/Early Dismissal
 Jun 2-3 - Teacher Inservice
 Snow Make-up - #1 Feb 18
 Trade Days - Aug. 27, Feb 21

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.

Save the Date 2021: More information to come!

August 1: Sapphire 2021 Rollover

August 2: 8AM, Homeroom Rosters Released to Sapphire Parent Portal

August 16: Washington Township/New GR1-5 Family Tour

August 25: Grades 1-5 Open House Night

August 26: Kindergarten Welcome and 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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