



Polar Press

Northern Elementary School

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September/October 2009

Miss Jouce Cal, Principal

WELCOME 2009-2010

This has been a Summer of Personal Gratitude- appreciation for the wonderful experiences shared with friends and family and the many new adventures that lie ahead. This season of radiance brings an opportunity for renewal, rejuvenation and reflection. It is my hope that our young Polar Bears have enjoyed similar experiences as well. With this, we celebrate the arrival of the 2009-2010 school year and extend a sunny welcome to each and everyone of you! Our faculty has carefully prepared for the arrival of our students and have worked diligently to ensure a smooth transition to the start of school. Building Security/Student Safety and Literacy Achievement will remain a personal focus as I venture through this first year as the principal of Northern Elementary. I will be sharing our progress via the Polar Press Newsletter and I encourage you to reference our school's website as well. This site houses pertinent information and wonderful happenings sponsored by our energetic crew of PTO volunteers! We look forward to a wonderful year together!

NEW ADDITIONS... NEW NAMES...

Our family continues to grow with the following additions to the Northern Elementary Staff: Mrs. Lori Gilbert has filled the position of Learning Support Resource teacher; Mrs. Wendy Smith joins us from Wellsville Elementary as our full-time Physical Education teacher; Mrs. Kathy Klersy will be a 1-1 instructional aide and Mrs. Christina Welker has filled our building aide position. Additionally, Miss Sarah Wuffeluf is now Mrs. Sarah O'Brien; Miss Nicole Mehring is now Mrs. Nicole Mehring-Guss and Ms. Barb Walton is now Mrs. Barb Boyer. We extend our warmest wishes and congratulations to all!

PARENT DROP OFFS AND PICK-UPS

Please note that students dropped off between 8:35-8:45 AM should report to the Gymnasium via the Gym doors facing the front parking lot. Additionally, at the end of the day, Parent Pick-Ups will be dismissed from the Gymnasium Doors following proper verification by NES staff. Students must have a note indicating that they are a parent pick-up as well as who will be picking them up. **During AM and PM travel it is extremely important to keep the bus and van lanes clear- therefore, cars may not use this lane to stop and unload students. PLEASE park and escort your child across the parking lot when dropping off or picking up.** Specific Parent Pick Up Procedures are listed on our school's website. Thank you kindly for your support and assistance in keeping all our students safe.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 5- Race for Education
Labels Due to classroom teacher
October 12-16- National School
Lunch Week
October 14- Heritage Dress Up
Day
October 16-17- Farmer's Fair
October 20- Kindergarten Boehm
Testing
October 30- Halloween Parade @
2:15 PM

NO SCHOOL- OCTOBER 12 & 16

GOING PAPERLESS...

Our school is following the School Board's lead in going paperless. This is a great first step in our school's commitment to take tangible actions for making a better world. As such, we will be posting the school newsletter, calendar, and school reminders on the school's website.

However, if you are unable to access our website and would like to receive the paper copies, please fill in the form on the last page of this newsletter and return it to the NES school office by October 22nd.



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Going out to the students who celebrate their Birthdays in September and October!

September

Conner McEnany
Alexandra Sherman
Alexis Wark
Kayce Lynes
Benjamin Weber
Delaney Fulfer
Abbie Clendaniel
Josephine Crane
Olivia Shea
Kimberly Johnson
Jessica Gilbert
Kayley Kunkle
Meagan Terlep
Jordon Shuttlesworth
Austin Schreffler
Kassidy Legge
Matthew Jacobs

October

James Baughman
Jaskaranpreet Singh
Madison Miller
Caleb Dietrich
Amanda Horn
Kristiana Andujar
Blake Hoffler
Logan Muller
Dylan Toner
Anthony Vasco
Dylan Smith
Aidan Young
Bailey Latzer
Kylie Patterson
Bennett Young
Lillian Hockensmith
Joshua Hoffer
Owen Clendaniel
David Pluff

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SAVE THE DATE!

Sept 25 th	ACT 80 DAY EARLY DISMISSAL
Sept 30 th	PICTURE DAY
Oct 12 th	NO SCHOOL
Oct 16 th	NO SCHOOL
Oct 17 th	FARMERS FAIR
Oct 30 th	NE HALLOWEEN PARADE

**WANT TO HELP THE PTO?
PICK A COMMITTEE LISTED BELOW!**

- CAPRI SUN POUCH COLLECTION
- ECOLOGY AWARENESS
- FIELD DAY
- HOSPITALITY
- RECESS BUDDIES
- ROLLER SKATING PARTY
- SENATOR'S READING PROGRAM

**TALK TO A PTO MEMBER TO FIND OUT HOW TO HELP!
SOME COMMITTEES NEED CHAIRPERSONS,
SOME JUST NEED VOLUNTEERS**

EASY FUNDRAISERS FOR NORTHERN ELEMENTARY

Box Tops

Remember to clip the Box Tops for Education coupons found on hundreds of participating products that you already buy. Try putting a pretty jar or bowl on your countertop and when you open a product simply tear it off and put in the bowl. When the bowl is full, put them in a bag and send them to school with your child. Contests are run throughout the year. Each coupon is worth 10 cents to NE. Don't throw them away!

For more information, go to www.BoxTops4Education.com.



Labels for Education

NE collects product packaging with the "Labels for Education" logo on them. Chances are, you have eligible products in your kitchen right now – such as Campbell's soup, Prego pasta sauce, Pepperidge Farm, Goldfish crackers, Pace, Swanson or V8 beverages. So after you enjoy them, don't forget to save the UPC codes and lids. Please send in UPC codes and lids to school with your child. Front panel product labels are no longer accepted. For more information, go to www.labelsforeducation.com.



Giant Foods A+ School Rewards

Our school has again been offered an opportunity to participate in the GIANT A+ School Rewards Program. Starting October 4, 2009 through March 13, 2010, NE will have the opportunity to earn cash through this program. **Northern Elementary's School ID Code is 01029. Even if you have participated in the past, you MUST redesignate again for the New Year.** Once you designate our school, each shopping trip at a participating Giant store using your bonus card earns cash for our school. You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt. Each month, the amount of cash awarded will be updated on the Giant website. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. **Last year, we earned over \$4563.21 for our school!** The money will be used to pay for the increasingly high costs of field trips and assemblies, as well as other popular PTO events. Taking just a minute of your time to designate can make a huge difference to our school. We need your support. Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. It could mean the world to our children. Copies of the designation cards have been sent home with the students, but if you would like additional copies or have questions regarding the program, please contact Michelle Coover at coov8@verizon.net or 432-3526, or go to the Giant website at www.GiantAplus.com.



POLAR PLANNER

October 2009

Northern Elementary School



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				4	5	
4	5 NAME LABELS DUE BACK FOR THE RACE FOR EDUCATION 6	6 1	7 2	8 3	9 4	10
11	12 NO SCHOOL TEACHERS IN-SERVICE	13 5	14 6	15 1	16 NO SCHOOL TEACHERS IN-SERVICE	17 FARMERS FAIR
18	19 2	20 3	21 4	22 5	23 6	24
25	26 1	27 2	28 3	29 4	30 HALLOWEEN PARADE 2:30pm 5	31 HALLOWEEN

A WARM WELCOME FROM THE PTO

We are so excited to be welcoming you into Northern Elementary this year! We feel lucky to begin the year with our new principal, Miss Cal and wonderful parents who make up our PTO board and committee chairs. And, of course, we are so lucky to have wonderful teachers and staff. But most of all, we are so excited to see all of the returning students as well as the new student faces that will make up Northern. To the PTO, the students are what matters.

We are looking forward to a new year, filled with new adventures as well as carrying on some traditions that were started by our outgoing PTO parents (thanks again to all who made last year great)! Of course we will count on all the parents of Northern to make these things happen!

We want you to know that all parents are welcome to become involved in their child's academic lives. The more parents we have participating, the more programs we can provide. We appreciate any time you can give us!

Don't forget to come to our first PTO meeting on September 8, 2009 at 7pm in the school's library! We look forward to getting to know you better.

Feel free to contact either of us if you have any questions.

Lori Chance and Lynn Rondon, co-presidents

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Book Fair and Family Literacy Night

The PTO will be hosting a scholastic book fair at our school from Nov. 2nd-4th. All children will have an opportunity to shop with their class and parents are invited to shop anytime the fair is open. It is a great place to find Christmas presents for students and teachers. All the profit the PTO makes at the Book Fair goes to buy books for our students, classrooms, and the library.

In conjunction with the Book Fair, the PTO will host a Family Literacy Night on Wednesday evening Nov 4th, based on the theme "Read Around the World". Students and parents are invited to join us for stories, games, crafts, and other activities based on countries around the world. The Book Fair will also be open that night.

Volunteers are needed to make both events a success. Parents are needed to work 2 hours shifts during the school day to help children shop for books. Parents are also needed to help with activities at the Fair at the Literacy Night. We are also in need of people to attend 1 planning meeting to help plan events for the Family Night. If you are interested, please contact Amy Colgan at 432-0731 or amy_colgan@hotmail.com

*For a complete list of participating GIANT stores visit www.GiantAplus.com

Get to Know Our Teachers

Gretchen Beddia-Kindergarten

- **Beginning my 5th year teaching!**
- **My favorite thing about teaching is seeing my students grow academically and socially throughout the year.**
- **My favorite subject to teach is probably reading (communication arts). I get so excited watching my students become readers.**
- **My hobbies include spending time with my family, and travelling. I love to be with and around animals and being outside.**
- **I wanted to be a teacher because I wanted to make an impact on children's lives.**
- **If I wasn't a teacher, I'd probably be doing something with animals.**

Mrs. McCauslin-First Grade

- **I've been teaching for seven years!**
- **My favorite part of teaching is seeing my students get excited about learning new things.**
- **My favorite subjects to teach are reading and science. Teaching reading in first grade is very rewarding because there is a lot of growth during the year. I love science because it gives the kids an opportunity to really get actively involved in the learning process.**
- **My family and I enjoy camping, hiking, and biking. I also like to cook and travel.**
- **I became a teacher because I love working with kids and really enjoy the ability to do something new every day.**
- **I haven't been doing this too long, so not much has changed since I began teaching. The area where there's been a lot of growth is technology. It's amazing what we can do with interactive technology in the classroom.**
- **My dream job (if I wasn't a teacher) would be my own show on the food network, but more realistically, I'd probably do something like interior design or web design.**

Race for Education

Parent participation is one of the major factors. The nice thing is you can be done in less than 10 minutes! The way we filled out our son's label sheet was very simple. First we opened our address book and copied all the names from it. Then we thought of names of our co-workers (both my wife and I), we also looked at the examples on the 3rd page of the kick off letter which has some great ideas. It turns out we needed more stickers!

Keep in mind, everyone is a winner. Our goal is to be able to fund items that will enhance student learning and achievement in our school. Additionally, the more names you can put on your sheet the more your son/daughter can win and qualify for. The office does have additional label sheets if you need them or if you have your own you can always use those also. When you use other sheets please be sure to put your Child's name, grade level and teacher in the upper left sticker for identification purposes.

Let's look at a 40 name example. Your son/daughter is now qualified to receive 8 pencils (that they can pick from a group). They would get their name in the drawing for the Limo Lunch 2 times and their name would also be put in the drawing for the \$50 gift card 4 times! They would even get a certificate to wear their pajamas to school. We are hoping for 100% student participation also. If you're wondering about the "Limo Lunch"... 5 possibly 6 students names will get drawn. A White Stretch Limo will pick them up at the school and they will be chaperoned to a FREE Happy Meal at McDonalds.

You as parents can also win. For every book of 20 stamps that you donate we will put your name in a drawing for multiple prizes. Donate one book get one chance; donate 4 books get 4 chances....etc. Some of the prizes that will be given in the stamp donation drawing are: a 30 day pass (worth \$75) to LA Fitness in Camp Hill (we have 2 of these), a \$25 Gift card for Olive Garden, other Gift Cards from Red Lobster, TGI Fridays, Ruby Tuesdays, Exxon, Dairy Queen and we are hoping for more prizes to be added before the drawing.

Remember ALL donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE!!

Thanks in advance for your support in helping in our first ***Race for Education*** ☺
Rob Muller ~ Race Coordinator

NES is going paperless...

Go Green!

**All school newsletters, reminders, calendars
will now be posted on the website:**

northernpolarbears.com

**Simply, click on Northern Elementary to
access this information.**

**If you do not have access to the site and would like
a paper copy of this newsletter, please fill in the
form below and return it to school by October 22nd.**

Please send only one form per family.

Child's Name: _____

Classroom Teacher: _____