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# Polar Press

Gratitude is the memory of the heart  
~French Proverb



## NES November Highlights

Our Heritage Days celebration was well received and enjoyed by all. Students participated in a variety of hands-on presentations including: One Room Schoolhouse, Pioneer Cooking, Medical Treatments, Sheep to Shawl process, Flintlock & Music, Blacksmithing, Ben Franklin and the Pennsylvania First Regiment. NES students were among the first students in York County to receive the H1N1 vaccinations and nasal spray. This process was quite smooth thanks to the collaborative spirit of the School District, York/Adams Metropolitan Medical System and its dedicated Volunteers.

### Message from Miss Cal

We welcome you to explore the newest additions to our school website! Ncubed, our school TV studio, has linked password-protected videos of our daily broadcasts for your enjoyment. You will receive the password via school mail. In addition, we strongly encourage you to sign up for E-News. This feature allows us to send email alerts on important events, recent newsletters, etc. It's one more way to stay in touch with us!

With one marking period under our belt, we are planning the launch of a Literacy Celebration. Further information on this school-wide initiative will be coming home with your child. It will encourage your student to read at home, share favorite selections, and celebrate the wonderful world of books!

Please check our Northern Elementary website frequently for current events!

### Save the Date!

**No School**  
**November 25-30**  
Wishing our families a restful Thanksgiving Holiday!

**Holiday Extravaganza**  
**December 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Location: NES Cafeteria  
Time: 6pm to 8pm

**Holiday Concert**  
**December 14th**  
Location: HS  
Time: 7pm



# Holiday Season is Here

Holiday Shoppe- December 7, 8, 9

Holiday Extravaganza- December 8, 6-8 PM



## Holiday Shoppe

This is a chance for your child(ren) to shop for inexpensive gifts for family and friends! There will be a wide variety of items available with the majority priced under \$3.00 and nothing higher than \$10.00. The week before the store opens children will bring home a schedule their class will be shopping along with an envelope to indicate the amount they may spend on each person.

## Holiday Extravaganza

Join us on Tuesday, 12/8 from 6-8pm for our Extravaganza! Enjoy cookies and milk with Santa, crafts, games, storytelling, door prizes and raffles. The Holiday Shoppe will be open for shopping and Scholastic books will be available for purchase as well.

## Toy Drive to Benefit Local Services

All the proceeds from the Scholastic sale will be used to purchase books for New Hope Ministries. This organization provides assistance to families in need in Dillsburg/surrounding areas by providing food, basic necessities, counseling, referral services and intervention programs. For every new, unwrapped toy you bring that evening to donate, your name will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 TJ Rockwell and \$25 ToysRUs gift card. This is an optional activity and not a requirement to attend the evening's activities.



## Interested in Volunteering?

If you are interested in volunteering during the day at our Holiday Shoppe or at our evening event, please contact Danielle Haines at [dhm34@aol.com](mailto:dhm34@aol.com) or 504-0064.



## NES 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter HONOR ROLL by class

Abbie Clendaniel	Taylor Hoverter	Shea Evans	Brennan Becker
Sean Colgan	Bobby Skinnell	Sarah Fleming	Kate Colgan
Devan Copenhaver	Bennett Young	Jacob Sacoman	Tyler Preun
Kari Henry	Dannielle Brightbill	Austin Schreffler	Rachel Appleby
Tanner Martin	Parker Chance	Molly Temple	Ashley Barber
Taylor Mattias	Hannah Diziki	Jenna Bittinger	Dillon Hippensteel
Noah Pfaunmiller	Kimberly Johnson	Madeline Wareham	Dakota Bowers
Aunna Rubacha	Lydia Leftwich	Samuel Brandt	Amanda Fletcher
Dylan Smith	Katerine Luft	Mitchell Andrews	Leah Reday
Mackenzie Smith	Anthony McArdle	Allison Brosius	Blake Rondon
Keenon Weber	Zachary Schmick	Michaela Cotton	Kiersten Staley
Aidan Young	Leah Schreffler	Sydney Horvath	Zane Hoffman
Tanner Albert	Olivia Shea	Dylan Markel	Logan Kellison
Nicole Andrews	Alexandra Fishel	Cameron Albert	Brooke Miller
Chole Bartram	Jessica Gilbert	Chase DeShong	Austin Myers
Benjamin Brandt	Cassidy Prior	Katie Hersh	Brady Peterson
Amber Fogelsanger	Levi Stover	Brooke Hoffler	Nate Watkins
	Jonathan Whitcomb	Bradly Latzer	

## Have you heard the NEWS?

Our District now features **E-News** which makes it easier than ever for you to stay in touch with important news and events in our school. With E-News, you automatically receive news of interest to you at your selected e-mail address. Please consider signing up for this feature by visiting our school's website: [www.northernpolarbears.com](http://www.northernpolarbears.com)

## Book Fair and Family Literacy Night

The PTO hosted a scholastic book fair at our school from Nov. 2nd-4th. All the children had an opportunity to shop with their class and it was a great place to find Holiday gifts for students and teachers! All the profit made went to buy books for our students, classrooms, and the library.

In conjunction with the Book Fair, the PTO hosted a Family Literacy Night on Wednesday evening Nov 4th, based on the theme "Read Around the World". Students and parents gathered for stories, games, crafts, and other activities based on countries around the world. The Book Fair was also open that night.

We wish to thank the Parent Volunteers who assisted in making this a successful event for our school. If you are interested in assisting with our next Book Fair, please contact Amy Colgan at 432-0731 or [amy\\_colgan@hotmail.com](mailto:amy_colgan@hotmail.com).

# Get to Know Our Teachers

Mrs. Clendaniel- Kindergarten Teacher: 8 years

What do you like best about teaching?

I enjoy making an impact in a child's life by being his or her first teacher. I love to see how excited kindergarten children can get when they learn something new or are proud to show you something they have done.

What is your favorite subject to teach?

I love watching the children learn the process of reading.

Do you have any hobbies?

I love sports of all kinds, both participating and watching them. I also enjoy spending time with my family and baking.



Why did you become a teacher?

I knew I wanted to work with children in some capacity and I almost went into social work. After a few field experiences in schools while in college, I knew I wanted to be a teacher.

What has changed since you began teaching?

Academically, kindergarten curriculum has changed in the last 10 years. Most children already know their letters when they come to school in the fall and we concentrate more on phonemic awareness and learning to read.

If you weren't a teacher, what do you think you'd be doing?

I would continue to be a stay at home mom.



# Get to Know Our Teachers

Miss Flores- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher: 3 years

What do you like best about teaching?

*The Students! Teaching would be so boring without them!*

What is your favorite subject to teach?

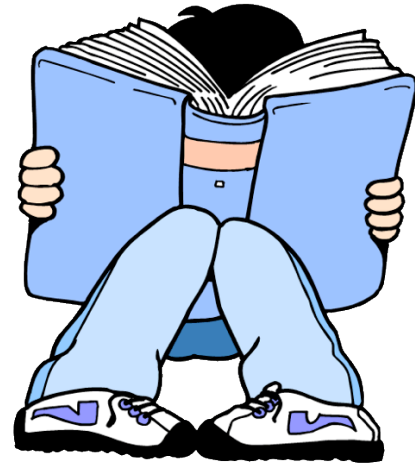
*Reading. I love sharing with students how fun it can be to read. There are always endless possibilities of how to respond to what we read.*

Do you have any hobbies?

*I really enjoy watching sports (Buffalo Bills!), spending time with friends, talking ☺, and volunteering at my church.*

Why did you become a teacher?

*I've always had a desire to learn and I found it really fun. I knew I wanted to help kids find that same joy in learning new things.*



What has changed since you began teaching?

*I've learned that not all 4<sup>th</sup> graders are the same! I'm so thankful to have met many students with unique personalities, and passions.*

If you weren't a teacher, what do you think you would be doing?

*I would love to be traveling the world, and writing about my experiences. Also, I think I'd really enjoy planning big events, like weddings.*

## 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](http://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](http://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: [coov8@verizon.net](mailto:coov8@verizon.net), 432-3526, website: [www.GiantAplus.com](http://www.GiantAplus.com).

# November Polar Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 End of 1 <sup>st</sup> marking period 3	6 4	7
8	9	10 PTO meeting 7:00pm 6	11 Otis Lennon testing grades 1&3 1	12 2	13 Race for Education 3	14
15	16 Report cards distributed 4	17 5	18 6	19 Rain date for Race/Race for education assembly School board meeting 7:00pm-HS 1	20 2	21
22	23 3	24 4	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28
29	30 NO SCHOOL					

# December Polar Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		5	6	1	2	
6	7	8 Holiday Shoppe  6-8 PM Holiday Extravaganza 3	9 Holiday Shoppe  5	10 Holiday Shoppe  6	11 Race for Education Awards Assembly 1	12
13	14  7 PM Holiday Concert 2	15  3	16  4	17  7PM School Board Mtg HS 5	18  6	19
20	21  1	22  2	23  12 PM EARLY DISMISSAL 3	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL	26
27	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	



# PTO Officers

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Wish to Help the PTO?  
Pick a Committee Listed  
Below:

Capri Sun Pouch Collection  
Ecology Awareness  
Field Day  
Hospitality  
Roller Skating Party  
Senator's Reading Program

Talk to a PTO Member to  
find out how you can help!



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