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"You can't live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you." John Wooden



Message from Miss Cal

Welcome back, Welcome back, Welcome back! Our spry, spirited polar bears returned from summer to the theme song of Welcome Back Kotter, a show that spotlighted the positive influence a teacher can have on his/her students. This underscores our school focus of building positive relationships and highlighting the strengths in others. With this, it was with bittersweet sentiment that we said goodbye to Mrs. Sarah O'Brien as she stepped further into the world of Literacy by taking a position closer to her home. The transfer of Mrs. Jessica Clay to South Mountain Elementary and the retirement of both Mrs. Carol Turner and Mr. Jim Maclay called for several new additions to our Northern family. We wish our dear friends the very best and enthusiastically welcome our newest faculty polar bears to the crew! I enter my third year as NES Principal with a heart that is hopeful, hungry for new adventures and honed on what's best for our students and staff. Our school faculty continues to harness their energies to making each moment the very best for our students, and with the incredible support of our PTO, we are itching to get our year of GRACE started!

2011-2012 NES Theme

2011 marks our third year of glory giving themes: Gratitude, Generosity, and now, Grace.

Grace reflects the manner in which we respond to unexpected challenges, the daily interactions we have with others and the many mindful decisions we make...

How do you wish to welcome each day? ... with grace.

Please check our website and newsletter throughout the year for updates on our NES experiences in GRACE!

Grace: **(graceful, gracious)**

Characterized by charm, good taste, and generosity of spirit

A disposition to be generous or helpful; goodwill

A favor rendered by one who need not do so

Save the Date!

PICTURE DAY September 28th

Be certain to wear your best Polar Bear Smile and leave the rest to us!
Be certain to return your photo envelopes.

SNEED'S ORDERS September 29TH

Interested in a signed copy of Sneed Collard's books? Be sure to return your order form and payment by 9/29/11.

RACE FOR ED. October 7TH

Please look for notices providing important information about this special fund-raising day!

IMPORTANT ALERT! IMPORTANT ALERT!

Students may be dropped off at the school starting at 8:30 AM using the procedure noted below. **Parents/students entering the campus at 8:55 or after, will need to enter the building via the front doors.** Please note, at 9AM all students must be escorted and signed into the building by parent.

MORNING DROP OFF PROCEDURE: Parents should utilize our curbside drop-off in the AM ONLY. Cars should enter via the Middle School entrance and follow the route down the hill, past the band field (on right) and bear right to pull up alongside the curb cresting the back of our Northern Elementary building. Cars within the designated orange cones may permit students **to exit via the curbside doors.** Cars outside the orange cones should wait to be inside these markers before permitting students to exit.

PLEASE NOTE: Students should be packed and prepared to exit as soon as the vehicle has come to a stop within the orange cones. This will assist with the pacing and safe flow of vehicles. Please additionally Pull as far up as possible so that other vehicles may pull behind.

Students will walk up the sidewalk and immediately report to the gym where they will be chaperoned by a member of our building staff. Students will report to designated grade level areas within the gym and engage in a quiet activity, such as reading, until dismissal to classrooms at 8:45 A.M.

PM PARENT PICK UP: Parents wishing to pick up their child at the end of the school day should send in a note indicating date and person responsible for pick up. It is imperative that this responsible person is listed on the "approved persons for pickup" completed by parent and returned to office. This eliminates the need for follow up calls to verify authorization for dismissal of student to said adult.

IMPORTANT: It is vital that communication to our school office indicating parent will conduct pickup, **occur prior to 3:00 PM** each day. This permits us to communicate with the classroom teacher and it assists our office staff in attending to end of day procedures without unexpected interruptions.

Students who have been placed on our permanent parent-up list or who have brought in a note indicating 'parent pick-up' will be dismissed via the gymnasium doors. We ask that all adults be prepared to show proof of person before we release the student. Our goal is to ensure the security and safety of your child. We appreciate your continued support and assistance with this important school procedure.

Please be accountable for your child(ren) as they move through the parking areas and crosswalks just as you would if you were in any public parking area.

We wish to thank our PTO members, NYCSD staff and security who provided valuable input on the changes we've made for AM curbside drop-offs... and we thank our parents for working within the guidelines of these procedures.

DID YOU KNOW?!

BELIZE IT, we're 30!

On Wednesday, the students and staff of NES joined Miss Cal in celebrating Independence Day in Belize. Belize, a former British colony, gained independence in 1981, which makes Miss Cal's native country, a young 30! To celebrate, students and staff were challenged to find out what special country was celebrating 30 years of Independence and if they found out, they should wear the colors of that country's flag! Many students shared that they researched this country on line with mom and/or dad *Miss Cal's heart, melting* and learned much about the country of Belize. NES donned red, white, blue and shimmied and shook to Caribbean beats throughout the lunchtime hour! See our photo snaps below!

Picture Day!

Students should wear an extra sparkly smile on Wednesday, **September 28th!**

Paperwork came home with your child providing further information on our Life Touch packages. Please be certain to follow the instructions provided and we will take care of the making certain your child is properly positioned for the perfect picture!

SAY, "POLAR BEARS ROCK!"

Race Schedule

Mrs. Bobby, K, 1 = 9:10 -10:10
Miss Racine, 2, 3 = 10:20 -11:20
Grades 4, 5 = 1:30 - 2:30

You are invited to cheer your child on during his/her time slot! Please join us at the bleachers at Bostic Field on Friday **October 7th.**

We encourage your students to wear PURPLE and WHITE... along with their sneakers, on this day!

GO NORTHERN!!!

Race for Education- It's On!

This marks the third year of RfEd at Northern Elementary! The funds yielded from this primary focus have enhanced our school tremendously. Classrooms have benefitted from the addition of Smart Boards, supplemental classroom tools and support of classroom libraries. The student body has participated in instructionally related Assemblies, fantastic themed events, and more recently, the addition of a portable sound system, popcorn maker, sno-cone machine. This year we look forward to enhancing our Olweus Bullying Prevention Launch with the support of our PTO. Many of these rich experiences would be a challenge without the support of our PTO... we thank you kindly for your continued assistance!

Happy 30 Years Belize!



Caribbean BEATS
filled our cafe
where red, white &
blue prevailed!



MOVING AND
GROOVING...

A sweet
tribute
to the
Belizean
flag...
400
tasty
cupcakes!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Heritage Days!

On **October 12th** our Northern students will celebrate the good ole days of Colonial Communities. Grade level events will be held throughout the day permitting students to participate in and learn more about a variety of topics: All Grades: Woodworking; Grade 1 Sheep to Shawl; Grade 2 TBA; Grade 3 Ben Franklin; Grade 4 Abe Lincoln; Grade 5 Day at the Dillsburg Tavern/Barn and Wellsville Schoolhouse.

We encourage our students to dress in colonial garb. Boys may choose to pull their pant legs up and wearing long socks to look like knickers along with a buttoned shirt and possibly suspenders. For the girls, long dresses or skirts, aprons, shawls, or bonnets are all appropriate.

Book Fair Week

October 30-November 4

marks our Book Fair Week.

Students will have the opportunity to visit the book fair with their classroom.

Please look for information to come home providing a preview of the book selection available.

This year's Scholastic Theme is centered on, "Reading is Out of this World!"

Join us as we blast off into reading... 5, 4, 3, 2, 1...

Halloween Parties

Please note: our holiday parties are reserved for only our Northern students, as well as parent volunteers who have signed up to assist in the classrooms.

All Volunteers should report to our front office to sign in and receive their volunteer badge.

Reminder: We appreciate your understanding that siblings are not permitted to attend classroom parties with classroom volunteers.

Halloween Parade

Please place your child's costume in a bag labeled with his/her name. Additionally, violent, gory costumes and pretend weapons are not appropriate for our school parade.

Our Northern Halloween Parade will be held on our playground at **2:30 PM on Friday, October 28th**. **Visitors are welcome** (children and adults) to attend the outside parade.

Please report to our playground gates where a staff member will greet and facilitate sign-ins.

Students will parade around the perimeter of the playground twice before breaking into classrooms for a group picture. "BOO!"

Students, staff and volunteers who have signed in (via the office) will enter the building through the library doors.

SQUARE 1 ART ... is BACK!!

Miss Bachman is once again leading our ART fundraiser... just in time for the Holiday season!

Your child's artwork can be transformed into beautiful gifts of art ... all based on your order!

Please look for SQUARE 1 ART information to come home soon!

**AND THERE'S
SO MUCH
MORE...**

SNEED COLLARD III

Renowned author, Sneed Collard, will be spending October 27th at NES!

Students will participate in a school-wide assembly and celebrate the joys of reading and writing! Order forms for autographed books are due on September 29th, 2011. Please be sure to return these forms with payment to your child's homeroom teacher.

We can't wait to celebrate!

LITERACY NIGHT

November 2nd, NES will host a Literacy Night @ 6PM in our Northern Cafe!

Families are invited to join us in an evening of literacy events and the opportunity to shop a bit further at our Scholastic Book Fair!

Interested in facilitating an activity? Contact Mrs. Lori Chance at 432-4712.

CALLING ALL VETERANS

Northern Elementary looks forward to our 2nd Veteran's Day Assembly, honoring family members who have, or currently, serve in our armed forces. Please look for the RED memo coming home with your child to indicate if your Veteran can join us on this special day...

November 11th

8:30 AM Veteran's Breakfast

9:30 AM Veteran's Assembly

OLWEUS PARENT MTG.

Join us for an informational meeting about the District's implementation of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. The program begins at 7PM on November 9th at South Mountain Elementary. Our PTO Meeting will be held at SME at 6PM that night!

2011 NEW ADDITIONS...

Mrs. Erica Sinclair joins our Kindergarten Team as our AM Kindergarten Teacher. A Dillsburg native, Mrs. Sinclair graduated from Messiah College and brings a great enthusiasm for travel and English as Second Language Learners.



Ms. Monica Cornett joined our Fifth Grade Team in late August. Her passion for running and out-door discoveries are entrenched in the instructional practices she intends for her classroom. Ms. Cornett previously served as computer technician at Dillsburg Elementary.

Mrs. Joan Kunkle, having served as head custodian at South Mountain Elementary, joined our Northern team this summer. Mrs. Kunkle recently celebrated the addition of a new grandchild and enjoys the opportunity to work with our students!



Mrs. Jennifer Balda is the most recent addition to our Northern Family! She will be working with our extended day kindergarten students on a daily basis. Mrs. Balda brings a love for education and a great desire to contribute to our Northern Community.

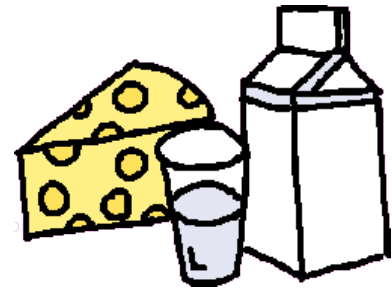
Welcome to our Northern Elementary Family!

NOTES FROM OUR FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

WHERE LUNCH IS ALWAYS MMM, MMM, GOOD!

PRICES

Breakfast - \$1.05
Lunch - \$1.90
Milk – \$0.45
Adult Lunch - \$3.25



MENU INFORMATION

Menus may be accessed via the Northern Website under the “**Quick Links**” section on the District Homepage or a printable copy may be found under the “**Our District**” tab located on the main webpage.

All students use the District’s Point of Sale (POS) system for breakfast, lunch and milk sales. Every student uses his/her student ID number assigned to them as their POS pin number. It is extremely important that students memorize their pin numbers. Parents, this makes for a fun travel activity! Please remember to send money (in a sealed envelope labeled with your child’s name and POS number) to be applied to your student’s account. Payments may also be made at the school or on-line via MealpayPlus. More information on MealpayPlus may be found on the District website as mentioned above.

MEALPAY PLUS

- ** Monitor Student Purchases at No Charge
- ** View Balances at No Charge
- ** Receive Low Balance Notifications at No Charge
- ** Make Payment via Credit Card, Debit Card, or Check (NOTE: Service Fee Applies)

Visit www.MealpayPlus.com or call 1-866-691-2116 to set up your free account.

CHARGING LUNCHES

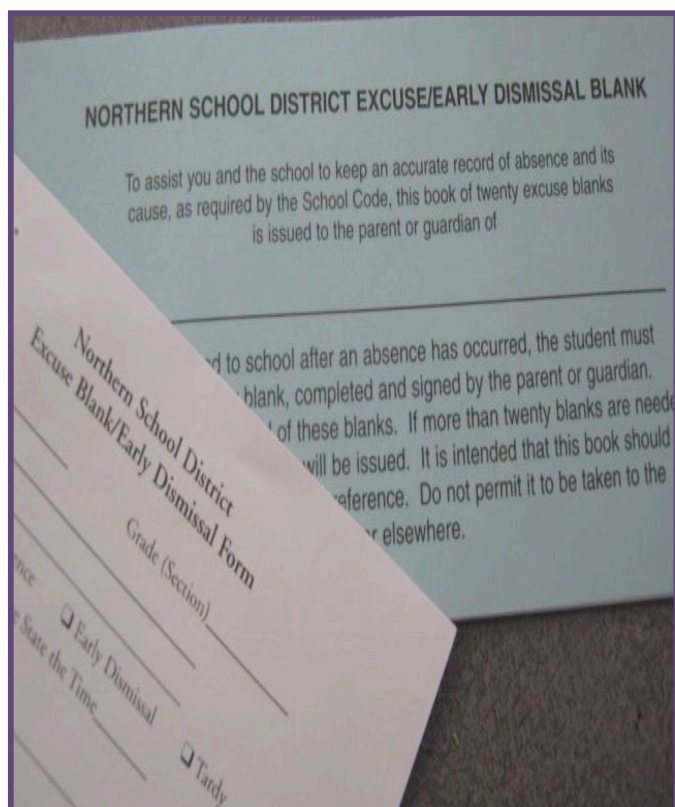
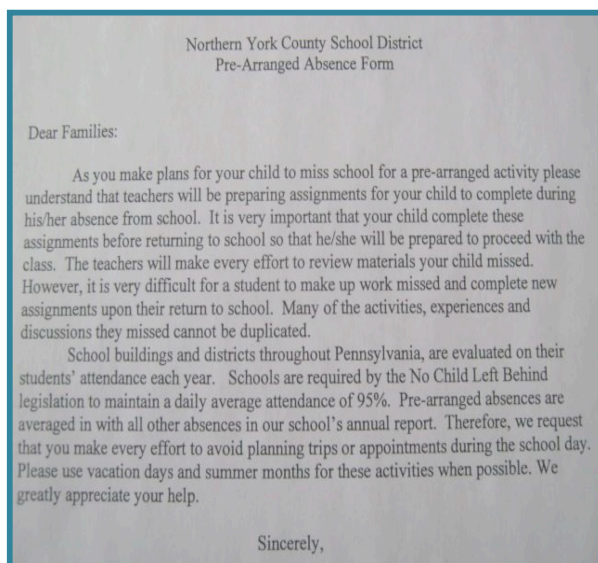
Parents are encouraged to keep all student account balances current and in good standing. If it should happen that a student does not have the funds available to pay for lunch, the student will be allowed to charge a meal and these charges will be added to the balance of the student’s account. Outstanding balance letters are sent home on a regular basis and parents are encouraged to bring all outstanding balances current promptly. Unless payment arrangements are made or paid in full, unresolved outstanding balances will be sent on for further collection procedures at the cost of the household. Please contact our Food Service Department should this occur... we are here to assist you in this process.

FREE AND REDUCED MEAL BENEFITS

Please note, Free and Reduced Meal Benefits approved from last year will expire on October 12, 2011. A new application must be submitted yearly. If you have not filed a new application for the 2011-2012 school year, we greatly encourage you to do so. Meal Benefits are available for qualified families. For more information, please visit the Food Service link located under “our District” tab at www.northernpolarbears.com or contact Scott Shedlock at 717-432-8691 x 1111. Our guidance counselor, Mrs. Kim Landauer, is also very glad to assist with this process.

Important NES Reminders Notice of Early Pick-Up

Parents, please help our Cafeteria Staff in maintaining accurate Lunch Counts. If your child will be dismissed for an appointment prior to lunch and/or if you are planning to bring lunch in for your child, **please alert the school by sending in a notice indicating early dismissal, or call ahead for lunch visit.** That way, our teachers will know not to order a lunch for your child. We greatly appreciate your help with this matter.



Notice of Absences

We thank you in advance for submitting excusal notices within three days of your child's absence. This is a State requirement and your consistency in providing this is essential and appreciated. **Please be sure to use the District Excuse Booklets to indicate absences.** If you are in need of another booklet, alert the office and we will be certain to send another one home

Change of Information

Please note: Any Change of Information regarding your child- such as: daycare, phone number, address and contact information requires the completion and submittal of a Change of Information form. This form is located on our school website or through our school office.

Notice of Food Service Menus

Please note that our Food Service Dept. has gone "Green!" Only households receiving a paper copy of building newsletters will receive a monthly menu in the same manner. For all others, menus are available on the District website (**Our District** tab), scroll down to **Food Service**. Please contact Miss Cal at NES or Mr. Scott Shedlock @ 432-8691 x 1111 with any questions.

Northern Elementary Lunch Menu		February	2010
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	
Big "Polar" Mac Baked French Fries Pineapple Tidbits *Turkey Deli on Roll	1 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Corn Asst. Fruit *Turkey Deli on Roll	2 Mac -n- Cheese Stewed Tomatoes Peas Warm Apple Slice *Turkey Deli on Roll	
Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Crackers Chilled Fruit Cheeseburger on Roll	8 American Sub w/ Lettuce and Tomato Popcorn Raspberry Sherbert *Cheeseburger on Roll	9 Ravioli Buttered Bread Tossed Salad w/ () Mixed Fruit *Cheeseburger on Roll	
Presidents Day	15 Steakum w/ Cheese Baked Waffle Fries Pears	16 Busketti Garlic Breadstick Mixed Vegetable Asst. Fruit	

PTO 2011-2012 Officers

Co-Presidents	Lori Chance	432-4712
	Lynn Rondon	432-4683
Vice-President	Tara Martin	502-0138
Secretary	Ann Hoverter	502-1248
Treasurer	Michelle Coover	432-3526

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. Northern Elementary will once again 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 re-designate 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 our school raised \$6872.96!

The money gained 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.

NES Press Fridge Friend



**NES PTO Meeting
November 9 @
6pm: South
Mountain Ele.**

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
	26 D1	27 D2	28 D3	29 D4	30 D5
	3 D6	4 D1	5 D2	6 D3	7 D4
	10 NO SCH	11 D5	12 D6	13 D1	14 NO SCH
	17 D2	18 D3	19 D4	20 D5	21 D6
	24 D1	25 D2	26 D3	27 D4	28 D5

NOVEMBER	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
	31 D6	1 D1	2 D2	3 D3	4 D4
	7 D5	8 D6	9 D1	10 D2	11 D3
	14 D4	15 D5	16 D6	17 D1	18 D2
	21 D3	22 D4	23 D5	24 NO SCH	25 NO SCH
	28 NO SCH	29 D6	30 D1		

A LOOK AHEAD... TO IMPORTANT DATES

9/28	Picture Day
9/29	Sneed Collard Orders Due
10/7	Race for Education!
10/10	NO SCHOOL- Teacher Inservice
10/12	Heritage Day- Colonial dress
10/14	NO SCHOOL
10/17	K-5 Fire Prevention Assembly
10/21	Rf/Education/ GRACE Assembly
10/24	Olweus Bully Prevention Launch
10/24	Red Ribbon Week
10/27	Sneed Collard III Assembly
10/28	Halloween Parade
10/31	Book Fair Week
11/2	Literacy Night @ 6PM
11/8	Voting Day @ NES
11/9	PTO Meeting at SME @ 6PM
11/9	Olweus Parent Mtg @ SME 7PM
11/9	Gr 1 and Gr 3 Otis Lennon Tests
11/10	Picture Retake Day
11/11	Veterans Day Assembly
11/16	Parent Visitation Day
11/23-28	No School- Holiday

Packers, please take careful note of the Peanut Allergy Letter that came home on 9/26/11. Be a friend and bypass the NUT FREE ZONE, wash your hands carefully with soap and water and alert an adult immediately if someone needs medical attention. This letter is also located on our school website.

GRACE 2011

Northern Elementary... PAPERLESS

Go **GREEN** with us!

All school newsletters, reminders, calendars, etc.
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 this site and would
like a paper copy of this newsletter, please fill in
the form below and return it to school by
October 7th.

Please send only one form per family.

Child's Name: _____

Classroom Teacher: _____