

NES Connection

Northern Elementary School News - 09/19/2021

NES IMPORTANT REMINDERS

MON: 7:30PM GR4/5 VIRTUAL Band/Orch Preview

TUES: #Belizelt & wear tropical gear

THURS: Virtual Link for Back to School Night

FRI: 12PM Dismissal for K-5, no lunch

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Miss Ayla Charles shows the courage, commitment & competence of a NYCSD Profile of a Graduate. We are fans! Check out this KDG'er's video here. Watch to the end, it's worth it! #MyStory #YourStory

#OurStory

This Week's Lunch Menu

Monday: Walking Taco

Tuesday: Chicken Quesadilla

Wednesday: Mac-n-Cheese

Thursday: French Bread Pizza

Friday: EARLY DISMISSAL, no lunch

Lunch 2 = **BBQ Rib Sandwich**

Important Dates

September 20: Race for Education labels and email confirmation slips due to NES

September 20: GR4-5 Band and Orchestra Preview Night, now a Virtual Zoom Gathering

September 21: **SPIRIT DAY** = You Better Belize It Day: wear tropical gear!

September 23: Back to School Night/Teacher Presentation Video Link to-be-shared

September 24: Early Dismissal at NOON, no lunch served.

September 28: Tentative Fire Drill

September 20: RACE4ED INFO

Northern Elementary... our biggest fundraiser is coming... and we need your help! Please see the attached flyer and get ready to hear more about what you can do to assist us in raising funds for our students!

- Attached you will find the NES Race for Education Flyer.
- Please share this flyer with families and friends via email
- Monday 9/20: Labels and/or Email confirmation slips due to NES
- Friday 10/08: Race for Education Day



We welcome you to be a part of the NES Community and in any capacity that you are able, a financial supporter.

The stands will be open for local friends and family to come cheer our NES'ers on October 8th. The concession stand will be open for visitors - this is a part of our fund raising efforts. Please note: visitors (parents, families) are not permitted on Bostic track/field. This event includes viewing, cheering, waving from the stands only.

We are grateful to our volunteers who can join us on the field that day.

<http://www.ttsu.me/raceevent>

The PTO is still seeking a Pay Pal account for online donations, however in the interim, Venmo is available.



Northern Elementary Race for Education (8).pdf

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September 20: Masks Required - District Information Below

The District is officially operating with the expectation of mask wearing by all students, staff and visitors. Families have been provided daily reminders of the process intended and administrators have reached out to individuals to assist in this process.



Any requested exemption will require **medical certification** in order to initiate the 504 process. The previous exemption form that was issued on Saturday, September 4 is no longer valid and families must use the new Section 504/IDEA Exemption Form ([Section 504/IDEA Mask Exemption Request Form](#)). This document must be received by the building principal by 09/20/21.

Information provided to families on Thursday 09/16/21:

This week Northern York transitioned to the required wearing of masks by students and staff in school. Superintendent Kirkpatrick's message last week served to inform families on the rationale for this requirement and provided the next steps for families seeking medical 504 or IDEA accommodation for their child. As noted in his communication, medical certification is a requirement for this process.

Thursday's communication serves as a reminder to our families of the mask-wearing requirement in school. Staff and students were provided with building-wide announcements reminding of the mask mandate and the opportunity to get one from the nurse/office if they forgot their mask at home.

Monday, 09/20/2021, all students will again be reminded of the mask-wearing requirement. If

your child does not have a mask, and the school has not received medical verification for the 504 process, a mask will then be provided to your child. At this point a phone call will be made home to the family to set up a required meeting.

Families in the process of acquiring the necessary medical certification for a mask exemption that need more time beyond today, 9/17/2021, must show proof of a scheduled doctor's appointment to their child's principal by Monday 09/20/2021.



NYCSD Updated Exemption Process - Message to Families.pdf

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NES BAND and ORCHESTRA INSTRUMENT INFO and RENTAL NIGHT

Monday, September 20, 2021
NOW VIRTUAL ZOOM GATHERING
7:30pm-9:00pm w/ Zoom Link

09/20/21: GR4-5 Instrument Preview =
Virtual Zoom Event

The GR 4/5 Instrument Info & Rental Night is now fully virtual with no in-person sessions. Families may join by Zoom at 6:00PM and 7:30PM sessions on 9/20/21. [Click here.](#)

September 20: GR4-5 Band and Orchestra Info/Rental Night

Families with students who are interested in joining Band or Orchestra are invited to a Instrument Info/Rental Night, held on September 20th - now held via a Virtual Zoom link.

Families interested may join at 6PM or 7:30PM, via Zoom, using this link: <https://northernnyork.org.zoom.us/j/88358081461>



September 21: #MyStory - You Better Belize It, Ms. Cal

September 21 holds a special place in my heart. It's the day my native country, Belize, got its independence from Great Britain. A native Belizean, I was born, and grew up in Belmopan, the capital of Belize, formerly British Honduras. I learned English in school, but rarely spoke proper English, instead Kriol, a native dialect.



Prior to Independence Day 9/21/1981, Belize celebrated September 10th, St. George's Caye Day. As an elementary student, I would take an empty glass coke bottle (yes, they trusted us with a glass bottle) and an empty paper bag to school. On the last school day prior to 9/10, we left with a full Coca-cola or Fanta product and a bag of goodies, along with a flag to wave at September 10th celebrations. Every child in the country experienced something similar to this.

My memories of "Septemba 10th" are grand, but nothing compares to the memory of Independence Day. On this day, the entire country took to the streets to celebrate. My 9 year old self danced along side 92 year olds, waving our new flag; recognizing, but not fully understanding the magnitude of this day.

Tradition and heritage are precious. Our story, and each of us has our own, is precious. On this day, I encourage students to tell their story, their traditions, their sparks and interests. The story of home, family, pride in country and the privilege and pride we have as Americans. I am proud to be an American. I am proud of my heritage. I tell this story, because I welcome yours. My Story + Your Story = Our Story.

On 9/21/21: Your child will hear facts about Belize in the Sunshine Café. You better #Belizelt serves to share with students the life, love and legacy we carry inside.

Fact or Fib?

- Cow foot soup is a Belizean delicacy.
- Belize is an island.
- The national animal of Belize is the Tapir (and what animal is that anyway?!)

Interested in sharing your family or your child's story? Reach out to jcal@northernnyork.org. We learn, grow and lead with you. If you've not yet seen the #MyStory clip of Miss Ayla Charles. Check out the Student Spotlight above.

September 23: Back To School Night / Teacher Presentation Night, Virtual Event

In an effort to better accommodate all our families, our Back to School Night, slated for Thursday 9/16/21 has been moved to a virtual event, with the release of a virtual link on 9/23/21.

This event will be a pre-recorded virtual opportunity for families to view a screencast, presented by the classroom teacher, providing specifics on the classroom, curriculum and other important facets of the year. This will additionally afford families the flexibility of reviewing this information at their convenience, as the video will be available following this evening.

Please do not report to your school for this event. You can anticipate a communication by 4PM on 9/23/21, providing the link for the classroom teacher's virtual (pre-recorded) presentation.

We thank you kindly for your continued partnership and look forward to our year ahead.

Family Resource: Polar Cares

Polar Cares is a clothing closet to be used by NYCS D families. Polar Cares is organized and kept up by the Kiwanis Club of Dillsburg and members of the NYCS D staff. There is clothing and shoes for infants through adults, along with underwear and socks in the closet. We also have a toiletries closet and cleaning supplies as well.

There are 3 ways families can visit the Polar Cares Closet.

1. Make an appointment through the polar cares email donatepolarcares@gmail.com
2. Contact Mrs. Surubaru, psurubaru@northernnyork.org -school counselor, for an appointment.
3. Visit via the monthly Polar Cares events that will begin in October.

Sapphire Parent/Community Portal Information

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

Quick Links and Important Forms for You

The quick links below provide a direct link to the documents you may need. Please see the files related to the quick links, posted below for your convenience.

1. **Wish to see our NES Procedures and Routines in one location?** Check out our [NES Informational Smore](#) here.
2. **Wish to see your child's report card and other important documents?** Create and sign into the [Sapphire Parent Community Portal Account](#). This is different than the account used for registration.
3. **Wish for your child to have access to his/her school device?** Verify the [required NYCSD forms](#) after creating or signing into your account.
4. **Wish to pick up your via our Car Rider line?** Sign up for a [Car Rider Tag](#) which permits you to pick your student up at the end of the day. Please see the important drop off and pick up procedures below.
5. **Wish to assist our teachers and students as a volunteer this year?** Fill out the [volunteer](#) form and complete the required clearances.
6. **Wish to plan lunch for your student?** Check out the [Food Service](#) menus and information.
7. **Wish to [stay connected](#) with NES?** We tweet daily!



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NYCSD Approved 21-22 School Calendar.pdf

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Medication Reminders

Medication Reminder to Parents

Student medications may not travel to/from school with students. If your child has a medication that must be dispensed at school, please communicate this to the school nurse NESnurse@northernYork.org and deliver this item to the school between the hours of 8:30AM-4:00PM.

Families may visit the [District Health webpage](#) to review the medication policy and to obtain the medication order request forms that must be signed by a physician. Families who need this information printed for them should contact the school office to make this request: NESOffice@northernYork.org

Reach out to Mrs. Krammer, school nurse, with any questions at 717-432-8691 ext. 1502.



2021-22 Kindness Calendar.pdf

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Check out our Northern Elementary PTO
FB Family

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
nespto1@gmail.com
FB Northern Elementary PTO

NES PTO Board 2021-2022

We are so pleased to announce our 2021 PTO Board:

Co-President: Erin Stein erin.stein@yahoo.com

Co-President: Lydia Flinner lflinner815@gmail.com and

Vice President: Tanja Worrall tmworrall86@gmail.com

Secretary: Amy Harlacher amy.n.harlacher@gmail.com

Treasurer: Kiely Holcomb kiely23@hotmail.com

Interested in supporting the PTO in some capacity? Reach out to our members at nespto1@gmail.com.

PTO Tuesday Meetings

We invite you to attend our PTO Tuesday Meetings, held in our **NES Library** from **7PM-8PM** on the following evenings:

- November 2, 2021
- January 4, 2022
- March 8, 2022
- May 2, 2022

This is a fantastic opportunity to offer ideas, partner further, and add to our NES Community. Unable to attend? Our PTO Meeting notes are attached below. We look forward to collaborating with you this year!



NES PTO Minutes - Sept 7, 2021.pdf

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Help Us Raise Funds As You Shop!

Our PTO collaborates to gain funds from your regular shopping! This does not impact your account in any way.

- **Box Tops Rewards** earns cash for our school. This program has moved to a mobile application. Download the app by [clicking here](#).
- **Amazon School Rewards Program** earns cash for our school via Amazon Smile. Use [this NES link](#) to make your purchases on Amazon, with no impact to your account. Amazon rewards our school with funds.



Box Tops Family Letter.pdf

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Box Tops How-To.pdf

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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!



Weis Club Card Helps NES.pdf

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Seeking Volunteers: Junior Achievement

Northern Elementary partners with Junior Achievement, a worldwide nonprofit organization that presents important life skills through hands-on educational lessons focusing on financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and work readiness. [Click here to review the programs available.](#)

Caring adults (like you) are asked to volunteer to share the JA program with students in the classroom. Our goal is to inspire young people to value our free enterprise system and to improve their quality of life through their understanding of financial literacy.

As a classroom volunteer, you will discover the benefits of having a direct impact on local education and the fun of sharing your life experiences with a classroom full of students.

Interested in volunteering? See the attachment below or [click here](#) to sign up. Don't forget to list Northern Elementary School as your school of interest and be sure to complete the [NYCSD volunteer requirements.](#)



Junior Achievement FAQ Document.pdf

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Junior Achievement Electronic Sign-Up Form.pdf

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Important 2021-2022 School Information

Visit our School Website to stay connected.

NES Connection Opportunities

Ways to Stay Connected

Website: Our website at www.northernpolarbears.com/nes 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!



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