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*"Real generosity toward the future involves giving all to the present."
- Albert Camus*

A Message from Miss Cal

As we enter the 4th marking period of 2010-2011, our thoughts project to the approaching 2011 school year and reflection on the 2010 year, now nearing its end. This year our staff and students placed heavy emphasis on the introduction and development of literacy stations within a balanced literacy approach. This focus will continue into the new school year as we work to build classroom libraries that permit engaging opportunities for authentic reading and writing engagement and provide for stronger and more consistent best practice in Guided and Independent reading blocks. Our staff has worked diligently to enhance best practice within instruction and devoted time and planning to the development of intervention within both classroom and Go Block, grade level sessions devoted to intervention and enrichment based on data driven decisions. Our May Act 80 Day will provide for focused planning as we work to enhance and deepen these best practices.



Stay in Touch with E News!

Wish to know when a newsletter is posted to our website? Interested in getting an email reminder of school events at home or at work? One of the most efficient ways for our school to communicate new information directly to your email is through ENews. You can sign up for this by going directly to the District Web Site @ www.northernpolarbears.com/ Click on E-NEWS SIGNUP listed on the left side of the page. There, you will have the opportunity to choose from a variety of options... be certain to choose Northern Elementary. We will be utilizing this service to keep you aware of new items posted to our website, important building events and summer happenings!

Save the Date!

ELE. CONCERT

May 17, 2011

Location: HIGH SCH
Auditorium

Please join us @ 7PM
for our Spring Choral
Concert!

BOOK FAIR

May 19-25, 2011

Location: NES Science
Lab

Please look for class
schedule to come
home soon!

DONUTS W/ DAD

June 3, 2011

Location: NES Café

Names beginning with
A-M: 8:00-8:20
N-Z: 8:20-8:40

WE LOVE OUR PTO!

Baltimore Aquarium Assembly



Northern Elementary gathered in February to welcome the Baltimore Aquarium. A school-wide assembly sharing the intrigue and incidentals of SHARKS captured our attention and set the stage for a fascinating day. Classrooms visited the gymnasium to explore creatures of the water and parent volunteers manned individual stations that provided up close and personal investigation of various creature features. The hermit and horseshoe crab station was by far the most popular and yet, students came away with a greater appreciation of the incredible nature of NATURE!



READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY...

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!



Thing One: Mrs. Chance (PTO President), Cat in the Hat, Mr. Sauer (Administrative Intern), Thing Two: Miss Cal

Dr. Seuss classroom activities were enhanced by a few extra touches to make this a special day! Our PTO provided crooked hat journals to every boy and girl, adorned with a commemorative class photo taken with the Trio above. Crooked hat cookies and Dr. Seuss movies turned our NES café into a Seussdom of Celebration. We wish to thank our PTO volunteers for taking the time to make this such a wonderful event for all.

THE WONDER OF ALICE

Our Northern community was once again WOWed by the talent of a brilliant cast in this year's production of Alice in Wonderland! **Allison Brosius (Queen of Hearts), Kari Henry and Katie Luft** shone as part of this fantastic ensemble of actors! Our **Art Enrichment Club** under the direction of **Miss Bachman** created the incredible stage for Wonderland. We are so proud of our sensational students!

We had one fine day at
the Polar Bear pad,
Celebrating the birthday
of one rhyming lad!

Dr. Seuss is his name
Known best for his
rhyming game...

He taught us that words,
can be fun, fun, fun!
When we make our
imaginations, simply
run, run, run!

Our Northern cubs read,
wrote and spoke...
words from the books of
this inspiring bloke.

Thing One and Thing
Two appeared for the
day
With the Cat in the Hat,
who had lots to say!

"Read boys and Girls.
Take a walk in the Zoo!
Spend time with the
Grinch and have a
cookie or two!"

Until next year, Happy
Birthday to you...
Happy, Happy, Happy
Birthday to YOU!

NEWS SPOTLIGHT

5th Grade Students Shine in Local Writing Contest

Alex Fishel, Sam Brandt, Jessica Gilbert and Olivia Whary

participated in the GFWC Dillsburg Woman's Club Short Story and Poetry Contest held earlier this year. Sam Brandt and Alex Fishel were among the Division 2 winners from Grades 4-6, honored on March 8th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

We are extremely proud of our four student participants and wish to congratulate Alex and Sam on their superb accomplishment!



GIANT A+ REWARDS PROGRAM

Our Giant A+ program has ended for the 2010-2011 school year. The total funds raised, were \$6837.28 based on 390 bonus-cards registered! This is a significant increase from last year's \$4830.35 raised with 266 registered cards. Our September launch, spear headed by Mrs. Michelle Coover, used an Apple Contest to encourage students to bring in registered Giant card numbers. The students (at each grade level) who brought in the most Giant card numbers earned a free pass to the Corn Maze at Paul Orchards. As you can see by our Orchard winner photo, we had several student winners at various grades. We thank you greatly for your continued support of our PTO, our school, and our student body and we look forward to your Giant support in the 2011-2012 school year!



1st GRADE students in Mrs. Fleming's class celebrate the successful completion of this year's JUMP ROPE for HEART-A-THON!

1st GRADE students enjoy a doggy dog day with our very own trained "MUDGE." 1st Grader, Alyssa McKay practices the "stay" signal in class!



SCIENCE FAIR

Northern Elementary had over 50 projects displayed at this year's Science Fair event! Students in Grades 2-5 had the opportunity to explore their creative genius based on curricular focus or personal interests. The projects displayed were not only diverse, but also incredibly well crafted and researched.

A few students were nominated at each grade level to represent NES at the Focus on Schools Board presentation this month. We wish to thank these students for permitting us to highlight their projects:

Hope Gilbert & Meagan Terlep- Grade 5
Tanner Martin- Grade 4
Anthony Vasco- Grade 3
Abigail Fetro- Grade 2
Caleb Zeger- Grade 2
Mrs. Clendaniel's Kindergarten Class



SPECIAL OLYMPICS!

BOY, are we incredibly proud of our student participants in this year's Special Olympics! Not only did these students diligently train for specific meets, but they also focused on team spirit, collegiality, and good sportsmanship. Under the enthusiastic guidance of Miss Racine and Mrs. Bobby, students worked on specific events, engaged in training exercises and readied themselves for this wonderfully FUN day! We wish to **congratulate** our student participants, we are so PROUD of your hard work! WAY TO GO NORTHERN!



York Revolution & Boomer's Book Club

Northern Elementary welcomed the York Revolution and their lively mascot, Boomer, as they launched the school wide spring reading initiative. Students have the opportunity to prizes for each book read, noted upon their Boomer Bookmarks. Upon completion of the 4th book, students earn a free Revolution game ticket to attend one of three designated game dates.



To celebrate this school wide love for reading and commend our students for working so hard on the recent PSSAs, students in Grades 3-5 were invited to change the lyrics of a favorite song by writing new lyrics that would focus on one of those two themes. Our students knocked it out of the park with their creativity and humor! Please visit our Northern Website- VIDEOS to view the video highlighting these brave singers!

NORTHERN NIGHT AT YORK REVOLUTION GAME...

In an effort to unite our student body and make student earned baseball tickets more fun, **JUNE 6th** has been designated as Northern Elementary Night at Revolution Game. A section of seats have been designated for NES families who choose to redeem a student ticket that evening. Please note, students who have not earned a ticket are still welcome, with a purchased ticket. Families are also welcome and tickets can be purchased at the game. A memo with specific information was sent home this week and it may also be found on the EVENTS page of our website. Please wear **PURPLE** if you decide to attend on this evening!

MAY 25TH ...

HOMERUN DAY AT NES!

STAFF AND STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO DON THEIR FAVORITE BASEBALL TEAM COLORS OR TEAM JERSEY/HAT TO CELEBRATE THE CULMINATION OF OUR YORK REVOLUTION READING INITIATIVE, THE NEARING END OF A WINNING SCHOOL YEAR AND THE GLORY DAYS OF SUMMER WEATHER. OUR DISTRICT FOOD SERVICE HAS KINDLY WORKED CLOSELY WITH US TO OFFER A BASEBALL THEMED LUNCH OF HOTDOGS OR CHEESEBURGERS, CORN ON COB, AND ICE CREAM! STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN BOOK AND BASEBALL TRIVIA DURING THE LUNCH PERIOD THAT DAY AND OF COURSE THIS WOULD NOT BE COMPLETE WITHOUT BACKGROUND MUSIC RALLYING OUR STUDENTS TO MAKE THE MOST OF THEIR LAST TWO WEEKS OF SCHOOL.

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PTO Meeting
May 10th @ 7pm
NES Library

MAY	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
	9 D2	10 D3	11 D4	12 D5	13 D6
	16 D1	17 D2	18 D3	19 D4	20 D5
	23 D6	24 D1	25 D2	26 D3	27 D4
	30 NO SCH	31 D5			

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY 9-13 Reading Benchmark Week
 MAY 10 PTO Meeting @ 7PM
 MAY 10-17 Fourth Grade Swimming
 MAY 16 Ag Van- 4th Grade
 MAY 14 Polar Bear Gala
 MAY 16-20 Math Benchmark Week
 MAY 18 5th Grade Visit to Middle School
 MAY 19-25 Spring Book Fair
 MAY 23 3RD Grade Economics Fair
 MAY 25 Baseball Gear Day!
 MAY 27 Field Day
 MAY 31 Artist in Residence
 JUNE 3 Donuts for Dad
 JUNE 7 5th Grade Farewell
 JUNE 8 Last Day of School

JUNE	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
			1 D6	2 D1	3 D2
	6 D3	7 D4	8 D5	8 th : Early Dismissal	



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