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# Polar Press

"Well, if there's a light in everybody... send out your ray of sunshine." -Jason Mraz

## NORTHERN GENEROSITY 2010

BE LOVE... SPREAD YOUR SUNSHINE...

With a personal 2009-2010 theme of Gratitude, 2010-2011 is the year of Generosity at Northern Elementary! As such, our Northern family has been challenged to answer this question: "How can we use our time and our talents to make our local and global community a better place?" To date, responses have come in the form of several generous events.

Our kindergarten teachers and students have gathered gently used coats in a, "Got Generosity" campaign. Over 100 coats were collected in an effort to provide warmth to those in need this winter season! In November, our Literacy Night - "Heroes!" encouraged families to donate a children's book in the effort to restock the Library at Filey's Daycare. This local preschool suffered from a fire earlier this Fall Season and benefitted greatly from all the lovely donations!

The overarching theme of Generosity works to integrate building events and the pillars of our Character Counts program. Our goal is to make these school experiences meaningful and pertinent for our students. They will have the opportunity to reflect further and participate in this very important focus of, "It's better to give than receive." Our responsibility for others comes in many forms- a smile, a lending hand, sage advice, and the desire to make our light shine for others.

### Save the Date:

#### Holiday Extravaganza

##### Dec 7<sup>th</sup> - Cafeteria

Join us for an evening of family, literacy, and holiday fun!

6:00-8:00 PM in the  
NES Cafeteria

#### Elementary Concert

##### Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> - HS Aud.

Join us for a combined Band, String and Choral Concert!

7PM in the HS  
Auditorium

#### Jan- PTO Meeting

##### Jan 11<sup>th</sup> - Library

Join us for our first PTO meeting of 2011- lots to share!

7PM in the NES  
Library

## GENEROSITY PROJECTS

### November:

Northern elementary  
adopts a small platoon!

### December:

Students gather items  
for first package  
shipment

Giving tree collects  
books for Belize

Rays of sunshine fuel  
winter warmth (hat,  
mitten, scarf tree)

Please stay tuned for  
further details!

# NPS Salutes Local HEROES

Students gathered on Veterans Day for a school wide assembly to honor local veterans in our Northern Family. This was the first, of what will be a yearly tradition, of paying tribute to those who have served our country with courage, pride and personal sacrifice. Through an informal survey of our student body, it was evident that many students did not know the meaning of the word, Veteran.

Nor did they fully understand the significance of Veterans Day. As part of the Generosity Campaign, our mission is to inform our students of the numerous acts of generosity done on their behalf... both in the past



**Our Northern Veterans, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Healy, Mrs. Vasco, Mr. Chester Gordon, Mr. Merovich and Mr. Crager stand alongside our Northern Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies and Daisies.**

and present. This knowledge is necessary for to link from present to future. Veterans Day reminds us of our fellow Americans who have and continue to pave the road of freedom. With knowledge comes power... the power to empower others.

Local Cub Scouts, Brownies, Daisy's, and Girl Scouts dressed in uniform to memorialize the service of Veterans by leading the school



in our Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Second Grade performance of "I'm Proud to be an American." Students learned more about Veterans Day, the 5 branches of the Armed Forces, and the Character Counts Pillar of Respect. This tied directly to the building theme of Generosity and our school adoption of a platoon. Third grade students **shared letters** written to soldiers and the assembly culminated with a school choral sing-along of, "God Bless America." Our Veteran Heroes were presented with an American Flag and lined the exit to receive salutes and friendly waves from our school body. We were honored by their presence and thankful for their dedication to us and our country. Students continued the celebration

with patriotic music at lunch and **red, white and blue pops** and patriotic tattoos at recess! [Visit school website to view the videos and pictures from this day of honor and celebration: Northern Elementary- Our School- School Events- Veterans Day](#)



# RACE FOR EDUCATION

Despite an early Race Date, our Northern Elementary students rallied to raise over \$17,000 in our **RACE FOR EDUCATION** Fundraiser. With incredible support from the PTO, staff and sponsors, the day was a wonderful success. Students raced around the soccer field cheered on by the high school cheerleaders, parents and the Northern Polar Bear! Tattoos, treats, and loads of laughs completed this fun day.

To celebrate their numerous accomplishments, students took a walking field trip to the Middle School Auditorium for the Race for Education Assembly Celebration. The 2010 Teacher Troop consisting of Mrs. Bobby, Miss Cal, Miss Chen (student teacher), Mrs. Gayman, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Klugh, Mrs. O'Brien, Miss Repetto and Mrs. Shaffer, donned hearts and danced to the Sugarland tune, "Stuck Like Glue." Miss Cal integrated her solo, "Imagine " into the building launch of the year's theme, Generosity, challenging students to shine their light on others.

Mrs. Chance, PTO Co-President and Mr. Muller, Race Chairperson, honored students in a



celebration of work well done! Prize winners were revealed including a Limo Lunch to Subway (winners pictured below) and a Wear Your PJ's to School Day!

As always we greatly appreciate the generous donations from our families and friends, the dedicated partnership and hard work of our Parent Teacher Organization, the kind donations from Dillsburg Subway (provided luncheon for Race Volunteers and Staff), the support of District Facilities (Middle School and High School), the Polar Bear Cheer Team and the enthusiastic spirit of our students and staff! The funds raised will be allotted to numerous instructional and enriching experiences for our students. Please visit the Northern Elementary Website to view Race Day and Assembly Videos!

# Staff Spotlight!

## Shippensburg University School Study Council- Outstanding Teacher



Miss Racine with Superintendent: Dr. Lemmon,  
Director of Special Education: Mrs. Thomas,  
Principal: Miss Cal, Dr. Small: School Study  
Council.

Miss Barb Racine was honored as one of the Outstanding Teachers via the Shippensburg University School Study Council. One of 33 teachers from South Central Pennsylvania honored at the annual banquet, Miss Racine was recognized for her innovative approach to working with her students at Northern Elementary. Her dedication and vested interest in their success remains evident in all she does. We are proud to have Miss Racine as a part of our NES Faculty!

### EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS

It is that time of year that we need to begin thinking about inclement weather. Below is a list of local radio and television stations that announce our districts delays, cancellations or early dismissals.

WHP-TV (CBS 21), WHTM-TV (ABC 27), WGAL-TV (NBC 8), WPMT-TV (FOX 43), WSBA (AM 910), WARM (FM 103.3),

WHP (AM 580), WGTY (FM 107.7), WGET (AM 1320), WRKZ (FM 102.3), WNNK (FM 104.1), 98 YCR (FM 98) AND WHVR(AM 1280)

Our district will also be sending out messages via Connect Ed.

### SCHOOL CLOSINGS

#### Early Dismissal

December 23 @ 12:00 PM  
(AM Kindergarten dismisses @ 9:45 AM, Extended Day @ 12)

#### No School

December 24 -January 02, 2011  
January 17, 2011

# PTO SPONSORED EVENTS... GET INVOLVED... JOIN THE FUN!

## **CAMPBELL'S SOUP... LABELS FOR EDUCATION CONTEST**

Students will be bringing home a packet providing an overview of the Labels for Education Collection Drive this month. Students may return as many point labels as possible (collection sheet will be included). The class with the highest returning points will win an extra time at recess. Contest runs from December 6-December 17. Start cutting and collecting!!

## **Books for Belize**

This year's book drive is in partnership with Kristin Pedemonti to benefit children in Belize. Ms. Pedemonti founded Literacy Outreach Belize and regularly visits Belize and travels to different villages and schools where she donates storytelling and story writing programs and provides training to teachers. Kristin gets the children involved in the storytelling using simple costumes and dialogue. Here in the U.S. Kristin performs at storytelling festivals, libraries, special events and schools. She recently participated here at Northern Elementary in the storytelling night for students in the Title I reading program and their families.

Your child brought home a list of books that Kristin uses for her programs in Belize. If you would like to donate, please select one new book from the list or a selection of your own to bring along to the Extravaganza. Every family that donates will have their name entered in a drawing for a prize. If you are unable to attend Tuesday evening but would still like to donate, we will be collecting books during that week and they can be sent to school with your child. Kristin will be going to Belize this coming January and will take the books with her. She will then come back to the school in the spring to share stories and pictures of her trip with our students. This is a great way for the children to see the "payoff" of their GENEROSITY. If you would like more information about what Kristin does you can visit her website at [www.storytellerkp.com](http://www.storytellerkp.com)

## **Holiday Extravaganza...**

Join us on Tuesday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-8PM for an evening filled with fun for the whole family! Enjoy cookies and milk, crafts and games, door prizes and raffles... and even a visit with Santa! The Holiday Shoppe will be open, and a selection of Scholastic books will be available for sale as well!



# Polar Press Fridge Friend

	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
DECEMBER			1 D6	2 D1	3 D2
DECEMBER	6 D3	7 D4	8 D5	9 D6	10 D1
	13 D2	14 D3	15 D4	16 D5	17 D6
	20 D1	21 D2	22 D3	23 D4	24 NO SCH
	HOLIDAY BREAK DEC 24 - JAN 2, 2011				

**PTO**  
**Meeting-**  
**January 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**@ 7PM in**  
**NES Library!**

**We hope to**  
**see you that**  
**evening!**

	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
JANUARY	3 D5	4 D6	5 D1	6 D2	7 D3
JANUARY	10 D4	11 D5	12 D6	13 D1	14 D2
JANUARY	17 NO SCH	18 D3	19 D4	20 D5	21 D6
JANUARY	24 D1	25 D2	26 D3	27 D4	28 D5
JANUARY	31 D6				

## IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 7- 9 Holiday Shoppe  
 Dec 7: 6-8PM Holiday Extravaganza  
 Dec 21: 7PM Holiday Concert @ High School  
 Dec 23: Early Dismissal @ Noon  
 Dec 24-Jan 2: BREAK  
 Jan 11: 7PM PTO Meeting  
 Jan 17: No School  
 Jan 24: Souper Bowl Canned Drive  
 Jan 28: Report Cards Home

	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
FEBRUARY		1 D1	2 D2	3 D3	4 D4
FEBRUARY	7 D5	8 D6	9 D1	10 D2	11 D3

