

# NES Connection

Northern Elementary Sunday News - 11/14/2021

## This Week's Lunch Menu

Monday: American Sub

Tuesday: Italian Chicken Griller

Wednesday: Spaghetti w/ Meatballs

Thursday: Holiday Meal: Roast Turkey

Friday: Mickey's Garlic Pizza

Lunch 2 = Chicken Patty on Roll



NES November Lunch Menu 2021.pdf

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## Important Dates

11/15: Monday is a Cycle Day 4

11/15-11/19: SPIRIT WEEK American Education: Spirit Days below

11/15: We Rise: Wear purple and white

11/16: We Learn: Wear Crazy Hair

11/17: We Grow: Wear Crazy Hat and Socks

11/18: We Lead: Dress as a School Staff

11/19: We Care: Wear your Fav Team Gear

11/15 and 11/18: Parent Teacher Conference Night; **masks required for in-person conferences.**

**11/24-11/29: NO SCHOOL-** Thanksgiving Holiday Break

11/30: School Resumes; Cycle Day 5

SAVE THE DATE = 12/10: NES PTO Family Holiday Movie Night (see below)

## NES PTO Holiday Movie Night

### WHEN

Friday, Dec. 10th, 6pm

### WHERE

107 South Baltimore Street  
Franklinton, PA

### MORE INFORMATION

Date: Friday 12/10/21

Location: Franklinton Fire Dept Fire Hall

Event: Holiday Movie Night: The Muppet Christmas Carol

Time: Doors open at 5:30PM; Movie begins at 6:00PM

- \$2 per person (over 5 years of age)
- Bring your own blanket
- Holiday Shoppe Open
- Snacks available for purchase

All proceeds benefit NES Students via the NES PTO



### 2021-22 Kindness Calendar.pdf

Random Acts of Kindness serves as our Classroom Family Meeting focus at school. Check out the great ideas for spreading sunshine, here!

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## 11/15, 11/18: PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES, Masks required

Parent-Teacher Conferences take place this week. Families have been given the option of in-person conferences with masks, or virtual conferences.

Upon entry, Ms. Cal will greet families and direct to classrooms. Individual's who may need a mask will be provided one.

- **REMINDER: ALL In-person conferences require attendees to wear a mask for the duration of the time in the school building. We are grateful for your partnership on these evenings.**
- Families who wish to forgo mask requirements, please request a virtual conference with your child's teacher.



[Click Here to Sign Up: 11/18 NES Staff Luncheon](#)

The PTO will host a staff Soup and Bread Luncheon on 11/18 for American Education Week. Able to contribute? Sign up by clicking on this button.

## Veteran's Parade, Joyful

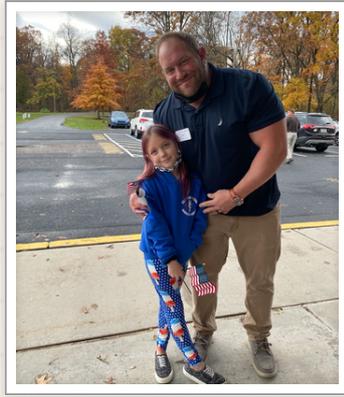
We are so appreciative of the many Veterans in our NES Family. Several Veterans were able to join us on Friday for our brief indoor parade. Students lined the hallways to salute, wave, cheer and share sweet thank you's to these honorable men and women. Student hosts escorted our Veterans and a host of MS and HS Band members greeted our Veterans with enthusiasm.

Mr. Elliott's MS History Class served as military branch pacers, presenting sidewalk salutations. Adisynn Miller's Heritage Girl Troop made and posted signs of joy and respect, and the Johnsen Family of Sign Gypsies York/Carlisle posted beautiful Veteran signs for photos. Our PTO provided patriotic pens and Mrs. Silbaugh shared US flags for our students to wave

What a joyful time, albeit brief, celebrating the men and women who continue to inspire us!

Veteran's Video to come!





  
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## NES needs your feedback: Please click on survey below.

We are seeking the feedback of all parents/guardians as we gear up for Strategic Planning at NES and NYCS. Please take the survey linked below, to provide our school and district with important feedback. Your input is vital and valued. Thank you so much for supporting us in this way.

[CLICK HERE: Survey Family Feedback/Strategic Planning](#)

Have a few moments to help NES grow? Consider sending us anonymous feedback that will aid in strengthening our approach. Highlight ideas that allow us to grow, spotlight areas you are pleased with, offer insight on ways we can improve.

# AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK 2021

# November 15-19



#aew2021 | [www.nea.org/aew](http://www.nea.org/aew)



## 11/15 - 11/19: AMERICAN EDUCATION SPIRIT WEEK PROMPTS

We are hosting several writing prompts for students to write in school or at home:

If your child writes /draws to one of these prompts at home, send it to [jcal@northernnyork.org](mailto:jcal@northernnyork.org) or to your classroom teacher to be spotlighted next week in school.

- What I like best about my school.
- What I would do if I were teacher for the day.
- Tell about an educator, staff member, bus driver, etc. who has inspired you.
- What I would do if I were principal for the day.
- Tell how your NES Community cares for you.

# WE'RE ALL IN FOR AMERICAN ED WEEK

at Northern Elementary School

Monday 11/15/21	Tuesday 11/16/21	Wednesday 11/17/21	Thursday 11/18/21	Friday 11/19/21
<b>WE RISE</b>	<b>WE LEARN</b>	<b>WE GROW</b>	<b>WE LEAD</b>	<b>WE CARE</b>
				
SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY: WEAR PURPLE AND WHITE	CRAZY HAIR DAY: LET YOUR INNER WACKY OUT	CRAZY HAT AND SOCKS DAY: MIX IT UP	SCHOOL ADULT FOR THE DAY: DRESS AS A SCHOOL STAFF	NES TEAM DAY: WEAR YOUR FAVORITE TEAM GEAR
THE HOME TO SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP ELEVATES AND STRENGTHENS OUR WORK AT SCHOOL	OUR SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS KEEP CONSISTENCY FOR LEARNING	OUR SUPPORT STAFF SUSTAIN OUR GROWTH WITH ENERGY AND FLEXIBILITY	OUR TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS SERVE TO LEAD WITH STUDENTS, FAMS, COMMUNITY	OUR SCHOOLS STEPS TO BE A CARING COMMUNITY FOCUSED ON PROFILE OF A GRADUATE TENETS
<b>FAMILY CHALLENGE:</b> FAMILY SUPPORTS PROMPT: WHAT I LIKE BEST ABOUT MY SCHOOL.	<b>FAMILY CHALLENGE:</b> SUBSTITUTE EDUCATORS PROMPT: WHAT I WOULD DO IF I WERE A TEACHER FOR THE DAY.	<b>FAMILY CHALLENGE:</b> ED. SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS PROMPT: TELL ABOUT A SCHOOL STAFF WHO HAS INSPIRED YOU.	<b>FAMILY CHALLENGE:</b> EDUCATORS IN THE SCHOOL PROMPT: WHAT WOULD I DO IF I WERE THE PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY?	<b>FAMILY CHALLENGE:</b> NES COMMUNITY PROMPT: TELL HOW THE NES COMMUNITY CARES FOR YOU
TWEET YOUR SENTIMENTS, PHOTOS @NESPOLARBears OR EMAIL YOUR SENTIMENTS, PHOTOS TO JCAL				

## 11/18: Children's Grief Awareness Day

**Children's Grief Awareness Day** will be a virtual experience for families wishing to participate. Highmark Caring Place will present a full day packed with stories of hope and inspiration, child- and family-friendly activities, opportunities to remember loved ones, and special guest speakers like Dr. Edith Eva Eger, Josh & Gab, Mollie Landman Huncker, Tracy Subisak, Kartine Philp, FRZY, and so much more.



Watch LIVE on their [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#) channels and/or Children's Grief Awareness Day's [Facebook](#) page on **Thursday, November 18th** – new videos will be released every hour from 8AM-9PM!

## 2021 VIRTUAL CHILDREN'S GRIEF AWARENESS DAY SCHEDULE

- 8AM** Empowering Children to Feel Safe to Say "I'm Not OK" – *Children's Grief Awareness Day Kick-Off* (Terese LaVallee, Sally Wiggin, Merrill Hoge, Neil Walker & Vicki Jay)
- 9AM** It's OK to Remember – *"If I Could Turn Back Time" Activity* (Valerie's House - Fort Myers, Naples, & Punta Gorda, FL)
- 10AM** It's OK to Ride the Grief Wave – *Preschool/Elementary Block: Presentation* (Josh & Gab - Pittsburgh, PA) & *"Ride the Wave" Activity* (Highmark Caring Place - Pittsburgh, PA)
- 11AM** It's OK to Show Your Feelings – *Middle/High School Block:*  
11AM – *Presentation* (Mollie Landman Hunker - Grove City, PA)  
11:30AM – *"Feelings Mask" Activity* (Brighter Days Grief Center - Eden Prairie, MN)
- 12PM** It's OK to Grow – *"Companion Planting" Activity* (AgWorks Program - Harrisburg, PA)
- 1PM** It's OK to Be Sad – *Author Interview & Activity* featuring the author of *Jenny Mei Is Sad* (Tracy Subisak - Portland, OR)
- 2PM** "It's OK to Not Be OK" – *Grief Talks Webinar* (Highmark Caring Place)
- 3PM** It's OK to Tell Your Story – *A Conversation About Grief* with Holocaust Survivor & Author Dr. Edith Eva Eger (La Jolla, California)
- 4PM** It's OK to Grieve Together – *"When Someone Dies: Activity Cards for Young Children"* (National Alliance for Children's Grief - Lubbock, TX)
- 5PM** It's OK to Dance – *"It's a Beautiful Day" Mister Rogers' Tribute* featuring recording artist FRZY (Pittsburgh, PA)
- 6PM** It's OK to Express Yourself – Activities include:  
6PM – *"Scream Boxes" Activity* (The Irish Childhood Bereavement Network - Dublin, IE)  
6:15PM – *"Response" Activity* (Roberta's House - Baltimore, MD)  
6:30PM – *"Memory Stones" Activity* (Trying Together - Pittsburgh, PA)  
6:45PM – *Various Grief Activities* (ACH Clear Pathways- Pittsburgh, PA)
- 7PM** It's OK to Share Your Grief – *MTV's Beautiful Something Left Behind Panel Discussion* (Director Katrine Philp, Producer Katrine Sahlstrøm, and members of the cast - Copenhagen, DK & Robbinsville, NJ)
- 8PM** It's OK to Keep the Memory of Our Loved Ones Alive – *"Time of Remembrance"* featuring:  
• 2021 Illuminating Hope Mosaic Mural reveal  
• Moment of Remembrance  
• "Hope" artwork creation & reveal by "Paints by Kait" - Seattle, WA
- 9PM** *"Thank You for Supporting Us" – a message from grieving children, families, and organizations who support grieving children from around the world*

MORE UPDATES:   

[www.childrensgriefawarenessday.org](http://www.childrensgriefawarenessday.org)

## Race for Education: THANK YOU!

Our NES Community and PTO wish to send our deepest appreciation to Race donors. Families will receive a list of their donors next week and the PTO has provided the digital thank you below that can be printed and mailed, or saved and emailed to your Race donors as a personal thank you.

To date, NES has raised \$13,700. We are still accepting donations, share the flyer below for easy access to venmo; while cash or checks can be made out to Northern Elementary PTO are also welcome!



# WOW!



**Thank you for helping us raise almost \$14,000 for Race for Education**

We are extremely grateful for your support and excited for the fun and learning ahead.

**The Entire NES Community**



FAMILY AND FRIENDS

**WELCOME**



TO OUR RACE FOR  
EDUCATION AND

Year  
of  
Community



Northern Elementary School  
#belonging #blooming #becoming



## YOUR DONATION SUPPORTS

TEACHER WISH LISTS,  
ARTIST IN RESIDENCE,  
FIELD DAY, DONUTS WITH GROWN  
UPS, VETERAN'S DAY, FIELD TRIPS,  
CELEBRATIONS,  
BIRTHDAY BOOKS,  
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT,  
AND MUCH MORE.  
OUR GOAL IS \$20,000!



**Venmo @NES-PTO**

## READY TO RUN!

On October 8th, Northern Elementary will run on the HS track to celebrate healthy bodies and healthy minds during Race for Education. This event is our largest fundraiser and is always a lot of fun.

After a year of few gatherings and celebrations, we are so excited to be together again to show school spirit and belief in ourselves and our community. We would love your support to fund many aspects of our school year. You can donate easily with **Venmo @NES PTO** or mail a check payable to Northern Elementary PTO. Your cancelled check is your receipt:

Northern Elementary  
657 S. Baltimore Street  
Dillsburg, PA 17019

With gratitude, The Northern Elementary  
Community

Join us on Oct. 8th at Bostic Stadium or follow  
updates on @Northern Elementary PTO or  
 @NESpolarbears

**NES LEADS:** Monthly Focus

## November/December Power Words: Caring, Contributing, Compassion

Our students spent September and October unpacking the power words of Respect and Communication discussing what this looks like and sounds like in our home, school and community.

This month students will explore why Caring is such a fundamental part of our school community. This Caring focus will be paired with our Profile of a Graduate tenet, Contributing and our NES addition, Compassion.

## Check out our Northern Elementary PTO FB Family

### PTO EVENTS: SAVE THE DATE!

- **NES STAFF SOUP & BREAK LUNCHEON: November 18, 2021 - see button below**
- **HOLIDAY MOVIE NIGHT: December 10, 2021, 6PM.**
- **SKATING PARTY NIGHT: January 30, 2022, 4PM- 6:30PM Fountain Blu Skating Rink.**

Stay tuned for an Informational Flyer that will outline specifics for both these events. Our PTO is working hard to fundraise and foster community at NES! Thank you PTO!

### PTO Tuesday Meetings

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

- **January 4, 2022**
- **March 8, 2022**
- **May 3, 2022**

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



## Gratitude Gateway Display: Family Sign-Ups Welcomed

Interested in brightening up our Gratitude Gateway (Main Lobby) with a family crafted fun display?  
[CLICK HERE](#) to sign up for a month! We are grateful for your kind, creative spirit!

### Help Us Raise Funds As You Shop!

Our school gains 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](#).
- **Weis Club Card** earns cash for our school. Please see the QR code below



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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!

Our school's code

Northern Elementary School

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## NYCSD Covid Update and Information

Click here for important information, related to NYCSD current status, mask mandate and Health and Safety Plan.

## Mesh Masks or Masks with Vents: Not Permitted

This communication is to clarify that **mesh masks and masks with vents** do not meet the department of health mask definition. With this, your student will be provided a school mask, should a mesh mask or mask with vent be worn. Inquiries/questions regarding this should be directed to 1-877-724-3258.

## End of Day Car Rider Pick Up Information

Click here to sign up for a Car Rider Vehicle Registration Tag.



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## Northern Elementary Website

Missed a Sunday Smore Connection or wish to visit your teacher's website? Click here to access our School Website.

## Family Resource: Polar Cares

Polar Cares is a clothing closet to be used by NYCSD families. Polar Cares is organized and kept up by the Kiwanis Club of Dillsburg and members of the NYCSD 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](mailto:donatepolarcares@gmail.com)

2. Contact Mrs. Surubaru, [psurubaru@northernnyork.org](mailto:psurubaru@northernnyork.org) -school counselor, for an appointment.
3. Visit via the monthly Polar Cares events that will begin in October.

## NES Year of Community Informational Smore

[Click here to review NES important information pertinent to building procedures.](#)

### Important: Reporting Student Absences

#### Reporting your child's absence:

Please communicate student absences, early dismissals and car rider pickups by:

- **PREFERRED** = emailing [nesoffice@northernnyork.org](mailto:nesoffice@northernnyork.org)
- calling our main office: 717-432-8691 x1500,
- or if before 8AM, calling our hotline: 717-432-8691 x 5555

**Important Note:** *Please do not send emails regarding absences, early dismissal and/or car rider pickups to Mrs. Gayman or Ms. Cal's email address. We wish to ensure that your information is received, and if sent to those emails, they could be missed when these individuals are out of the building. Please send to: [nesoffice@northernnyork.org](mailto:nesoffice@northernnyork.org). Thank you for your assistance and understanding.*

Please communicate to the school whenever your student will be:

- absent for the day
- picked up early for an appointment
- absent for an educational trip
- quarantining due to close contact outside of school

Medical providers may fax or email an excuse to our school office: **FAX 717-432-7329** or email to [NESOffice@northernnyork.org](mailto:NESOffice@northernnyork.org)

#### Verifying your child's absence =

Please send in an excuse (written or digital) within three days of the student's return to school. If an excuse is not received within three days of the student's return to school, it is considered unlawful. Please see the PDF file below and our NYCSD Elementary Handbook for specifics regarding student absences.



NES 2021 Process for Reporting Student Absence (1).pdf

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# Sapphire Parent/Community Portal Information

Click here to access or create your Parent Portal



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## NES Connection Opportunities

### Ways to Stay Connected

**Website:** Our website at [www.northernpolarbears.com/northern](http://www.northernpolarbears.com/northern) 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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