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"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Winston Churchill



Message from Miss Cal

Welcome back to the 2010-2011 School Year my dear Polar Bears! It has been a busy summer for us all and we are thrilled to be off on another exciting journey together! As you may now know, two of our Northern Elementary family members have embraced new adventures in education. Mrs. Courtney McCauslin has stepped into the role of Reading Specialist in our School District. She will be working with students and teachers of Dillsburg and South Mountain Elementary. Mrs. Barb Williams will be working with Kindergarten students in the district where she now resides. We wish them both the very best, knowing that they will always hold a very special place in our hearts.

I enter my second year as NES Principal with great anticipation of the numerous engaging events that await us... realizing that we have so much to be grateful for... and so much to look forward to... so many superb things to do! With this, please check our website in mid-September for a Back to School mini-issue of the Polar Press ... I will be sharing an extensive plan of our School Theme: Generosity, and our instructional Focus: Literacy & Data. Let's get started!

2010-2011 NES Theme

It is with great enthusiasm that I share our school focus this year. Our NES Theme is that of Generosity.

Our challenge is this: What can we do with our talents and our time to make our local and global community a better place?

Generosity encompasses both gratitude and compassion... a desire to look beyond what we can get, but rather what we can give. We are excited by the opportunity to collaborate with our local community and our local community members serving abroad.

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

Generosity

"The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves."

Helen Keller

Save the Date!

NES Open House

August 25th

1-5 Students and Parents are invited to visit NES between 6 -7 PM!

Teacher Presentation

September 15th

5:30-6pm Kdg Classes
6PM-6:40pm Gr. 1, 2, and Mrs. Bobby
6:50-7:30pm Gr. 3, 4, 5 and Miss Racine

Race for Education

October 8th

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

ALERT! Parent Drop Offs and Pick Ups...

PLEASE park and escort your child across the parking lot when dropping off or picking up a student. This is extremely important during the hours of 8:15-9:15 AM and 3:15-4:15 PM. Since our buses and vans arrive at various times within these hours and it is essential that these lanes remain clear. As a result, cars may not use this lane to stop and unload students. We greatly appreciate your support and assistance in keeping our students safe.

Please note that students dropped off between 8:35 AM and 8:45 AM should report to the Gymnasium via the outside Purple Gym Doors. Additionally, at the end of the day, Parent Pick-Ups will be dismissed from the Gymnasium Doors following proper identification by NES staff. Students must have a note indicating that they are a parent pick-up along with the name of the person who will be picking them up.

Parents of those students who will be permanent pick-ups (picked up every day) may fill out a Permanent Pick-Up form. This will permit your child to be listed on the pick-up list without the need for parent to send in a note each time. Please inquire with our secretary, Mrs. Gayman.

Strap on those sneakers...

it's **RACE for EDUCATION** time again!!

Please check your child's take home mail very carefully during the first week of school.

They will be toting precious information regarding our 2nd ANNUAL RACE for EDUCATION Event!

Please take a few moments to enjoy a review of last year's exciting and successful event!

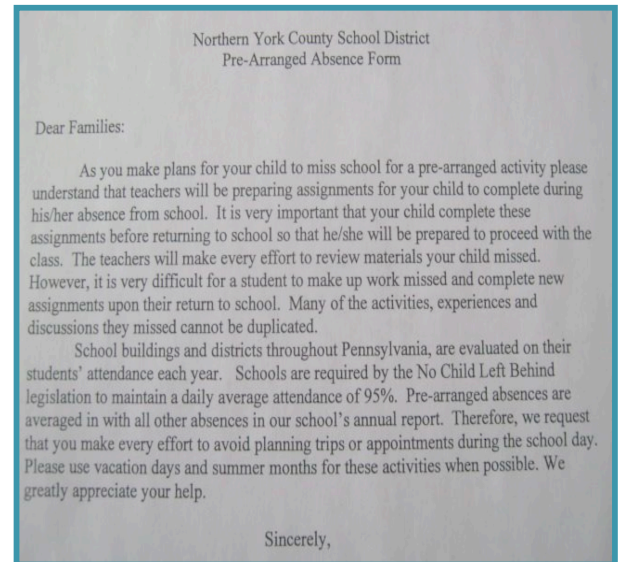
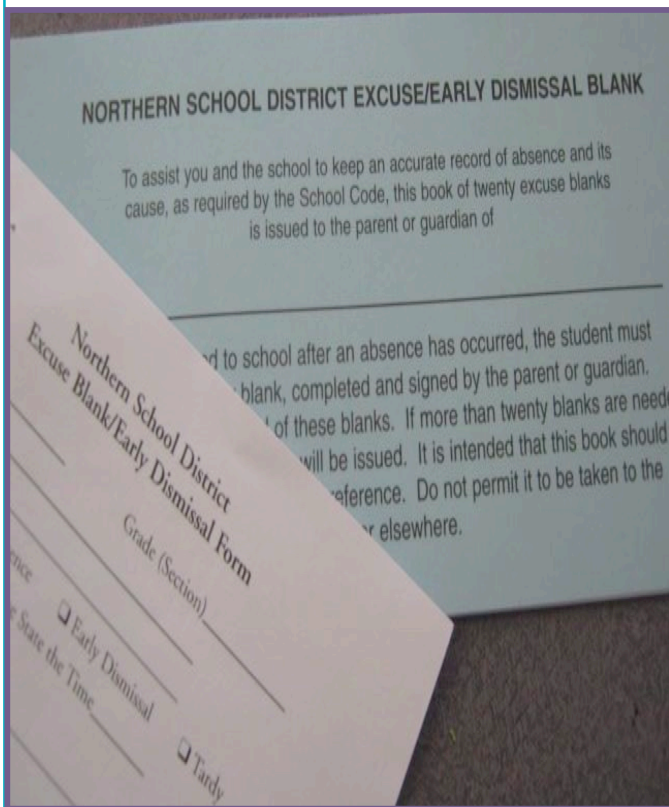
Click on Building Events- Race for Education... located on our Northern Elementary website.

Come On Polar Bears... let the FUN begin!!

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.

Unexpected Early Dismissals

Parents, please look for a form to come home in early October that will require you to indicate any alternate plans for where your child should go in the event of an Early Dismissal due to inclement weather. This is important, as your child will need a bus pass alerting the bus driver of this change. Otherwise, your child will be dropped off at his/her usual bus stop.

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	Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Corn Asst. Fruit *Turkey Deli on Roll	Mac -n- Cheese Stewed Tomatoes Peas Warm Apple Slices *Turkey Deli on Roll
Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Crackers Chilled Fruit Cheeseburger on Roll	American Sub w/ Lettuce and Tomato Popcorn Raspberry Sherbert *Cheeseburger on Roll	Ravioli Buttered Bread Tossed Salad w/ C Mixed Fruit *Cheeseburger on Roll
Presidents Day	15 Steakum w/ Cheese Baked Waffle Fries Pears	16 Busketti Garlic Breadstick Mixed Vegetable Asst. Fruit

2010 NEW ADDITIONS...

Mr. Corey Keys, Mrs. Sheila Frey and Mrs. Kelly Wenger have joined our Special Education One-One Aide Staff! We warmly welcome them to our Polar Bear Family!

Miss Karen Repetto joins our First Grade Team after spending five weeks as a Long Term Substitute in Mrs. Culleiton's Fourth Grade classroom. Additionally, Miss Repetto brings strong literacy experience and a passion for primary learners. **Miss Codi Zinn** joins us as a long-term substitute and will be serving as an AM Kindergarten teacher. Both individuals share such an enthusiasm for teaching and we are thrilled to have them on board!

Welcome NES Little Ones...

BABY THEO CULLEITON: Did you know that Little Theo is named after famous jazz singer/pianist Thelonious Monk? Not sure of his music? Be sure to check it out!



BABY ELIAS CLAY: Elias goes by the nickname Eli... he is an extremely happy child and loves to laugh and converse with others!

BABY GRANT DEAN RIDER: Little Grant is our most recent arrival! He arrived on July 29 at 1:30 am. Grant was 8 lb. 10 oz., and 22 inches long at birth!

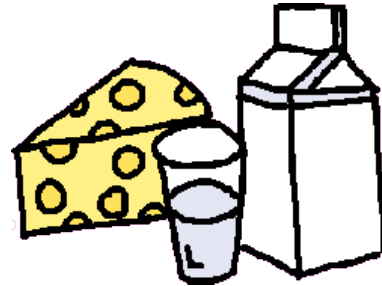
Miss Amy Troutman will fill in as 3rd Grade Instructor during Mrs. Rider's maternity leave. Miss Troutman is quite familiar with our 3rd Grade team and curriculum for she served in Mrs. Clay's absence last year. We are very grateful and thrilled to have her back with our 3rd Grade Team!



Notes from our Food Service Department... where LUNCH is always GOOD!

PRICES

Full Pay Breakfast - \$1.00
Full Pay Lunch - \$1.85
Reduced Price Breakfast – \$0.30
Reduced Price Lunch - \$1.85



MENU INFORMATION

Menu's 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

Under the "Our District" tab is a link for Food Service. Under this link parents/guardians may access information, in addition to the menu, regarding Free and Reduced Price lunches and Mealpay Plus.

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 be made at the school or on-line via MealpayPlus. More information on MealpayPlus may be found on the District website as mentioned above. MealpayPlus is at no charge for parents unless you choose to make payments on-line or via telephone at 1-866-691-2116.

All other MealpayPlus services are at no charge.

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 monies 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

Northern Elementary PTO 2010-2011 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, we earned \$4830.35 for our school!** The money 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.

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**PTO Meeting
September 14th @
7pm NES Library**

AUG- SEPTEMBER	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
	30 D1	31 D2	1 D3	2 D4	3 NO SCH
	6 NO SCH	7 D5	8 D6	9 D1	10 D2
	13 D3	14 D4	15 D5	16 D6	17 D1
	20 D2	21 D3	22 D4	23 D5	24 D6
	27 D1	28 D2	29 D3	30 D4	

OCTOBER	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
					1 D5
	4 D6	5 D1	6 D2	7 D3	8 D4
	11 NO SCH	12 D5	13 D6	14 D1	15 NO SCH
	18 D2	19 D3	20 D4	21 D5	22 D6
	25 D1	26 D2	27 D3	28 D4	29 D5

NOV	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
	1 D6	2 D1	3 D2	4 D3	5 D4

A LOOK AHEAD... TO IMPORTANT DATES

8/24 KDG Orientation 6:15-7:40 PM
8/25 Gr. 1-5 Open House 6PM-7PM
8/30 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
9/3-6 NO SCHOOL
9/14 PTO Meeting 7PM
9/15 Teacher Presentation Night
9/24 1PM Early Dismissal
9/29 Picture Day at NES

10/8 Race for Education- Race Day!
10/11 NO SCHOOL
10/12 Heritage Day at NES
10/15 NO SCHOOL- Farmer's Fair
10/16 Farmer's Fair
10/21 School Board Meeting @ HS
10/22 Title 1- Storytelling Night at NES
10/24-29 Red Ribbon Week @ NES
10/29 Halloween Parade @ 2:30 PM

11/3 NES Literacy Night @ 6 PM
11/9 PTO Meeting @ 7pm- Library
11/12 Report Cards Home
11/17 Parent Visitation Day at NES
11/24-29 NO SCHOOL

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
September 24th.

Please send only one form per family.

Child's Name: _____

Classroom Teacher: _____