

Northeast Primary School News

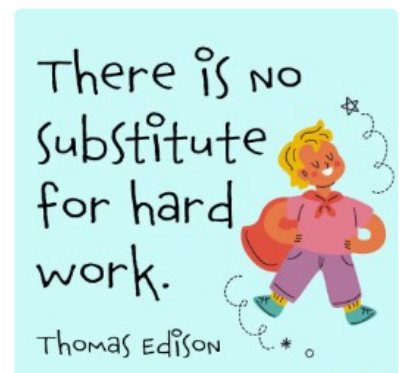
January 2025

A January Jumpstart: News and Updates from Northeast Primary

Dear Northeast Primary Families,

December was a joyful and memorable month at Northeast Primary! We are fortunate to have so many community supports in our city and are grateful for holiday help via events and groups such as Shop with a Cop, Tatum's Totes and WSYB. Thank you to our families for joining us on December 18th for our PTC Make It Take It Craft Night. Be on the look out for some new PTC fundraisers happening later this winter and early spring!

Last month, we also held our PAWS character trait assembly for the trait of Creative and recognized members of our school who were nominated by their teachers for demonstrating their creativity all month long. This month's January PAWS character trait at Northeast is *Hardworking* (*I can do hard things. I keep trying and don't give up!*) At the end of the month, please be sure to check your child's school-home folder to review their January report card. They have been working hard! Please refer to the insert explaining our grading system and reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions.



Be sure to mark your calendars in January for the following dates:

Monday, January 20th - No School in Observance of MLK Jr. Day

Friday, January 31st - Report Cards Go Home to Families

Friday, January 31st - Kindergarten Ice Skating

Friday, February 7th - 1st Grade Ice Skating

Friday, February 14th - 2nd Grade Ice Skating

Monday, February 19th - Friday, February 21st - No School/February Vacation

At the end of January and in early to mid February, students will have the chance to go ice skating with school staff at Spartan Ice Arena. Please note the dates above and ensure your child comes to school with their winter jacket, snow pants, warm socks, hats and mittens. If students have their own ice skates and/or helmets, please also be sure to send them to school. The cost of skating will be covered by the school.

If you haven't yet, please do connect with us on Seesaw. One of my favorite things to see is when students are recording themselves reading on their Chromebooks and families comment with encouragement and praise. Not only does it motivate students but it strengthens our school-home partnership!

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's school experience at any point in the school year, please feel free to contact me via phone or email. With advance notice, I am happy to arrange an in-person or virtual meeting. Your child's safety, well-being, and growth are our top priorities at Northeast Primary and we are committed to working collaboratively with families.

In partnership,
Justine Ruhlin, Principal

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The STEAM Scene at Northeast – January Family Engagement Challenge!

Family Engagement Project: Animal Hibernation Station

This month, be sure to listen to our Assistant Superintendent Bianca McKeen read *Cozy* by Jan Brett and work together to create an "animal hibernation station". Materials will be sent home with students on Monday, January 6th. Please submit your photos to your child's teacher via Seesaw by Wednesday, January 29th. Winners of the Five Guys gift card drawing will be announced at the January 31st PAWS assembly.

Hibernation Station

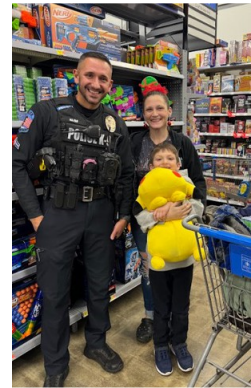
Hibernation



December Photo Dump!



Shop with a Cop



Shop with a Cop



Fun from PTC Make It
Take It!



Holiday Crafting



Snow day raffle baskets
were a big hit!



**Kindergarten Creativity
Recipients**



**1st Grade Creativity
Recipients**



**2nd Grade Creativity
Recipients**

Fall Family Engagement Survey Results



**Northeast Primary Family Engagement BOY Survey - Fall '24.p
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EduTips for Home: From Classroom Circle to Dinner Table



FOOD RESOURCES FOR ALL

Holiday Edition

No one should worry about having enough food! Here is a list of current food programs and community food resources for all of us when we need them.

FOR EVERYONE: 3SquaresVT provides money every month to buy groceries at many supermarkets, grocery stores and farmers' markets across Vermont. The money is deposited on a debit-like card, called an **EBT card**. Your benefit can be tripled at winter farmer markets when combined with **Crop Cash**!

- To find out if you are eligible for 3SquaresVT and get help applying, visit vermontfoodhelp.com or text VFBSNAP to 85511.
- To learn more about **Crop Cash**, check at the manager's booth of your local farmers market, visit nofavt.org/cropcash or call 802-434-7162.

There are local food shelves, pantries and meal sites at churches and community centers all across Vermont! Visit www.vtfoodbank.org/gethelp or dial 2-1-1 to find meals in your area.

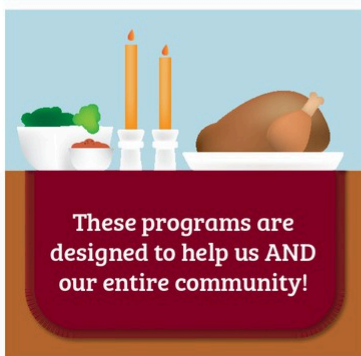
FOR KIDS: Students in public schools can enjoy free breakfast and lunch thanks to the Universal School Meals law.

FOR PREGNANT PEOPLE AND/OR CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN UNDER 5: WIC offers healthy foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding/chestfeeding support, and community referrals to those who qualify. To find out more and get help applying, visit HealthVermont.gov/ApplyToWIC, call 2-1-1, or text to apply to 1-844-839-8942.

FOR OLDER VERMONTERS: For individuals aged 60 or older who meet income guidelines, the **Commodity Supplemental Food Program** provides free monthly food boxes. For more details and to apply, visit vtfoodbank.org/share-food/csf or call 1-800-214-4648.

Meals on Wheels offers home-delivered meals and grocery shopping assistance. Call the Vermont Older Adults Helpline at 1-800-642-5119 for more information and to get personalized assistance applying to 3SquaresVT.

FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITIES: **Meals on Wheels** provides free home-delivered meals and grocery shopping assistance to individuals living with short and/or long-term disabilities. For more information, call VCIL at 1-800-639-1522. To receive personalized assistance with applying for 3SquaresVT call 1-800-479-6151. All relay calls accepted.



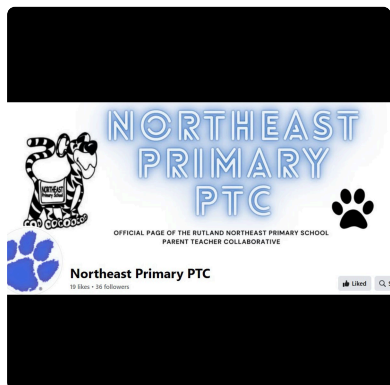
These programs are designed to help us AND our entire community!

Updated 11/8/24

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Parent-Teacher Collaborative - Northeast Primary PTC



We are fortunate to have an active and involved PTC at Northeast and are always looking to grow our membership. The Northeast PTC meets on the first Monday of every month from 6:00 to 7:00 pm virtually. You can join our monthly virtual meeting via this link [here](#).



Northeast Primary PTC

Northeast Primary PTC . 14 likes. Rutland's Northeast Primary Parent Teacher Collaborative connects students, teachers, and parents through fun community building activities for our NE students.

[facebook.com](#)

Reminders from the Main Office

Attendance & Communication

Students should not be dropped off at the front steps without a parent/guardian entering the building with them. Any time students are dropped off outside of the school building and before supervised times this is considered leaving your child unsupervised and in an unsafe situation. Please remember that teachers are involved in meetings and/or preparing for the day during early morning hours. There is no adult supervision for students before 8:45. Students who arrive after 9:10 am are considered late to school.

The Attendance Phone Line is (802) 786-1736. Please call if your student will be absent/tardy and leave the following information:

- 1. State student's full name and their teacher**
- 2. Reason for absence/tardiness** (*If you do not give a reason for the absence, then it is considered unexcused*)
- 3. Parent/ Guardian name**
- 4. Phone number where Parent/Guardian can be reached**

To ensure the safety of our students, the school will not permit any transportation or after-school changes in a student's routine unless a signed note or a phone call is received by the main office from the student's parent/guardian. Those requests **must be completed by 2:00 pm**. Signed requests can be sent back to school in your student's homework folder, emailed to heather.olsen@rcpsvt.org, or faxed to (802) 773-1911.

All transportation change requests must come directly from the parent/guardian. Messages cannot be relayed through the student or sibling. Children will go home in the usual manner unless an early phone call or a note from the parent/guardian clearly specifies that day's alternative plan. We understand that occasionally an emergency arises that requires a change of plans.

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



PRESCHOOLERS

Build skills and develop good habits for showing up on time



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Read well by the end of third grade



MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

Pass important courses



HIGH SCHOOLERS

Stay on track for graduation



COLLEGE STUDENTS

Earn their degrees



WORKERS

Succeed in their jobs



Understanding and Addressing the Surge of Chronic Absenteeism - EdSurge News

The national average rate of chronic absenteeism in K-12 schools has significantly increased in recent years. According to data from the U.S. ...

edsurge.com

Updates from the Health Office

Hello Families!

Cold weather is here and students will need hats and mittens in addition to snow boots, snow pants and jackets for recess time. If your child is in need of winter gear, please don't hesitate to contact the Health Office or your child's counselors to secure resources for this winter season. Please also be sure to send your child to school with an extra pair of clothes for the winter as sometimes snow pants can get underclothes very wet!

The Vermont Department of Health and the CDC recommend that a person(s) stay home until they are feeling better without a fever for 24 hours. Then upon return to work or school, a mask is recommended for the next five days. Below are the links to the CDC and VT Dept of Health regarding COVID. **There are no longer any isolation or quarantine recommendations.** Best health practices currently recommend that for *any* respiratory virus, one should stay home until getting better for 24 hours and/or are 24 hours fever-free. Once the 24 hour recommendations are met

then it is recommended to return to school or work while wearing a mask for the next 5 days. 5 day quarantine periods are no longer required.

<https://www.cdc.gov/covid/signs-symptoms/index.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/covid/prevention/index.html>

<https://www.healthvermont.gov/disease-control/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-treatment#extrasteps>

Head lice is also a topic that has come up since the start of school. The CDC and American Academy of Pediatrics does not recommend routine school screening for head lice and does not require that children be sent home or stay home for treatment of head lice. Head lice do not spread illness and usually have already been present in a person's hair for weeks before they are noticed. If head lice are noticed at school, a child may be offered to have hair pulled back and then return to class. Parents will be notified by school nurse to discuss treatment options. If the head lice are found at home, please, continue to attend school. The school nurse or your doctor can be contacted about treatment options. One of the times, cases of head lice tend to rise is during the winter months as we return to routinely wearing head coverings. Children need to be reminded not to share hats and to make sure that their own hat is placed in a coat sleeve so it does not get accidentally worn by a friend. Also remind children not to share hair brushes, combs or hair décor items.

Chanda McCarthy, School Nurse

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Northeast Primary Family Handbook

Quick reference for the 2024-2025 Family Handbook.

Northeast Primary Facebook Page

Keep up with all the great things happening in our school community by following us on Facebook!

Northeast Primary School Website & Calendar

Directory information and policy and procedure information can be found on our school website.

Tapestry at Northeast Primary School

Registration for Tapestry 2024-2025 school year can be found below:

- The online registration is in the RCPS student information system, Infinite Campus.
- If you have a parent account, please **do not** log in to begin the Tapestry registration.
- Registration for Tapestry will look the same as registering your child for school, up to selecting the grade level.
 - Write down the number of the registration, for your reference - you will need it later.
 - **Important:** When you reach the grade selection, **please choose the T grades (T1, T5, etc.)**; this tells the system that you are intending to register for afterschool, not re-register for the school day.
 - If you reach questions asking for utility bills or birth certificates, you should stop and reach out to us
 - Here is the link: <https://rutlandvt.infinitecampus.org/campus/OLRLoginKiosk/rutland?configGroupID=5>
 - The link can also be found on the RCPS web page, at <https://tapestry.rutlandcitypublicschools.org>

For questions regarding the Northeast Tapestry site, please contact Liz Burnham at liz.burnham@rcpsvt.org



Dear Tapestry Families,

Happy New Year! We are excited to welcome 2025 and kick off the new year with a variety of enriching experiences for your child. January promises to be an exciting month filled with opportunities to learn, grow, and explore. Here's a preview of what we have in store for our children this month:

Storytelling Adventures

We're starting the year by sparking creativity and imagination through **Storytelling** with Enrichment Leader Jools Skeet! Students will have the chance to explore different ways to tell stories – from traditional tales to creating their own adventures. This activity fosters creativity, strengthens communication skills, and encourages teamwork as the children collaborate on crafting their narratives.

Exploring New Cultures with MEG Languages

This month, we're introducing **MEG Languages** to our program! Students will dive into learning the Spanish language and culture, learning basic vocabulary, phrases, and customs from around the world. This new experience will open doors to global awareness and cultural appreciation. Through fun, interactive activities, kids will be exposed to the beauty and richness of diverse languages.

The MINT - A Hub for Innovation

We are excited to welcome back **The MINT** (Math, Innovation, and Technology) focus continues to thrive this month! Students will engage in hands-on activities designed to challenge their problem-solving abilities while exploring the exciting world of technology and innovation. Whether it's coding, building, or experimenting with new concepts, the MINT experience will inspire the next generation of inventors and thinkers.

STEAM with Enrichment Leaders Laura and Leah

We're thrilled to have **Laura and Leah**, our dynamic Enrichment Leaders, guiding students through STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) activities. This month, they will be leading exciting projects that integrate these subjects in fun and interactive ways. From engineering challenges to creative art projects, every child will have the opportunity to think critically and creatively as they work through each STEAM experience.

Rock Climbing Field Trip: A Grand Finale, Friday 1/24

To cap off a fantastic month, we're taking the kids on a **Rock-Climbing field trip!** This adventure will not only challenge their physical abilities but also encourage teamwork, problem-solving, and overcoming challenges. It's sure to be an exciting and empowering experience for all of our children. **Please note, dismissal from Tapestry will take place at the rock-climbing gym. Parents will need to pick up their children there, unless they are a bus rider.**

We are so excited for all the learning and fun that will take place in January. As always, thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to reach out to the Tapestry team. We look forward to an incredible start to 2025!

Warmly,
The Tapestry Team

Stay in Touch!

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SAFE Coordinator: Phyllis Smith

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Reminders:

1/20: NO TAPESTRY

1/24: Rock-Climbing Field Trip

****Dismissal will be done at the rock-climbing gym****

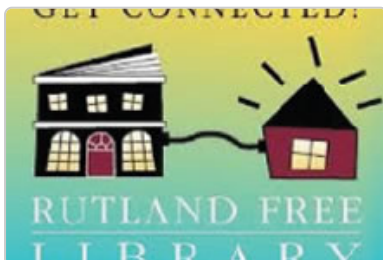
Community Corner



Events - Wonderfeet Kids Museum

Upcoming events at or supporting Wonderfeet Kids' Museum.

wonderfeetkidsmuseum.org



calendar / events - Rutland Free Library

rutlandfree.org



Events - Come Alive Outside

Come Alive Outside Events Download your own Come Alive Outside Calendar! [Click Here to Download](#)

comealiveoutside.com



The Boys and Girls Club of Rutland County

rutlandbgclub.org



Youth Programs Summary Page - rutlandrec.com

Dive into aquatics at our Seasonal Outdoor Pool - White Memorial Park! We offer a range of opportunities for all ages. For youth, join our Swim Lessons or make a splash with the Swim Team. Adults, stay fit with our Aquatic Fitness programs. Explore the benefits of a Season Pass for unlimited access.

rutlandrec.com

The MINT - Home

More than just a shared workshop with all the tools you don't have space for or couldn't afford on your own, The MINT is a community of people sharing their knowledge, experience, and ideas in addition to tools, equipment, and workshop space. Our members include hobbyists, DIY enthusiasts, educators, students, entrepreneurs, non-profit, and for-profit companies.

rutlandmint.org



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<https://northeast.rutlandcitypublicschools.org/>

Contact



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Main Office Hours 8:00 to 4:00 (Monday - Friday, except Federal Holidays)

