



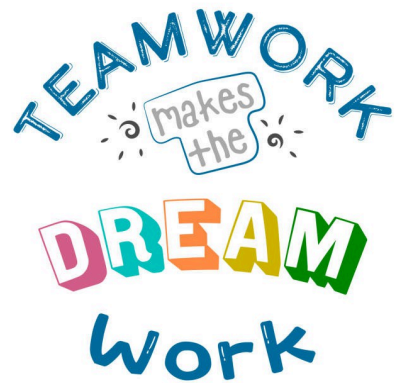
Northeast Primary School News

February 2025

Fostering Growth this February: News and Updates from Northeast Primary

Dear Northeast Primary Families,

January was a month focused on measuring our academic growth and celebrating our hard work over the first half of the school year. Report cards were sent home with students in school-home folders on Friday, January 31st. If you have any questions about your child's report card or progress, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher.



We also held our PAWS character trait assembly for the trait of Hardworking and recognized members of our school who were nominated by their teachers for demonstrating their hardworking traits all month long. February's PAWS character trait at Northeast is *Cooperative (I work well with others sharing things and ideas)*. Please also consider taking our RCPS Strategic Plan Parent Survey at the bottom of this letter and be entered in a drawing for a \$50 Amazon gift card.

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

Wednesday, February 5th - 100th Day of School

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 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.

Lastly, I wanted to make our Northeast community aware that Mrs. Olsen, our main office administrative assistant, will be transitioning to a new role at Central Office this month. We are so proud of her promotion and will miss her tremendously. We are excited to be welcoming our new administrative assistant, Piper Rampe, and appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to onboard our newest staff member. Ms. Rampe is excited to be joining Northeast Primary and looks forward to building new relationships with families and students.

In partnership,
Justine Ruhlin, Principal

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Parent Survey for PreK-2 Pilot

The purpose of this survey is to collect information for the Rutland City Public Schools' Strategic Plan Wellness committee in regard to your family's participation in school sponsored events, such as: sports, award events, PTO activities, parades, etc. Upon completion of this survey, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Amazon gift card.

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* Indicates required question

To be entered into the \$50.00 gift card drawing, please provide your name and email address.

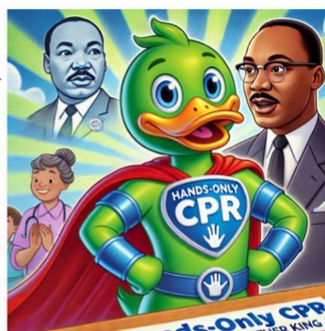
Kid's Heart Challenge with Mr. Cupoli!



**“If I cannot do great things,
I can do small things in a great way.”
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

Through Kids Heart Challenge with the American Heart Association, we are doing small things in great ways every single day by committing to being HEART-HEALTHY and helping those with special hearts!

This weekend, challenge yourself to do GREAT things like learning Hands-Only CPR—Heart Hero Ace can help you and your family learn this lifesaving super power!



Ready to turn small things into GREAT THINGS!? **Become a LIFESAVING HEART HERO this weekend by completing Finn's Mission!**

Download the AHA Schools App & Complete Finn's Mission to be a lifesaving Ninja Heart Hero (like Wynn!) to help kids with special hearts ♥

[Click Here to Register for the Kids Heart Challenge](#)



Apple

**Or Scan the QR Code to download
the Free AHA Schools App**

**Students that complete Finn's Mission
will be entered to win...**

TWO TICKETS to the 2026 Super Bowl!!



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NE Primary Video Update _ Newsletter.pdf

Please watch the video in this PDF attachment for more information regarding the Kids Heart Challenge at Northeast.

[Download](#)

323.4 KB

January Photo Dump!



**Kindergarten Hardwork
Recipients**



**1st Grade Hardwork
Recipients**



**2nd Grade Hardwork
Recipients**



Students enjoying our snow covered trails.

Our Northeast Paraprofessional Team is exceptional!

Hibernation Station (2)

Northeast students are collaborative and hardworking!

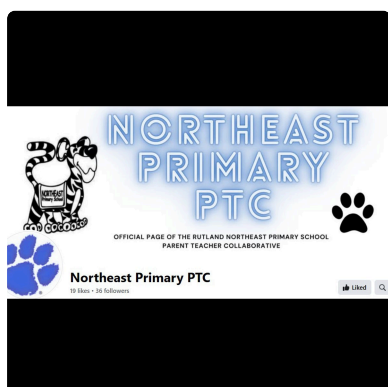
"We can do hard things!!"



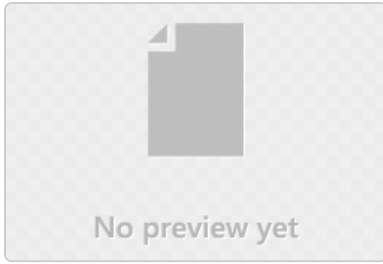
***Northeast Family Engagement STEAM Challenge Raffle
Winners: Hibernation Station!***



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.



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!

Norovirus is circulating in Vermont. Illness among staff and students have resulted in some unanticipated school closures in recent weeks. Norovirus is highly contagious. The best way to prevent norovirus is to wash your hands well with soap and water. Hand sanitizer is not effective against norovirus. Stay home from work for at least 48 hours if you're sick with norovirus. Please consider adjusting schedules to encourage handwashing before mealtimes as a way to reduce absences due to illness. Hand hygiene guidance is available [here](#).

Cold weather is still here and students will need hats and mittens in addition to snow boots, snow pants and jackets for recess time. If your child is 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 24hours. 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#extrastepscv>

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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chanda.mccarthy@rcpsvt.org

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

February

2025

Northeast Tapestry

"The best way to cheer yourself up is to cheer somebody else up."

- Mark Twain

Tapestry Contact Information
 NE Tapestry Phone 802-779-7405
 Site Coordinator: Liz Burnham
 Email: liz.burnham@rcpsvt.org



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Jools Story Telling	4 STEAM w/ Laura & Leah	5 STEAM w/ Laura & Leah	6 MEG Languages & Friendship Bingo	7 Capture the Hearts Movement
10 Ms. Amanda w/ Library	11 The MINT	12 Kindness Hearts & Kindness Crowns	13 MEG Languages & Story Telling	14 A Recipe for Friendship
17 NO TAPESTRY	18 NO TAPESTRY	19 NO TAPESTRY	20 NO TAPESTRY	21 NO TAPESTRY
24 Ms. Amanda w/ Library	25 The MINT	26 Field Trip to Northwest for Pasta Dinner	27 MEG Languages & Story Telling	28 Melting Snowman Activity

** Children will be dismissed directly from Northwest School on 2/26, parents will need to pick up from there. If your child is a bus rider, the bus is set to pick them up from Northwest. If you have any questions please reach out. **



FEBRUARY

Dear Tapestry Families,

Welcome to the month of February! We're excited to kick off another month of fun, learning, and connection at Tapestry, where the theme this month is all about **Friendship**. We're diving into what makes a good friend, how kindness plays a key role in building relationships, and of course, celebrating the connections we share with each other.

This Month's Focus: Friendship & Kindness

Friendship is the heart of our activities in February. Throughout the month, our students will explore the qualities that make a great friend—like empathy, loyalty, and kindness—and engage in fun crafts and games that highlight these themes. Whether they're crafting friendship bracelets or playing team-building games, the goal is to foster a sense of community and understanding. We can't wait to see the friendships grow as we support one another in fun and creative ways!

STEAM Wrap-Up

During February we will be wrapping up our **STEAM** enrichment unit with Laura and Leah. Our students have had a blast exploring Beebots, Ozobots, and we'll finish strong with a two-day culminating event designing a Valentine Transporter blueprint.

Ongoing Activities

We're thrilled to continue our popular activities throughout February, including:

- **Storytelling:** Students will share and create wonderful stories, exploring different cultures, genres, and narratives that connect us all.
- **Meg Languages:** The excitement continues as we learn and practice Spanish, expanding our understanding of the world.
- **The Mint:** Hands-on constructing using various manipulatives to help explore STEM.
- **The Library:** Our regular library visits with Ms. Amanda will continue, allowing kids to dive into new books and expand their imaginations with fun activities.

Family Pasta Dinner & Field Trip

To wrap up the month, we're thrilled to invite all families to our **Field Trip to Northwest School for a Family Pasta Dinner!** This will be a wonderful opportunity to bond over a delicious meal and make new friends. It's the perfect way to end our month of friendship and kindness, creating lasting memories with our Tapestry community. More details to come soon, so stay tuned!

January Recap -

STEAM with Laura & Leah – A Big Hit!

Our STEAM sessions with Laura and Leah were a huge success this month! The kids were fully engaged, loved every minute, and were able to dive deep into hands-on learning. From coding to experimenting, our students embraced every challenge and had a blast while doing it. A big thank you to Laura and Leah for their creativity and energy in making these sessions so engaging.

Jool's First Storytelling Session – Unbelievable!

We kicked off storytelling in an unforgettable way with Jool's first session. The kids were not only active participants, but they also helped create the story from scratch! It was wonderful to see everyone's ideas come together into a unique narrative, with each child's contribution valued and celebrated. We can't wait for more collaborative storytelling in the future!

Rock Climbing Field Trip – A Great Adventure!

January's rock-climbing field trip was an absolute success! The children had the chance to experience the thrill of rock climbing with the amazing Rutland High School rock climbing team. Each child was paired with a "big buddy" from the team, and they received undivided attention and support while belayed during their climbs. It was a day full of adventure, teamwork, and encouragement, and we want to extend a huge thank you to the Rutland High School rock climbing team for making this experience possible.



We're looking forward to another amazing month at Tapestry, filled with learning, laughter, and new friendships. Thank you for your continued support in making this such a special place for our kids!

Warmly,
The Tapestry Team

Reminders:

2/17-2/21: NO TAPESTRY –
Winter Break

2/26: Family Pasta Dinner @
NW



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



Northeast Primary School

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

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