



Northeast Primary School News

March 2025

Marching into a New Season: News and Updates from Northeast Primary

Dear Northeast Primary Families,

February flew by at Northeast Primary and we hope all families enjoyed a healthy, happy, and safe February vacation last week. Students enjoyed skating at Spartan Ice Arena with their grade levels, kindness and Valentine's Day parties and various STEAM challenges over the course of the month. We also held our PAWS character trait assembly for the trait of Cooperation and recognized members of our school who were nominated by their teachers for demonstrating their cooperative traits all month long. March's PAWS character trait at Northeast is *Safe* (*I do things in a way that will not harm myself or others. I use my words*).

**"If children feel safe,
they take risks,
ask questions,
make mistakes,
learn to trust,
share their
feelings, & grow."**

-Alfie Kohn



Next week, we are looking forward to celebrating Read Across America Week here at Northeast with a variety of thematic days tied to reading. Please see the flyer below. Parent Teacher Conferences will be taking place on the afternoon and evening of Thursday, March 13th and the morning of Friday, March 14th. Information from your child's classroom teacher about making a Parent Teacher Conference appointment is coming home in your child's School-Home folder.

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

Monday, March 3rd - Friday, March 7th - Read Across America Week

Tuesday, March 4th - Town Voting Day

Thursday, March 13th - Early release for students at 12:10 pm

Thursday, March 13th - Parent Teacher Conferences in the afternoon/evening

Friday, March 14th - Parent Teacher Conferences/No School for Students

Monday, March 17th - Glow Day!

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,
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READ ACROSS AMERICA

MARCH 3, 2025-MARCH 7, 2025

Monday

BOOKS knock our
SOCKS off!

Wear Crazy Socks!

Thursday

Books Bring out our WILD
side!

Wear animal print, or
something with your favorite
animal on it.

Tuesday

Reading Builds Community

Color Day

K- Green

1st- Red

2nd- Blue

Friday

Books Boost Our
Imagination!!

Character Book Day! Dress
Up Like Your Favorite Book
Character.

Wednesday

Uniquely You

Wear wacky mismatched
clothes



February Photo Dump!



**Kindergarten
Cooperation Recipients**



**1st Grade Cooperation
Recipients**



**2nd Grade Cooperation
Recipients**





Students learning to cross-country ski!

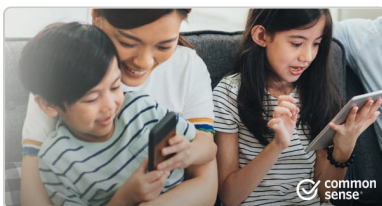


Ms. Piper, our new Admin Assistant, reading to Kindergarten.

EduTips for Home

Common Sense Media Resource

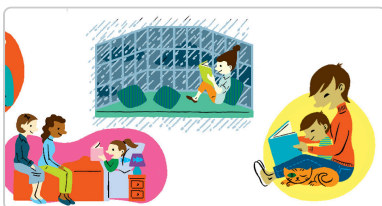
Common Sense is a great online resource to refer to when determining whether a certain media type or topic is appropriate for children. While these ratings are not always perfect, they do offer guidance on what is appropriate for different age groups. Young children can find it especially difficult to differentiate between fantasy and reality or process the complex emotions that arise from media content meant for older viewers. We encourage families to be mindful of what children are exposed to outside of school.



Common Sense Media: Age-Based Media Reviews for Families

Common Sense Media is the leading source of entertainment and technology recommendations for families. Parents trust our expert reviews and objective advice.

🔗 commonsensemedia.org

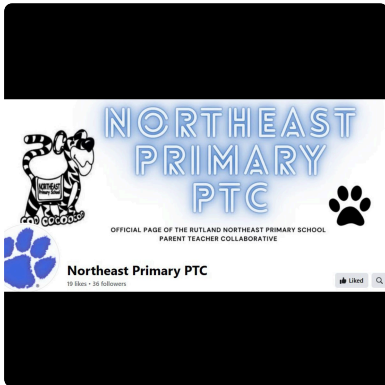


How to Raise a Reader

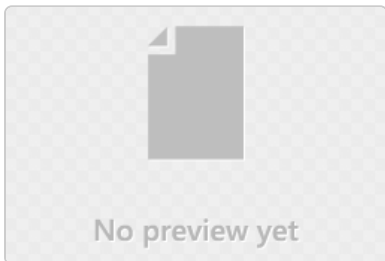
Originally published on June 21, 2017

🔗 nytimes.com

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!

Cold weather is still hanging on and students still 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#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.

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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

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 Number: (802) 773-1940 & (802) 773- 1941

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

