

# Northeast Primary School News

May 2025

## Bloom and Grow: May News and Updates from Northeast Primary

Dear Northeast Primary Families,

It's hard to believe that we are officially in the final countdown to summer here at school! Our students have been working so hard this school year and it is always our hope that they come home each day with positive things to share about their experience. It has been a joy to watch them grow all year long.

In April, we enjoyed a super fun Turf Day organized by our very own Mr. Cupoli at Spartan arena and our 1st graders put on a great concert for families. We also held our PAWS character trait assembly for the trait of Integrity and recognized members of our school who were nominated by their teachers for demonstrating their integrity all month long. May's PAWS character trait at Northeast is about being a *Positive Leader* (*I show my character traits so well that others want to do what I do and follow my example*).

May will be a very busy month and we hope that you can mark your calendars for our highly anticipated Literacy Night with storyteller, Simon Brooks on Tuesday, May 27th. Our PTC is sponsoring a dinner for families and Mr. Brooks will do a storytelling performance followed by a literacy workshop for parents and a student activity for students. Families who participate will receive new books as well! Please see the flyer below - we hope you will join us!



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

**5/5 - 5/9 - Teacher Appreciation Week**

**5/8** - Kindergarten Concert @ 6:30 pm (Doors open at 6:10 pm)

**5/17** - Color Run @ NE

**5/19 - 5/20** - Kindergarten Screening for Incoming Kindergarten students

**5/21 - 5/22** - 2nd Grade Field Trip to the Montshire

**5/22** - Incoming Kindergarten Rutland Rec Play Day @ Rotary Park

**5/23** - Picnic with a Book

**5/26** - Memorial Day/No School

**5/27** - Storytelling with Simon Brooks and Reading Workshop @ NE

I always feel that the end of the year flies by in a blur and there will definitely be lots of end of year activities happening in May and June. Please keep up with us via Seesaw and our Facebook page.

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

[justine.ruhlin@rcpsvt.org](mailto:justine.ruhlin@rcpsvt.org)

802-773-1940



# LITERACY NIGHT

*with*  
**Simon Brooks**

**MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>**  
**TUESDAY | 5PM- 7:15PM**

**Dinner - Storytelling - Parent Workshop**  
**5-5:30 - 5:45-6:30 - 6:30-7:15**

**Northeast Primary School**

Join us for an enjoyable family night featuring dinner and captivating storytelling! During the workshop portion, students will get to have more storytelling fun with Ms. Amanda from Rutland Free Library, while parents engage in a literacy workshop provided by our incredible teaching staff. Please RSVP by 5/22 to inform us of how many family members will be joining. Kindly detach this portion and return it to school in your child's folder. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people in your party attending: \_\_\_\_\_

# Free Dental Clinic

**When:** Saturday, June 14th, 9:00 am-4:00 pm

**Where:** Vermont Farmers Food Center Farmers Hall  
251 West Street, Rutland, VT 05701



NO  
INSURANCE  
NEEDED

Oral exam  
Denture check  
No drill fillings for some dental decay  
Fluoride varnish  
Cleaning by toothbrush  
Translation Services Offered  
Referrals to local dental providers  
SDF application ([scan QR Code for additional information](#))

## CONTACT US

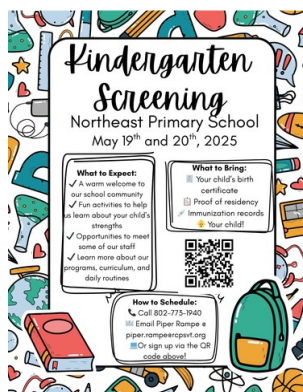


(802) 786-5117



[jonah.stoller@vermont.gov](mailto:jonah.stoller@vermont.gov)

[www.healthvermont.gov/wellness/oral-health](http://www.healthvermont.gov/wellness/oral-health)



**Kindergarten Screening is on May 19th  
and 20th**



**Join our greater community for a  
Kindergarten Play Date on May 22**

# April Photo Dump!





**Our nature trails are a great place to read in a hammock!**



**Learning about fish at the hatchery**





**Wonderfeet wonder!**



**So much fun!**



**Mr. Wolk's visits always put a smile on our face!**



**1st grade did a fantastic job at their April concert!**



**We love our bus drivers and aides!**



**So much fun at Turf Day!**



**Art with Ms. Richards!**



**Exploring our nature trails!**



**Reading in the hammocks.**



# EduTips for Home

## Literacy Resources for Reading at Home

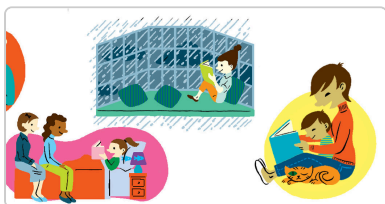
Reading at home is one of the most powerful ways to support your child's learning and development. Just 15–20 minutes a day can help build vocabulary, strengthen comprehension, and foster a lifelong love of reading. Whether it's a bedtime story, reading aloud together, or quiet time with a favorite book, every minute counts!



### Parent Resource Hub

Welcome to the University of Florida Literacy Institute's Parent Resource Hub! This collection of web-based language and literacy resources was compiled and curated by UFLI faculty and graduate students. We are adding to and refining these resources regularly, so check back often!

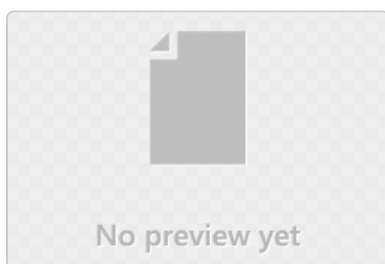
[ufli.education.ufl.edu](http://ufli.education.ufl.edu)



### How to Raise a Reader

Originally published on June 21, 2017

[nytimes.com](http://nytimes.com)



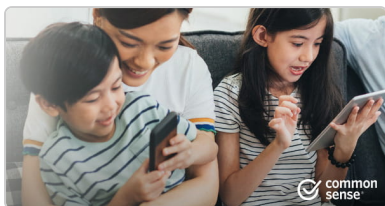
### Unite for Literacy library

Unite for Literacy provides free digital access to picture books, narrated in many languages. Literacy is at the core of a healthy community, so we unite with partners to enable all families to read with their young children.

[uniteforliteracy.com](http://uniteforliteracy.com)

## 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.

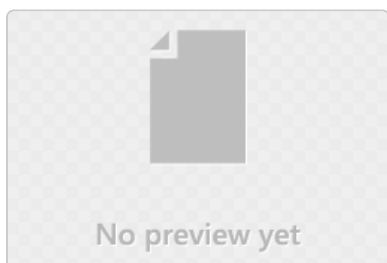
[commonsensemedia.org](https://commonsensemedia.org)

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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](https://facebook.com)

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# Reminders from the Main Office

## Attendance Policy (pg. 11-12 in Family Handbook)

Please call the Attendance Line at 802-786-1736 when your child will be absent from school. Attendance is required by law for all students between the ages of six and eighteen. The Rutland City School Board, Superintendent, and administration all require that students attend when school is in session as consistent attendance is important for school success. When absent or tardy it is difficult to catch up on missed instruction and projects.



**Excused Absences** occur when a family member/caregiver has called in and given a reason for absence for up to ten days throughout the school year. If we have not yet heard from the family/caregiver, we may reach out to the family/caregiver. Email communication is also acceptable.

After a total of 10 **excused** absences, a doctor's note or other note verifying the absence (counselor, dentist, etc) will be required to excuse any additional absences.

**Unexcused Absences** occur when we have no information as to why the child is absent. We may call the parent, but if we only leave a message, the absence is still unexcused. The status of absence can be changed if we receive a doctor's note or the family/caregiver chooses to use the day as one of the ten excused absences. After 10 days of **unexcused** absences, a letter home will be generated alerting families/caregivers. According to the letters, at the 10-day unexcused absence mark, a truancy meeting will be held with the principal or other school administrator. Students with special education services may need their meeting scheduled as an IEP meeting. This should be discussed with the student's case manager.

At the 20-day unexcused absence mark, a certified letter will be mailed to the family/caregiver. We are required to file an affidavit with the State's Attorney's Office and a DCF report will be made stating "educational neglect."

We urge parents to plan family vacations around the times school is not in session. However, if a parent needs to remove their child for more than 3 days due to a family trip, you must obtain a form from the school (no less than one week in advance of your child's absence.) The completed form is to be given to the principal for approval. If an excused absence is granted, parents will need to develop a plan that demonstrates that the trip will have educational merit. The primary responsibility will be with the parents and the student to make up the regular classroom work missed during the child's absence. Under no circumstances will excused absences be granted for more than ten days in a school year.

### **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](mailto: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](https://edsurge.com)

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## Updates from the Health Office

Hello Families!

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.

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.

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## 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.

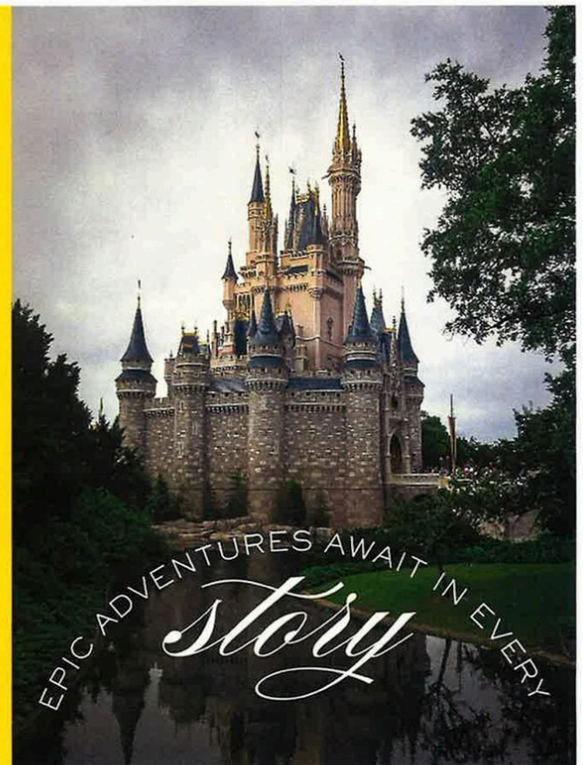
- Registration for Tapestry will look the same as registering your child for school, up to selecting the grade level.
  - Write down the number of the registration, for your reference - you will need it later.
  - **Important:** When you reach the grade selection, **please choose the T grades (T1, T5, 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](mailto:liz.burnham@rcpsvt.org)

Embrace the enchantment of  
SUMMER Tapestry today!



The enchanting registration for the  
Northeast Summer Tapestry is now  
open! The magical journey begins on  
June 25th and will weave its  
wonders until August 8th.





# Community Corner



## Events - Wonderfeet Kids Museum

Upcoming events at or supporting Wonderfeet Kids' Museum.

🔗 [wonderfeetkidsmuseum.org](http://wonderfeetkidsmuseum.org)



## calendar / events - Rutland Free Library

🔗 [rutlandfree.org](http://rutlandfree.org)



## Events - Come Alive Outside

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

🔗 [comealiveoutside.com](http://comealiveoutside.com)



## The Boys and Girls Club of Rutland County

🔗 [rutlandbgclub.org](http://rutlandbgclub.org)



## Youth Programs Summary Page - [rutlandrec.com](http://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](http://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](https://rutlandmint.org)



## Northeast Primary School

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

### Contact



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

