Rutland Northwest Primary School
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Parents, Families, Friends, and Educators Working Together on Behalf of Our Children!

Principal's Message

Dear Northwest Families,



As October comes to a close, the crisp air and colorful leaves remind us how quickly the seasons and the school year are moving along. It's been a wonderful first stretch of the year filled with learning, laughter, and connection. Our students have settled into their routines, and we continue to be grateful for the warmth, support, and partnership our Northwest families bring to our community each day.

Thank you to all the families who attended our recent Parent-Teacher Conferences! These conversations are such a valuable way to celebrate student progress and set goals together for the months ahead. If you were unable to schedule a conference, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher. They are happy to arrange a virtual conference via Google Meet or a phone conversation at a time that works best for you.

We also invite you to take a few minutes to complete our **Fall 2025 Family Engagement Survey** if you haven't done so already. At Northwest, we deeply value the partnerships we share with our families and the broader RCPS community. Your feedback helps us strengthen communication, enhance the learning environment, and ensure that every student feels safe, supported, and engaged. The survey gives you the opportunity to share your thoughts about our school climate, your child's experience, and your experience as a Northwest parent or guardian.

Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership and commitment to our Northwest community. Together, we make our school a wonderful place to learn and grow.

Mrs. Smith

Important Reminder: Dismissal Changes

If your child's end-of-day transportation plans need to change, please be sure to notify the school. **All transportation changes should go through Beth McKee in the front office prior to 2:00 pm.** If you notify your child's classroom teacher, please remember to include Beth in that communication. This helps ensure that we are aware of any changes, even if the teacher is out for the day. Thank you for helping us keep dismissal time safe and organized!

Classroom Highlight - Campise



Ms. Campise's second graders have been busy learning and growing this month! In social studies, students explored the idea of community, discovering the many ways people work together and help one another. In science, they began investigating states of matter, observing how solids, liquids, and gases can change and move in our world. During writing, students have been practicing how to create expanded sentences, adding detail and description to make their writing stronger. In math, they are building fluency with adding within 100, using strategies to solve problems efficiently and accurately. This month's character trait focus was self-control, and our class was proud to host the school assembly on this topic—sharing ways to pause, think, and make positive choices both in and out of the classroom.

What's Happening Around Northwest?



October's Star Student and Hero Assembly



This month, we focused on **self-control.** We make good choices by practicing "stop, think, and make a good choice." When we use self-control, we take time to think before we act or speak, helping us make decisions that are safe, kind, and responsible. Self-control also connects to the **RCPS Portrait of a Graduate** trait of **Critical Thinking**, as students learn to pause, reflect, and consider the best options before taking action.

November Menus

Click HERE for the November Breakfast Menu

Click HERE for the November Lunch Menu

Fundraiser: Halladay's Harvest Barn

We are excited to announce that we have joined with Halladay's Harvest Barn for our first fundraiser for the year. Northwest school can receive a 40-50% profit of the total sales! **The fundraiser will run from October 22, 2025 - November 7, 2025.** All checks should be made to Northwest PTC. Please contact the main office if you have any questions.

Stuff-A-Bus

Northwest is excited to once again be collecting food items for Stuff-A-Bus! Please send any non-perishable, unopened food items you would like to donate before November 5th to benefit Rutland Community Cupboard. Students will be traveling to the Price Chopper parking lot on November 6 to drop off donations. Thank you for your support.



Upcoming Events

- November 6 - Stuff-A-Bus
- November 7 - Chris Polous Family Event at Keefe Gym 6:30 PM
- November 11 - No School in observance of Veteran's Day
- November 14 - Northwest/Northeast STEAM Day
- November 18 - 2nd Grade Concert (doors open at 6:10 and concert begins at 6:30)
- November 26-28 - No School for Thanksgiving Break

Corey Smith
Corey is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

