

Northeast Elementary Bobcats

910 E. 34th St, Kearney, NE 68847

It is with excitement and gratitude that I welcome you to Northeast Elementary. At Northeast, our mission is to **love** the individuality of each student, **influence** family and community involvement, and **inspire** the love of lifelong learning. These words are more than a mission statement—they guide every decision we make, every relationship we build, and every opportunity we create for our students. Thanks to the dedication of our students, staff, and families, Northeast continues to be a place where learners thrive, leaders emerge, and every child is valued.

Whether your child is beginning their educational journey or preparing for their final year at Northeast, know that endless opportunities await them. We are committed to celebrating each child's unique strengths, partnering with families and our community to support their success, and fostering curiosity that extends far beyond the classroom. Together, we will encourage every student to stretch their thinking, develop their talents, and discover a lifelong love of learning.

I look forward to partnering with you throughout the year and celebrating the many bright moments our students will experience. To help keep families informed, I will continue sending weekly updates via email on Sunday evenings with important information and upcoming events. We will also communicate reminders through the ParentSquare app, which our classroom teachers use as an additional way to stay connected with families.

I look forward to seeing familiar faces and warmly welcoming those who are new to Northeast. Please feel free to contact me with questions, concerns, or celebrations at (308) 698-8230 or by email at ambtaylor@kearneycats.com.

Thank you for being an important part of our Northeast family. Together, we will continue creating a school where every student feels valued, every family feels connected, and every day inspires a love of lifelong learning.

Sincerely,

Amber Taylor
Principal, Northeast Elementary



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Home of the Bobcats

[YOU MAY ACCESS THE FULL KPS STUDENT HANDBOOK **HERE.**](#)

Arrival & Dismissal

Important Updates!!

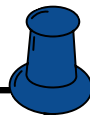
**NO
PARKING**

There will be **NO PARKING CURBSIDE** during morning drop off hours or during after school pick up hours. If you need to get out of your vehicle, please park on the opposite side of the street and use the crosswalk. Thank you for helping us keep traffic flowing!!

All students will enter the building upon arrival through the south door. The first bell will sound at 8:05 A.M. each day. Breakfast will be served beginning at 7:30 A.M. and will end at 8:05 A.M.



Dismissal



Kindergarten - 2nd grade will dismiss out the **FRONT of the BUILDING**.

The dismissal bell rings at 3:18 for kindergarten students; 3:25 for 1st grade and 3:30 for 2nd Grade students.

3rd-5th Grade will dismiss out the **north side (back)** and **east side (play pad)** of the building. The dismissal bell rings at 3:20 for 3rd grade; 3:25 for 4th Grade and 3:30 for 5th students.

PLEASE STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE!

If you are going to park and exit your vehicle, please park on the opposite side of the curb.

Students are expected to be picked up by 3:40pm.

During the day, we keep all doors locked except the main entrance.

Visitors will enter through the first set of doors and wait to be let into the building.

If there is no one at the front desk, please ring the doorbell.

The safety and security of our students is a top priority at Northeast.

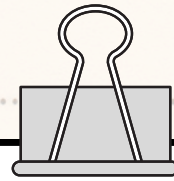


Bikes & Scooters

Northeast students in grades 2-5 are allowed to ride their bicycle or scooter to school if they choose. Important points regarding bicycle and scooter safety are:

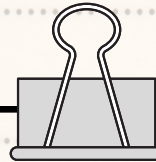
- Students **MUST** walk their bicycle or scooter while on school grounds.
- Bicycles and scooters are to be kept in the racks on the east side or south side of the building.
- Locks are recommended.
- Helmets are encouraged.

Bus Riders



Northeast Elementary has a number of students who, for a variety of reasons, ride a bus or van after school. We have a set of important routines and procedures that these students must follow.

- The loading area is the vestibule of our main entrance.
- A school staff member is responsible for checking in students and getting them to the appropriate transportation.
- **The office and transportation service must be notified if your student will not be riding the bus/van that day.** A lack of communication results in long delays as well as students being left without a ride.



Attendance is a critical factor in student success.

In order to make sure that all our children are safe and accounted for please do the following:

- Please notify the office by 8:45 A.M. if your child will be tardy or absent from school. You can call at any time and leave a voice message – the school secretary will check messages early in the morning.
- If we do not receive a call an automated system will begin making calls starting at 9:30 AM.
- Students' absences will be excused with a medical note (doctor, dentist, therapist)
- Parents/Guardians will receive an attendance letter when a child reaches 5 days, 10 days, 15 days, and 20 days of absences. An attendance meeting will be held to identify supportive strategies to promote attendance.



Daily Schedule

7:30 A.M. Secretary on Duty; Doors Open; Breakfast Served

7:45 A.M. Teachers on Duty

8:05 A.M. First Bell - Morning Meeting Begins

8:10 A.M. Tardy Bell

3:20 P.M. Kindergarten & 3rd Grade Dismissal

3:25 P.M. 1st & 4th Grade Dismissal

3:30 P.M. 2nd & 5th Dismissal

3:45 P.M. Outside Supervision ENDS – ALL Students need picked-Up

4:00 P.M. Secretary Off Duty

Dismissal reminders!

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Please help us keep the flow of traffic moving safely!



Lunch Schedule

Grade	Lunch	Recess	Return to Class
Kdg.	10:55	11:20	11:40
1st	11:20	11:40	12:00
2nd	11:40	12:00	12:20
3rd	12:00	12:20	12:40
4th	12:20	12:40	1:00
5th	12:40	1:00	1:20

Visiting School

Northeast Elementary staff welcomes parents to visit our school. When planning to visit your child's classroom or joining him or her for lunch there are a few things to consider:

- Visitors must check-in at the office.
- A driver's license is required upon entry.
- School visits will be limited to 60-minute time periods.
- Visits that involve non-school-age visitors will be limited to 30-minute periods of time in the room/playground, and the non-school-age visitor must be accompanied by an adult who will monitor their behavior.
- School-age visitors will not be allowed during school time hours.
- Visitors wishing to have lunch in the cafeteria will need to specify such in their notice to visit.

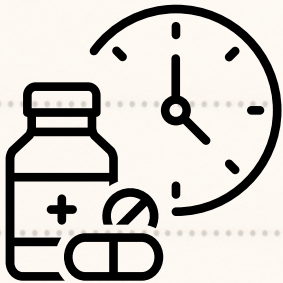
Important Notes

Student Dress

It is each student's and parent's responsibility to see that the student comes to school clean and neatly dressed. Appropriate clothing shall not pose a health problem or safety hazard, does not disrupt classroom activities, and properly covers the body, and complies with reasonable standards of appropriate dress.

- Please see the KPS Handbook for additional guidance. If school apparel does not meet standard, students will either be asked to return home for a change of clothing or will need to alter their dress so the advertisement is not visible.
- Caps and hats will not be allowed to be worn inside the school building.
- Students are recommended to wear tennis shoes on days when they will participate in physical education.

Medication at School



Students often need to take prescription medications while at school. For the health and safety of everyone concerned - all medications (including over-the-counter) must be kept in the office in their original containers along with a completed "Parental Request for In-school Medication" form. Parents are responsible for transporting these medications to and from school.

Invitations and Treats

Children are **not allowed** to bring invitations or treats to be handed out to classmates at school.

- The Northeast PTO provides a directory that includes home addresses of families that have given permission for their child to be included.
- Sending flowers, balloon bouquets and other gifts to students is strongly discouraged, and these items will be held in the office until the end of the school day.

Northeast PTO

What does the PTO do?

Get connected today!

email:

northeast.pto1@gmail.com

Facebook:

Northeast Elementary PTO

In Person:

Attend a meeting!

At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.

-Jane D. Hull



Funds Reading Programs & Subscriptions



Organizes Family Fun Events



Provides Classroom Activities & Supplies



Sponsors Student Organized Events



Funds Student Scholarships



Shows Staff Appreciation



Organizes School Spirit



Purchased Book Vending Machine & Helps Stock with Books



Purchased Picnic Tables for Students and Staff to Enjoy Learning and/or Connecting Outside.