



North Fork Local School District Superintendent's Weekly Community Update September 17, 2026

Superintendent's Message

Good morning, North Fork Team,

As we reach the middle of the first grading period, I want to thank our students, staff, and families for the strong start to the school year. Our buildings are busy with learning, activities, athletics, and many opportunities for students to grow and get involved.

This is also an important time to stay focused on the fundamentals—strong attendance, consistent effort, positive behavior, and academic progress. I encourage our students to continue giving their best each day and our families to stay connected with teachers and school activities.

Thank you for your continued support of North Fork Local Schools. Together, we will continue to do what is best for our students.

Redskin Pride!

Scott Hartley
Superintendent

Reflection/Words to Live By

- “A group becomes a team when each member is sure enough of themselves and their contribution to praise the skills of the others.” - *Norman Shidle*
- “Don’t start drama and then say you hate drama.” - *Picture quotes*



Keep everything in perspective.

District Highlights

Our food service is offering fresh fruits and vegetables to our students – the program has been a huge success.



Student Activities & Athletics

“Adversity causes some to break; others to break records.” – William Ward

Staff Shout Out – Please send nominations of individuals or events.

- This is a shout out to Robbie Klick, North Fork mechanic and bus driver. Even with long hours and lots of multi-tasking by keeping the fleet running, while filling in on bus routes whenever needed, Robbie always has a pleasant and happy disposition and strong work ethic. Thanks for all you do Robbie!
- A big shout out to: Jamie Taylor, Rachel Norris, and Deb Brand for helping and talking with my class about non-verbal communication and Deb Beaver for all her hard work and smiling face each day at school.
- A very special thank you and note of appreciation to Shelbi Bixler and Cassie Grennell! Thank you for everything you have done to get Newton Elementary up and running smoothly. Your organization and attention to detail are appreciated day in and day out. Thank you for answering endless questions about anything and everything. Most importantly, thank you for taking care of the students every day. The staff at Newton appreciates all you do!

(Please send nominations of individuals or events to Mr. Hartley.)

Important Information

Please review the following items carefully:

1. Schools can't do it alone; any support you can provide is necessary for students to succeed.
 2. I attended the OSBA fall conference on Wednesday. **Congratulations to Mrs. Cooperider for receiving the STAR award.**
 3. Positive communications start with us. Please share all of the good things we are doing for our students.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 21	Board of Education Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Newton Elem.
Friday, October 2	District-Wide Pep Rally		
Wednesday, October 7	Village of Utica Homecoming Parade		
October 7 – October 10	Village of Utica Homecoming		Main Street
Thursday, October 15	End of First Grading Period		
Friday, October 16	No School – PD/Records Day		
Monday, October 19	Board of Education Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Utica Middle School

Strategic Plan Spotlight

This week's focus: Facilities

Pillar: 1

How this supports our work:

- The team met on Friday to finalize the action plan for presenting to the board of education.
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Did You Know?

Little-known facts about the district, statistics, achievement, or interesting information:

The district currently operates as a K–12 district with four schools, providing a complete educational pathway from elementary school through graduation. The district also works with our county office for preschool programming.

Safety Minute

Reminders about school safety:

- It is critical that parents and staff work with students to teach smart online habits and discuss cyber safety.
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Closing Thought

Mind what we say because, regardless of reality, the perception is that it is true (good or bad).

*No matter what the question, the answer is **EDUCATION!!!***

Thank you for everything you do to support our students, families, and each other. Your dedication continues to make a positive difference every day.

Have a wonderful week!