



NORCO ELEMENTARY

News from the Nest

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October 2026

Can you believe October is already here? Our school year is off to a wonderful start, and we have so many exciting events planned for the next two months! We look forward to our first Student of the Month celebration and recognizing our students during the Eagles' Excellence Awards Ceremony. Families can also look forward to exploring and learning together at Science and Technology Night, watching our Talented Theatre students shine on stage, and spending a fun afternoon together at Trunk or Treat. Our school Fun Run fundraiser is sure to bring plenty of smiles and excitement, too! We are also excited about Breakfast with Bright Ideas, an opportunity to connect with our families and share ideas to support our students!

As the first quarter comes to a close, three words come to mind: community, family, and partnership. We are grateful for the many ways our families and community support our students and school. We want to give a special thank-you to Officer Lee, who helps keep our campus safe while building positive relationships with our students. We also appreciate our valued partnership with Shell, whose generosity and continued support make a meaningful difference at Norco Elementary.

Please mark your calendars for Fall Break on October 12–13. We hope our students and families enjoy time to rest, recharge, and make memories together!

Our Parent/Teacher Conferences on October 22–23 offer another opportunity to strengthen our partnership with families. We encourage every family to schedule and attend a conference to celebrate progress, discuss areas for growth, and work together to support your child's success. More information about scheduling will be shared soon.

Through our 7 Mindsets lessons, students have been exploring Everything Is Possible. We are encouraging our Eagles to dream big, think positively, and keep working toward their goals—even when something feels challenging. Families can reinforce this mindset at home by talking about their children's hopes and dreams, celebrating their efforts, and reminding them that learning and practice help them grow.

Our mission is to create a safe, loving environment in which there are high levels of learning. Through open communication and a shared commitment to our children, we can bring that mission to life each day and help every Eagle SOAR!

Thank you for your trust, support, and partnership. We look forward to a wonderful October together!

With Eagle Pride,
Shannon Diodene, Principal

2026-2027



Congratulations to our 2026-2027 Student of the Year—Quincin Murray. Quincin is a fifth grade student in Ms. Gill & Ms. Burton's classes. We are excited that she will be representing NES at the district level on November 5th!



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2	Student of the Month @ 9:15—August/September
5	Camo/Green Day Dress Down
8	Pajama Day—Way to Go Attendance Celebration
9	Breakfast with a Bright Ideas- 2 nd and 3 rd grade @ 9:15
	End of 1 st Quarter
	Dress as your future self day—Dress Down
12-13	Fall Break/Weather Make-Up Days
14	2nd Quarter Begins
15	Pink Links Dress Down
20	PTO Leadership Team Meeting at 12:00 pm
21	Volunteer Day
	Box Top Dress Down Day
23-24	Parent/Teacher Conferences
	Report Cards given out at conferences
	Early Dismissal (12:45)
26-30	Red Ribbon Week
29	Fall Picture Make-Ups (For students that were absent on picture day September 17)
30	Trunk or Treat (students may wear Halloween costumes or shirts- no masks and must be school appropriate)

2	Fun Run Kick Off
3	No School/Election Day
6	Quarter 1 Eagles Excellence
11	No School/Faculty Professional Learning Day
9-13	2nd Quarter Progress Reports Sent Home
13	NES Fun Run Event
17-18	Talented Theatre Performance (LPAC) - 6:30 pm
18	Box Top Dress Down Day
19	Science & Technology Night
23-27	Thanksgiving Holidays
30	Classes Resume

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Attendance Requirements:

ELEMENTARY students shall be in attendance a minimum of 167 days a school year. Students may only be absent 10 days. ELEMENTARY students who accrue more than 10 absences will NOT be eligible for promotion. Extenuating circumstances may apply as well as excused absences for COVID-19 related absences. For more information, please refer to the 2026-2027 Student Code of Conduct District Handbook.

Transportation

All notes must be given in writing, brought in with the student or emailed to: norcobus@wearescpss.org by 2:30 p.m. each day and by 11:30 a.m. on half days. All notes should be on a full sheet of paper, written with a dark color ink and include your child's full name, the teacher's name, and dates of the changes with clear instructions and your signature. If you email a transportation change, please expect an email confirmation. A transportation request form can be obtained from your child's teacher, the office or can be downloaded from our website: (www.wearescpss.org/norco). Please note at this time *bus* changes are not allowed.

Bus ID Tags

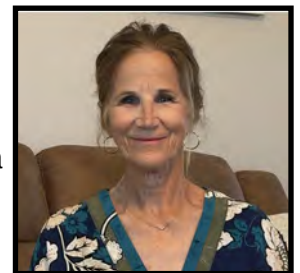
All students should have a Bus ID Tag that was given to them during their first week of school. The IDs are not only needed for buses, they are used for breakfast and lunch.

If you child needs a replacement Bus ID, there will be a \$3.00 charge. Please email sdavid@wearescpss.org to request a replacement ID. Thank you!

Parents/Guardians/Visitors
Each time you enter the school,
you will be asked to present a valid state-issued ID. Everyone
needs to check in to the main of-
fice once you are on campus. At
Car Rider pickup you will be
asked for a picture ID as well.

Hello Norco Elementary Families.

My name is Becky Weber, and I serve on the St. Charles Parish Public School Board. I represent District 6 which makeup the towns Montz, Norco and New Sarpy. I am a product of our school system and a graduate of Destrehan High School. My experience in St. Charles Parish has been that of a teacher, an administrative intern and principal. My husband, Stephen Weber, and all of our children attended SCPPS and are Destrehan High graduates.



I am honored to serve as your School Board Member and to represent our community's students, families and staff. My role is to help set policies, support strong educational programs and to promote safe, inclusive, and welcoming schools. Additionally, it is my and the board's responsibility to ensure appropriate use of district's resources and to guarantee every decision we make keeps students at the center.

I believe strong schools are built on strong partnerships. Please feel free to share your thoughts, ideas, or concerns with me. I welcome the chance to listen and learn from you. Your input matters!

I can be reached at 504-676-7133 or at bweber@wearescpss.org.

Thank you for trusting me to serve. I look forward to listening, learning and partnering with you to support our students.





NORCO ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUP SCHEDULE



Come learn, play, and connect with us!
Families with young children are invited to join us for playgroup at our Family Resource Centers.
Playgroup provides a fun and welcoming opportunity for children to learn through play, build early literacy and social skills, and interact with other children while families connect with helpful resources and one another.

Playgroup Dates

Wednesday, September 23, 2026	Wednesday, January 13, 2027
Wednesday, October 7, 2026	Wednesday, January 27, 2027
Wednesday, October 21, 2026	Wednesday, February 24, 2027
Wednesday, November 4, 2026	Wednesday, March 24, 2027
Wednesday, November 18, 2026	Wednesday, April 7, 2027
Wednesday, December 2, 2026	Wednesday, April 21, 2027
Wednesday, December 16, 2026	Wednesday, May 5, 2027
	Wednesday, May 19, 2027

10:00-11:00 AM

Contact Information

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SIGN UP

for our

NORCO PTO



\$5 per family!



BE ON THE LOOKOUT

FOR A
FUTURE
SWAG ORDER FORM!



Orders from the
FIRST ROUND
ARE CURRENTLY CLOSED.

August Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students that were selected for the month of August for showing "Cooperation":

Weslyn Cheramie, Wren Bleakley, Ella Windmann, Sawyer Pfister, Kayden Guittierez, Carolyn Kliebert, Magnolia Walker, Annie Noles, Carmen Boucvalt, Houston Clark, Tristan Trepagnier, Amelia Lamonte, Jhostin Chinchilla, Lindsey Hermann, Addison Gates, Aria Perry, Luke Lafontaine, Jane Dilley, Reese Stuard, Harper Greaud, Brant Keller, Paisley Pablo, Sawyer Taulli, Audrey Baker, Samuel Leslie, Kayte Mena, Kanon Rich, Emmalynn Brondum



Select Talented Art students from Norco had the opportunity to create artwork inspired by the music of the American Patchwork Quartet! Students listened to the band and illustrated how the music made them feel.

Their artwork was combined into a collaborative display at LPAC for the band's September 30 performance. What a wonderful connection between music and visual art.



Counselor's Corner

Red Ribbon Week is a national drug-prevention awareness campaign held each year. This year it will be celebrated **October 26–30**. In elementary schools, it is often used to teach students about making healthy, safe, and responsible choices and to encourage positive habits and friendships.

For younger students, the focus is typically on:

- ◇ Making healthy choices
- ◇ Taking care of your body and mind
- ◇ Choosing positive friends and role models
- ◇ Learning to say "no" to unsafe choices
- ◇ Building healthy habits for a positive future



Jennie Hermann (PreK-2 counselor)
Stacey Noel (3-5 counselor)
Anne Becnel (MHP)



September has been a wonderful month in Pre-K! Our students are settling into their routines, making new friends, and growing more confident each day.

We are in Week 3 of our Families unit and have been learning about the special people who make up our families and what makes each family unique.

We are also getting excited for fall! We have been talking about the changing season and all the fun that comes with it. Our students are especially excited about our upcoming pumpkin patch field trip and making special memories together!

We are so proud of our little learners and look forward to all the fun and learning ahead!

September Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students that were selected for the month of August for showing "Assertiveness":

Madilyn Doell, Katherine Southwick, Hazelle Hales, Audri Hayes, Sawyer Deroche, Levi Lafontaine, Jacey Poree, Emily Rose Wilson, Nova Carter, Caroline Dufrene, Carter Agurcia, Brandt Brasington, Dominic Dugas, Presley Schmidt, Benjamin Knight, Octavia Morrow, Caleb Lydell, Harley Pablo, Avery Bonnette, Kole McCune, Amari Parquet, Crew Buccola, Leo Weber, Jarvae Henderson, Quincin Murray, Brylie Halder, Landreigh Fox

Third grade pre-band students should be practicing their recorders at home daily. We now know notes B, A & G. Assignments are found on the pre-band google classroom. Reminder, recorders & books must "live" inside their school bags. Items not brought to class results in a loss of points.



Fourth grade band members should now be playing their mouthpieces/instruments daily at home. Reminder to create an EEi account (join teacher's group) which is included with the book. The Student ID and School Code is found on the Student Quick Start Guide form taped in the cover of the book. The activation code is at the bottom of page 1 in their book. This web site has a wealth of information and will assist students with steady tempo, help guide them to correct notes/pitches and allow them to submit playing tests online. Please let them perform their assigned exercises for you as it helps to build confidence.

Fifth grade band members need to make every effort to attend the Tuesday before-school band rehearsals. Here we are preparing our sheet music. They should also practice their book exercises with/through EEi. As I have explained to the students, the book requirements will not slowed down as we focus more on sheet music. All playing tests must be submitted on EEi through their student account. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Department of Bands
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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2026-2027 NES PEP SQUAD



McKenzie Allen
Audrey Baker
Charlotte Clark
Mia Collura
Paisley Davis
Emilee Elizabeth
Khloe Freitas
Aubree Gagliano

Evelyn Gordon
Brylie Halder
Samantha Jacob
Scarlette LeBlanc
Madison Lozano
Allison Martin
Kole McCune
Margaret Mire

Genevieve Morrow
Mila Rodriguez
River Rodriguez
Joseph Sentilles
Henley Smith
Blair Tamporello
Mia Yoes



Underground Spirit Week and Dolly Day





5 STEPS TO GIVE CREDIT



1. Open your app and click on "My Earnings"
2. Click on an earning in your "Earnings History"
3. Click "Give Credit"
4. Select a grade
5. Scroll down to "Add a Note" click on the sliding bar and add each child that you want to credit



Catherine Hare Schexnayder
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In class I have been teaching lessons from Common Sense Media. The Digital Literacy & Well-Being curriculum is used for building students' digital literacy skills. The curriculum covers the digital challenges students face every day as well as the offline skills they need to manage them. The curriculum is designed for grades K–12, with more than 165 updated lessons that reflect what students are actually encountering today. Students will learn to demonstrate appropriate, responsible behavior when using technology. The norms of behavior regarding technology use. The ability to navigate digital environments in a way that's safe and responsible, and to actively and respectfully engage in these spaces.

The six lessons include:

- Healthy Habits/Privacy And Safety/Digital Footprint Identity/Relationships Communication/Cyberbullying Online Harms/Information Media Literacy

In September we focused on "**Healthy Tech Habits**". The focus was on healthy technology routines that should help students start the year with balance, focus, and intentional device use. In the upcoming week we will focus on Privacy And Safety and Our Digital Footprint & Identity.

Privacy And Safety Staying safe online is a lot like staying safe in the real world. This lesson focuses on teaching students about the kinds of information they should keep to themselves when they use the internet -- just as they would with a stranger in person. They should keep information like their full name, address, phone number, age, where they go to school, and any other personally identifiable information to themselves, as sharing this information could lead to online risks; it's best to only share this information with trusted sources when absolutely necessary.

Our Digital Footprint & Identity. A digital footprint – sometimes called a digital shadow or an electronic footprint refers to the trail of data you leave when using the internet. A Digital Footprint includes websites you visit, emails you send, and information you submit online. It can be used to track a person's online activities and devices. It can affect your online reputation for a long time. Digital footprints aren't just a personal matter. Our online activity directly impacts our own digital footprint by creating a trail of data about our actions, like searches, posts, likes, and purchases, which can be accessed by others, while also influencing the digital footprints of those we interact with through comments, shares, and tags, potentially shaping how we are perceived online as well; essentially, every online interaction leaves a digital trace that can affect both our own and others' online reputation.



October 2026

Box Tops

Monthly Bonus Offers

Offers are valid on a single transaction from 10/1/26–10/31/26.

Must submit your receipt within 14 days of purchase. Limit 5 claims per receipt.



Buy 3, Earn 5
on LARABAR products



Buy 2, Earn 5
on all cereal & cereal treat bars



Buy 2, Earn 5
on Pillsbury products



Buy 2, Earn 5
on Annie's mac & cheese products



Buy 2, Earn 5
on Gold Medal Flour & Bisquick products



Find offers near you
Check out the Box Tops app!

Earn extra during National Box Tops Week!

From October 12 to October 18:

- Every participating product earns **DOUBLE***
- You'll **earn 20 Bonus Box Tops** every time you buy 4 participating products.

It's one of the biggest earning opportunities of the year. Don't miss it!

Receipts MUST be scanned during National Box Tops Week to earn double Box Tops. This offer excludes Nugget products.

One week only!



Top participating class for National Box Tops Week will win a basket full of snacks and supplies!



Learn more at BTFE.com
Don't have the BoxTops app?
Download it now.

We are HALFWAY to our goal!





Fight For Pink

15th Annual

Team members from the Health Sciences Pathway at the St. Charles Parish Satellite Center are working on a Breast Cancer Awareness Project to educate the community and raise funds for breast cancer research.

Donations are accepted via cash, check (payable to Satellite Center), or the QR code below. This is a competition between the West and East Banks to raise the most money for the American Cancer Society.

The winner will be **announced at the Hahnville vs. Destrehan football game on October 16, 2026.** At halftime, the chains will be joined to show our community coming together to fight breast cancer.

Pink Links donations are collected until Friday, October 16, 2026 at 2:00 pm.

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Trunk or Treat

WHEN? Oct 30

Sign Up Closes 10/15!

Scan the QR Code to Sign Up!

Check In - 11:00 am until 12:00pm
Event Time - 12:10 pm until 2:30 pm
Clean Up - 2:30 pm until 2:45 pm

Early Learning Fall Carnival

Save the Date
Reserva la fecha

Carnaval de otoño de educación temprana

R. K. Smith Middle School
 281 Judge Edward Dufresne Parkway, Luling, LA 70070

Tuesday October 27, 2026.
Martes 27 de Octubre de 2026
5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

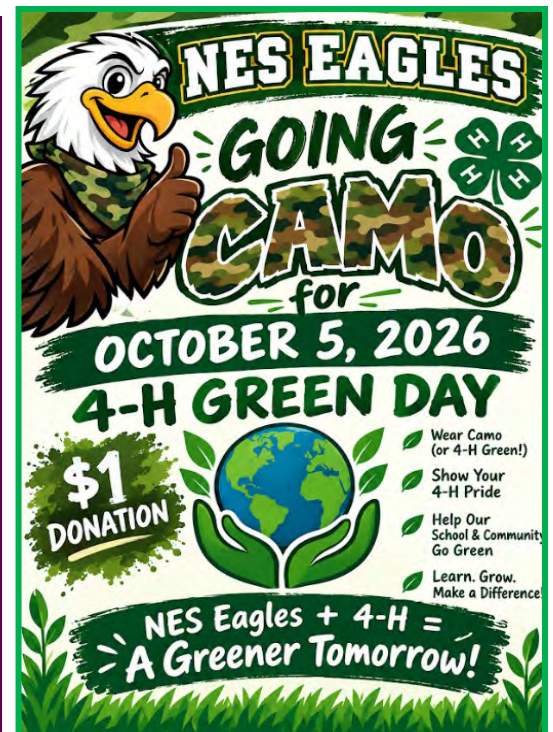
Fun reading activities
All Families welcomed!
Activities for ages 3-6.

"Counting spiders"

Sorting pumpkins

Door prizes and light refreshments for the whole family.
 Premios de puerta y refrigerios ligeros para toda la familia!

Office of Federal Programs
 Office de Programas Federales (985) 785-3154
 psmith@wearescpss.org for more information



NES EAGLES GOING CAMO for OCTOBER 5, 2026 4-H GREEN DAY

\$1 DONATION

Wear Camo (or 4-H Green!)
Show Your 4-H Pride
Help Our School & Community Go Green
Learn. Grow. Make a Difference

NES Eagles + 4-H = A Greener Tomorrow!

