



North Fork Local School District Superintendent's Weekly Community Update Week of: October 8, 2026

Superintendent's Message

Good morning, North Fork Team,

As we near the end of the first quarter, I want to thank everyone for the time, energy, and commitment you have given our students this school year. The first quarter is always a busy time, and your work each day makes a difference in the lives of our students.

This week also gives us an opportunity to celebrate Homecoming and the pride we have in North Fork. Homecoming is about more than a football game or a parade—it is a chance to bring our students, staff, families, alumni, and community together and celebrate being part of something bigger than ourselves.

Thank you for everything you do to support our students and for helping make North Fork a great place to learn, work, and grow.

Enjoy Homecoming, take pride in our schools, and thank you for all you do!

Redskin Pride!

Scott Hartley
Superintendent

Reflection/Words to Live By

- “A dream doesn’t become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination, and hard work.” - *Colin Powell*
- “Don’t waste a good today by worrying about a bad yesterday.” - *Author unknown*



Keep everything in perspective.

District Highlights

NEWTON'S HOMECOMING FLOAT!!!



Student Activities & Athletics

“Let your determination be stronger than your doubts and your actions louder than your words, and you will achieve GREATNESS.” - *Unknown*

Staff Shout-Outs

- We wanted to give a shout out to Kambra Chrisman. She does an excellent job of creating fun and engaging activities for the students. Her love of Science and Social Studies really shines through in her teaching. She goes above and beyond what is expected and is willing to take on extra duties and responsibilities to help others around her. She is a very positive person and a great role model for her students!
- A big thank you to Adam Reynolds, Brenda Walton, Adam Schreiner, Jamie Taylor, Mr. Ashbrook, and Mrs. Ritzer for helping make the homecoming dance a success. Also, a shout out to Deb Beaver, Kara Firman, Julie Zimmerman and Howard Hill for helping throughout the week with pictures and ticket sales.
- Leslie O'Bryan has stepped up to take a reading group to help with RIMPS and some other struggling students with reading. This is not her designated area of teaching, but she offered to take a group to help keep me from being too overwhelmed. I appreciate her dedication and kindness in volunteering to help the students with their reading achievement and making my day more manageable. She is a great team player!



REMINDER: If you have a shout-out, please send it to Mr. Hartley.

Important Information

Please review the following items carefully:

1. Staff – Remember the NORTH FORK WAY.
 2. One week before the end of the first grading period. Are your students reaching the standards for your subject? Will they be able to show improvement on state testing?
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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
Tuesday, November 3	No School – Conference Day Offset		

Strategic Plan Spotlight

This week's focus: Student-centered financial planning

Pillar: Goal 5

How this supports our work:

- This goal focuses on community trust and clear alignment of district finances to student need.
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Did You Know?

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

Our district supports several civic activities such as breast cancer awareness and United Way.

Safety Minute

Reminders about school safety:

- “Safety is not a checklist. It’s a mindset we model every day.”
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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!