North Fork Local School District
Superintendent's Weekly Community Update
November 6, 2026

Superintendent's Message

As we begin November, thank you for the dedication, care, and professionalism you bring to our schools every day. This time of year brings many opportunities and challenges, including continued work toward state testing, and I appreciate the work you are doing to prepare and support our students.

While assessments are important, our primary focus remains unchanged: meeting the needs of every student and helping them grow academically, socially, and emotionally. The relationships you build, the encouragement you provide, and the high expectations you set continue to make a lasting difference in the lives of our students.

As we move through the month, let us stay focused on what matters most, work together to support one another, and keep students at the center of every decision we make.

Thank you for all you do for our students, families, and community.

Remember: We do what is best for our students.

Redskin Pride!

Scott Hartley
Superintendent

Reflection/Words to Live By

- *"The difference we make in the lives of others is the true measure of our own."* *– Nelson Mandela*

- *"Watch your thoughts, they become your words. Watch your words, they become your actions. Watch your actions, they become your habits. Watch your habits, they become your character. Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny." – Lao Tzu*



District Highlights

Our schools remain committed to providing high-quality learning experiences while keeping students at the center of every decision.



Student Activities & Athletics

Powder Puff was a great success! Congratulations to the senior and freshman team.

Staff Shout-Outs

- ***I wanted to give a BIG shoutout to Tyler Keith! He is doing a phenomenal job! His patience, kindness, and dedication to the children truly shine through every single day. He is not only an amazing teacher, but also a wonderful team player and such a pleasure to work with!***

- ***I wanted to give a major shoutout to Mr. Tyler Keith! He is such an amazing teacher! He works hard with our kids! He is a very kind and patient teacher! He is a great teammate to have in the class!***

- ***Madison Clapp is always willing to help other staff members and students who aren't even on her caseload. Madison has offered to help take a 5th-grade group of students to help with phonics. These students needed a more intensive intervention for their IEP goals and/or MTSS data collection. THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS HELPING OTHERS AND BEING A TEAM PLAYER!***



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

Important Information

Please review the following items carefully:

1. Working together provides more avenues for students to succeed.

2. We will schedule our organizational meeting on **January 11, 2027**, followed by our regular meeting.



Monday, November 9	Communications Committee Meeting	2:45 p.m.	Utica High School
Monday, November 16	Board of Education Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Utica Elementary
November 25 – 27	**No School – Thanksgiving Break**		
Thursday, December 17	Last School Day before Winter Break		
Friday, December 18	**No School – Staff PD/Records Day**		
Monday, January 4	Return from Break		

Strategic Plan Spotlight

This week's focus: Academics

Pillar: Goal 3

How this supports our work:

- We continue to review our class master offerings to provide a variety of classes for our students.

Did You Know?

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

Founded in 1814 by Major William Robertson, the town was originally named Wilmington. However, when residents applied for a U.S. post office in 1821, they learned another Wilmington already existed in Ohio.

Safety Minute

Reminders about school safety:

- "Safety is not a checklist. It's a mindset we model every day."

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!