

Northview Elementary School

NEWS YOU CAN USE*From the desk of Sara McDonald, Principal***HAPPY 2015!**

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you were able to indulge in some down time with your families over break. While the time off was certainly appreciated, I welcome the return to routine and the smiley faces of all of the unique personalities that enter our doors! You might not notice, but your children are growing!

We have many learning experiences planned for the students in the coming months. Make sure you look at your school calendar or visit us online. On Friday, January 9th, all Northview students will enjoy a "movie incentive" as PTC's (Parent Teacher Club) way of saying THANKS to all of our students for working hard at selling items during the fall fundraiser. On this day, those students who sold at least 25 items will be able to "Spin and Win" a prize. Also, those students who sold at least 35 items

will step on into the Money Machine!

Please mark your calendar for Thursday, February 19th. That evening will be Northview and Washington's Fine Arts Fair. It will be held at Washington School from 5:30—7:00 p.m. Student art work will be on display, parents will be able to participate in an art project with their children that night, there will be theatre improvisation with members from Stage 212, there will be Family Music Time, and a finale in the gym with our PE teacher. More information will be coming about this evening when it gets closer!

Please remember to keep reading to and/or with your children. Remember that reading to or with your child for 10-20 minutes a day and talking to them about what you read is one of the best activities to help your children succeed at school.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

PTC Fundraiser Incentive, Spin and Win, Money Machine	Jan. 9
PTC Meeting at Northview School, 6:00 p.m. in library	Jan. 13
Aimsweb Testing for K-1 students	Jan. 20-21
Progress Reports are sent home with First Grade Students	Jan. 21
PreK Screening 9:00—2:30 p.m. at Northview School	Jan. 22
BEE STORE	Jan. 26
Dental Program	Jan. 30

WINTER WEAR FOR OUTSIDE PLAY!

Get ready for some colder weather coming in January and February! When it's not TOO cold to play outside, we do send the students out to get some fresh air! Get those new coats, hats, mittens/gloves, boots and snow pants ready! The favorite time for our students to play outdoors is when there is SNOW on the ground. We still go out, but there are rules on who can play IN THE SNOW. Students must have snow boots and snow pants on in order to play in the snow piles and in the grass with the heavy snow. When sending your child to school with snow boots, please make sure to also send them with another pair of shoes to wear in school. Wearing the snow boots all day in the classroom causes their feet to get too hot.

PRESCHOOL SCREENING

Northview School will be holding a Preschool Screening for all eligible 3 & 4 year olds on January 22, 2015 from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. If you are interested in having your child screened, please call the school office at 815-223-2567 by January 16th. This screening will not guarantee

entry into Peru's *Bright Futures Preschool*, but will put all eligible Peru children on a waiting list for future openings either this year or next school year. If you want more information, please contact the school office! Future PreK screenings for students who turn three later this year will take place in April 2015 and August 2015.



COOL BEHAVIOR CONTINUES IN 2015!

The Northview Students did an absolutely awesome job coming back from Winter Break and getting right back into the routine of school. Our first day back brought a review of how to behave in the cafeteria, at recess, and on the school bus. We held a special station rotation with more review of the expectations in these areas of the school.

The school bus continues to be the one area that is the biggest struggle for many of our students when it comes to behavior. Children are asked to make sure they stay in their seat during the entire ride and do not get out of their seat until the bus comes to a complete stop! Children are also asked to keep all their papers, books, folders, and food items inside of their book bag and/or lunchbox. Many items are lost on the bus when items are taken out of the book bags. Last, children are asked to talk quietly to their friends so that the bus driver does not become distracted. All of these safety reminders will help the students to get to and from school safely and NOT be written up on the bus! There are also some rules for parents as well! Parents are reminded that you need to be at the bus stop at least 5 minutes prior to the bus arriving at the stop both in the morning and the afternoon. If the children are not at the stop, the bus will only wait a few seconds before they continue on their route. There have been TOO MANY instances where there are no parents at the bus stop after school and the children are brought back to the school. This can only happen three times during the school year before we will dismiss your child from the bus for a week. Parents,

please be responsible and be on time at the stop! It is much appreciated!



The Northview staff member that was recognized in December for her work with the Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) program is **Mrs. Melissa Hewitt, Food Service Worker**. Mrs. Hewitt was recognized for "always modeling good BEEhavior to Preschool".

WAY TO GO!