

NEWS YOU CAN USE

From the desk of Sara McDonald, Principal

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Happy New Year! While we certainly don't need January to remind us that there is always room for improvement, the beginning of a new year feels like the perfect time to turn over a new leaf...and a perfect time to model personal reflection and goal setting with our children. Please consider discussing the things that you are personally proud of accomplishing this year and a few small ways that you might try to change for the better. In turn, your children might want to reflect and set *reasonable* goals for themselves!

My New Year's Resolution(s):

1. In frenzied moments, I will commit to keeping in mind what is really most important.
2. I will stop making excuses for why I can't find the time to exercise! I will exercise at least 4 out of 7 days a week for 30 minutes a day.

Some reasonable, kid-friendly resolutions might include the following:

1. I will make sure to eat fruits and vegetables every day.
2. I will make sure to put my clothes in the hamper and not on the floor.
3. I will only watch one T.V. show (or fewer) per day.
4. I will eat the lunch I've been packed or the lunch that I've ordered at school.
5. I will say one nice thing to different people every day.
6. I will read at least 20 days a month and turn in my reading calendar at school on time.

I'd like to wish you a prosperous, happy 2012!

TURN IN THOSE READING CALENDARS PLEASE!!

Reading calendars for PreK-1st grade students are due by Friday, January 6th. Our Reading Incentive in January will be playing some games (maybe even hula hooping) with the Wii Fit Game System. We will also be making some Sand Pudding as a snack for that day! We don't want anyone to miss the fun because you aren't reading!



CALENDAR REMINDERS

Preschool Screening at Northview	Jan 6
Market Day Pick-up at Parkside School	Jan 9
End of 2nd Quarter Reading Incentive	Jan 13
NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King,	Jan. 16
Parent Teacher Club Meeting—6:00 p.m. at Parkside	Jan 17
REPORT CARDS ARE SENT HOME TODAY!	Jan. 18
BEE STORE IS OPEN TODAY!	Jan 20
Aimsweb Testing this week for K-1	Jan. 24





A FEW GOOD PARENTS NEEDED...

Have you always wanted to help out at school and just never volunteered?

Do you love organizing anything that has to do with helping your child's school?

Do you love Hawaii and want to decorate our library in that theme?

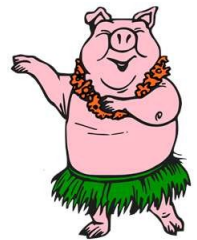
If you answered **YES** to any of the above questions, then I have just the volunteer job for you. In anticipation of our Spring Book Fair (March 26 to 30, 2012), we are in need of some parents to help organize this book fair. The parent that has done this for us the past few years no longer has children at Northview School. So...now is the time to get some new parents to help organize this very worthwhile cause!

One parent could organize this event with getting help from other parents. OR...it might be nice to get a few "co-chairs" who would work together on this project.

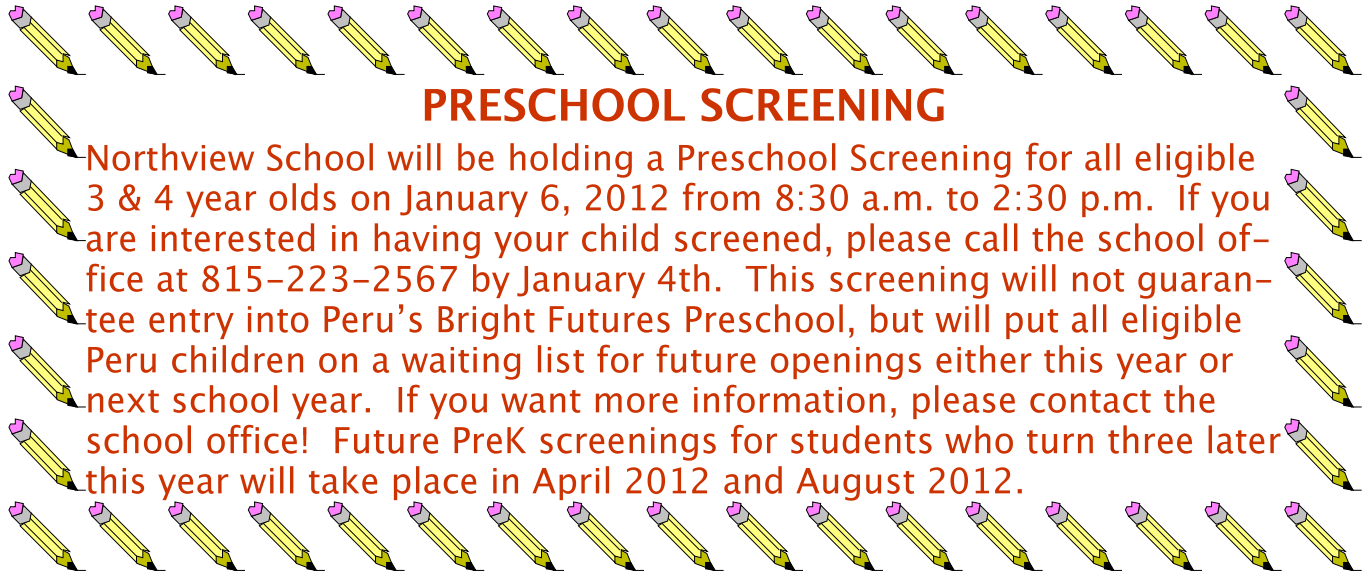
The parent that has worked on this project in the past is willing to share ALL of the items that will make it easy for you! Plus, Scholastic Books is very good with providing all the needed information to run a successful Book Fair!

Our Spring Book Fair Theme is **READING LUAU!** If you are interested in helping out with the organization and planning of the Book Fair, please contact Sara McDonald, Principal at 223-2567. Once we have some parent volunteers, then I would be happy to meet with all of those willing to organize this event and provide you with all of the contact information, timelines, etc. to make this the most organized Book Fair possible.

BTW...all of the proceeds from this Book Fair goes directly to the classroom teachers so they can purchase more books for their classroom library!



GIVE ME A CALL!



PRESCHOOL SCREENING

Northview School will be holding a Preschool Screening for all eligible 3 & 4 year olds on January 6, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. If you are interested in having your child screened, please call the school office at 815-223-2567 by January 4th. 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 2012 and August 2012.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, February 17th is PTC's annual Family Night. PTC will once again be hosting a Family Dinner along with Family Bingo to be held at Northview School. Tickets will be sold ahead of time and more information will be coming home soon about this event. It's an inexpensive, fun, family event that all of you should make plans on attending! Mark the date on your calendar!

