



From the desk of Mrs. Sara McDonald, Principal

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE TIME

Parent Teacher Conferences are Thursday, Nov. 3rd from 12:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Friday, Nov. 4th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON EITHER OF THESE DAYS.** You have already received a confirmation letter from the classroom teacher stating your scheduled time.

The parent-teacher conference provides a unique opportunity to collaborate with a key partner in your child’s education—his or her teacher. Though this meeting is often all too short, the resulting advice, strategies, and insights can help both you and the teacher enhance your child’s success in school.

The following are some suggestions for getting the most out of the parent –teacher conference:

1. **Be there, and be on time.** Keep in mind that the teacher has to meet with a lot of parents, and the conferences are usually on a tight schedule. Therefore, being punctual or even early will maxi-

mize your discussion time.

2. **Ask questions.** While the teacher will have a variety of topics to discuss, don’t be afraid to ask questions and make sure your concerns are addressed.
3. **Discuss specific strengths and weaknesses.** Find out what topics or tasks your child struggles with, what sorts of things he or she is reluctant to do and, most importantly, what specific strategies you can try at home to help.
4. **Avoid being defensive.** The teacher’s primary aim is your child’s well-being and improvement, and by raising concerns, the teacher isn’t trying to criticize. Rather, she is simply seeking your help to find a solution.
5. **Find out what you can do at home.** Work with the teacher to come up with activities and strategies you can do at home with your child.

NORTHVIEW’S READING LUAU COMING SOON!

Last month, we reminded you of our **READING INCENTIVE** that we are asking parents to support at home. Each month, the classroom teachers in PreK through 1st grade send home reading calendars. Because reading is so important and helps to develop a love for reading and improved academics, young, developing readers need as much practice as possible! That is where **PARENTS COME INTO PLAY!** We ask each student in the following grades

to read for:

PRESCHOOL— 10 minutes a day—20 days

KINDERGARTEN—15 minutes a day for 20 days

FIRST GRADE—20 minutes a day—20 days

OCTOBER READING CALENDARS ARE NOW DUE—BY NOVEMBER 1ST. Those students that bring back their Reading Calendars will participate in the FUN monthly incentives. This month—students will participate in a LIMBO CONTEST WITH TROPICAL MUSIC! They will also be served some Volcanic Punch after the fun event! You don’t want your children to miss out—please return those reading calendars!!



Dates to Remember

Parent Teacher Conferences 12:30–8:30 P.M.	Nov. 3
Parent Teacher Conferences 8-2	Nov. 4
Veteran’s Day Celebration—10:00 a.m.	Nov. 11
Parent Breakfast and Lunch/Visits	Nov. 17
NO SCHOOL—HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	Nov. 24-25
K-1 Winter Concerts	Dec. 6
Preschool Winter Songs/cookies	Dec. 12

VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY



In Peru Public Schools, we decide to stay in school during the Veterans Day holiday so that the students can

learn more about this special day! Northview students will honor veterans by holding a very special ceremony on Friday, November 11th at 10:00 a.m. in the gym. Parents, Grandparents or other relatives of Northview students or staff who have served or currently serve in any branch of the military are welcome to attend. After the Presentation of Colors and the *Pledge of Allegiance*, veterans will be introduced and the children will sing a few patriotic songs, including "This Land is Your Land".

Students will also recite a special poem, *Who Is Your Hero?* Donuts and coffee will be served in the school gym after the ceremony.

It's so important to teach this generation about what our veterans have done for our country and how they deserve our respect!

To all who serve or have served our country in our armed forces, Peru Public Schools salutes and thanks you!



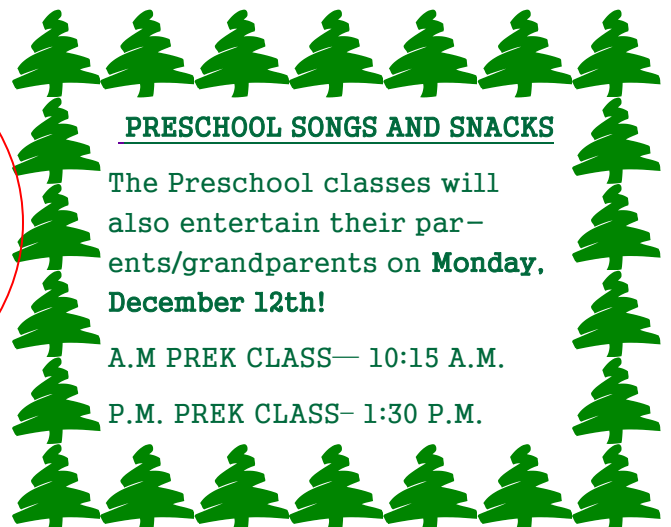
AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

The week of November 13-19 is American Education Week. This is the **90th** Celebration Year! The NEA (National Education Association) originally designated this special week back in 1921. In its resolution, the NEA called for: "An educational week ... observed in all communities annually for the purpose of informing the public of the accomplishments and needs of the public schools and to secure the cooperation and support of the public in meeting those needs."

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A VISIT AND COME FOR BREAKFAST OR LUNCH ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH. Because of space limitation, we ask that you choose only one—breakfast OR lunch. Many families send one parent to breakfast and the other one to lunch, which is just fine! Many classes are presenting something special for your visit, while others will invite you into a "typical Northview school day"!

HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU TO CELEBRATE EDUCATION IN PERU PUBLIC SCHOOLS!

NORTHVIEW WINTER
CONCERT FOR K-1 STUDENTS
DECEMBER 6TH,
KINDERGARTEN AT 6:00 P.M.
FIRST GRADE AT 7:00 P.M..
IN THE SCHOOL'S GYM



PRESCHOOL SONGS AND SNACKS

The Preschool classes will also entertain their parents/grandparents on **Monday, December 12th!**

A.M PREK CLASS— 10:15 A.M.

P.M. PREK CLASS— 1:30 P.M.



PBIS NEWS AND UPDATES

On Friday, October 28th, all students at Northview were rewarded with a special Hayrack Ride to celebrate their awesome behavior in the hallway. Students are practicing everyday how to BE RESEPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE AND SAFE in the hallway. It is so neat to see our Preschool students walking nice and quiet in a straight line when walking in the hallway. Even our youngest children understand and model what their teachers show them! Now our challenge is to make sure we remember to walk nice and stay quiet in the hallway, even when teachers are not right there with us!

The teacher that was recognized in October for her work with the Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) program is **MRS. LEXY REBHOLZ, Preschool Teacher**. Mrs. Rebholz was recognized for “always thinking of others and wanting to help with PBIS”. She was recognized by one of her kindergarten grade colleagues.

WAY TO GO!



Thanks to Mr. Pletsch, who does some farming in an area community. He was able to bring his tractor with the hayrack. What fun we had!!



COLD WEATHER DRESS

September heat waves, October beautiful fall days and then the *windy, windy* days across the prairie. What will be next? Since the weather in Illinois is so unpredictable please keep in mind that your child should be dressed properly to go outside for recess. The school policy is that we go out for recess whenever the temperature is not dangerously cold. We go outside with snow on the ground, so please send your children with snow boots , snow pants, mittens, and winter coats.

