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NEWS YOU CAN USE

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HAPPY FALL, Y'ALL!

Upcoming Events

Fire Prevention Week Fire Truck visits the school!	Oct 6
PTC Meeting at Northview School in library 6:00 p.m.	Oct 7
<i>First Grade Progress Reports are sent home today</i>	Oct 8
TEACHER INSTITUTE NO SCHOOL	Oct 10
COLUMBUS DAY NO SCHOOL	Oct 13
School Picture Retakes	Oct 16
BEE STORE	Oct 20
PreK Trip to Boggio's 8:25—11:20 a.m.	Oct 24
Halloween Parades 9:45 and 12:45 p.m.	Oct 31

The pumpkins are ready for picking, the mums have bloomed, and apple cider is warming on the stove! Every day, additional combines make their way to the fields for the upcoming harvest. At Northview, we are also looking for a plentiful harvest, but our growing season lasts until June! The cultivators (faculty and staff) are planting the seeds of knowledge. Our young seedlings (students) need lots of tender care and attention to grow to their maximum potential. So far, the “crop” looks very good! We have already seen measurable growth and we’re only seven weeks into the growing season!

This month’s newsletter is one of the best sources of communication between school, or should I say...the farm and

home! Please take some time to review the contents.

Northview has the best parents! We have a great PTC (Parent Teacher Club) that works hard to support the activities our students are involved in! Thanks to all of you who supported our PTC by helping to sell items during our fall fundraiser. We also have great volunteers. We have already had parents volunteering and helping out for school picture day, BEE STORE, and the Child IL-CHIP (ID) Program. You soon will be receiving a note from our parent volunteer coordinator, Ms. Nelenia Ziano, asking for parent volunteers for October and November activities. Please call the school (223-2567) if you would like more information on how to get involved!

Children may come to school on Halloween in their costumes. We will begin the PreK a.m. parade at 9:45 a.m. And the p.m. parade (K-1) at 12:45 p.m. No weapons should accompany the costumes, toy or otherwise. Please no toy guns, knives, hatchets, or swords. **We love seeing costumes that are positive, creative, fun, and original!**

Please dress your children appropriately for this weather change!! It gets quite cold in the mornings now and some children come to school with no coats or sweatshirts. We don’t want the children getting sick because of not dressing appropriately. Please listen to the radio/TV in the a.m. before sending your children to school!!

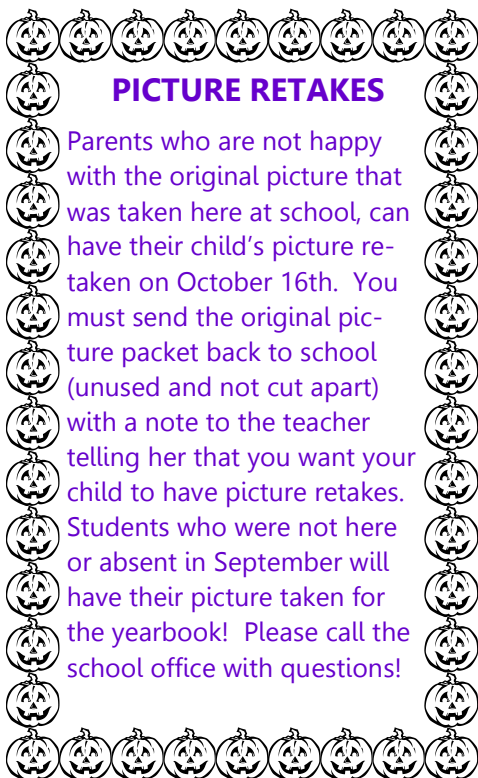
SCHOOL BUS BEHAVIOR

Getting to and from school safely on a school bus is one of the most important things at school. At the beginning of the year, ALL students were put on a bus (no matter if they ride a school bus daily or not) and were taught proper bus riding procedures. With 67% of our students riding the bus daily, it is of utmost importance that they follow our bus riding rules and I'm asking parents to help with reminding your children about why bus rules are so important. Our rules at Northview School (and pretty much on any school bus, are as follows):

1. When the bus is moving, you are to stay seated. You do not get up until you are at your stop.
2. If you are in an assigned seat (and all of our students are in the afternoon), you are to stay in your assigned seat and not jump seats.
3. Keep your hands to yourself.
4. You may talk, but keep your voices low so the bus driver can focus on his/her job—getting you to and from school safely.
5. Keep everything in your book bag—do not start taking books, homework, or food out of your book bag/lunchbox.
6. If something is happening that is not safe around you, please report it to the bus driver at the next stop.

Riding the bus is a privilege. When rules are not followed, the bus drivers will “write up” students. What does a “bus write up” mean? It is a trip to the principal’s office with a consequence and a phone call home. First time offenses are a warning and then subsequent write-up’s will result in a suspension from the bus. Typical suspensions range from 1—10 days off the bus, depending on the severity of the situation and past history of the student at fault.

You can help by reminding your children of the SAFE riding expectations listed above. You can also help by giving consequences to your children when they do get in trouble on the bus. Support at home is one of the best ways to make sure that your child will not get dismissed from the bus!



PICTURE RETAKES

Parents who are not happy with the original picture that was taken here at school, can have their child’s picture re-taken on October 16th. You must send the original picture packet back to school (unused and not cut apart) with a note to the teacher telling her that you want your child to have picture retakes. Students who were not here or absent in September will have their picture taken for the yearbook! Please call the school office with questions!

PARENT AND GRANDPARENT VISITS

Our district is trying something new this year with our traditional parent and grandparent days. Having one very crowded and busy day with hundreds of visitors is not ideal for our students or our guests, so we thought we would try something new.

For this year, we are going to encourage parents and grandparents to schedule one visit day for the year at your convenience. We would prefer that the parents and grandparents visit on the same day, and preferably on or around birthdays or other special days for your child, but this is up to you. The parents and grandparents are welcome for the school breakfast or lunch, or you could bring your own healthy option for breakfast or lunch from home. You are also welcome to go to recess with your child following lunch.

In other words, we are going to allow parents and grandparents to preschedule a visit to the school, rather than trying to hold these days as one large and very crowded event. We will instead open our doors to you and your children's grandparents for a prearranged visit. We thought this would also be better for both parents and grandparents in terms of your own schedules, as well as crowded parking lots.

Please contact the school with any questions or to schedule a visit.

HOWLIN ' GOOD BEHAVIOR!

Our students at Northview School are beginning to learn, remember, and practice the **BE RESPECTFUL,, BE RESPONSIBLE, AND BE SAFE** school expectations! Monthly, our PBIS team looks at behavior data in order to assure that our school focus for the month will help to support the areas in the school that the children are struggling with the most! We will often do some re-teaching in areas that the students seem to be struggling in. This month, we read a book about "Being Safe on the Playground" and role played safe behavior with all the PreK—1st grade students. This is the area of focus for October and November. Playing safe on the playground means keeping hands to ourselves, not hurting, pushing, shoving, or playing rough. Your help at home reinforcing safe play is always helpful. Now a days with so much violence on TV, in video games, and in the daily news; children are exposed to too much inappropriate behavior. When your children are playing at home, please reinforce the SAFE and RESPECTFUL aspects of play.



Each month, in addition to the students being recognized for their hard work, we also recognize a teacher or staff member at Northview School for their hard work in being a good role model for PBIS. We are excited to honor **MRS. CARMEN MATA, BILINGUAL TEACHER AIDE.**

Mrs. Mata was recognized for "how much the kids respect you"



WAY TO GO MRS. MATA!

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING THE DRIVE!

The Northview Staff REALLY APPRECIATES all of the parent support we received with our DRIVE FOR THE KIDS event in September. So many of you stopped that evening to do the short test drive. Unfortunately, we did not meet our goal of at least a 150 test drives to get a monetary bonus from Chrysler. There were 124 test drives that evening. So, with the \$10.00 per drive we will be receiving a check for \$1240.00. That is not too shabby at all! All of the proceeds go to our PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) program. We will use the money for our BEE store items and the quarterly incentives/ assemblies that the students participate in. THANK YOU!

Don't forget we still take donations of small toys and other items (McDonald's toys in the bags, school supplies, games, left over toys from birthday parties, etc.) for our BEE store. I'm amazed at how many parents donate these items. We are writing thank you notes at least two times a month for all the donations we received. Our parents are awesome!

DIVE INTO BOOKS!

Each year, Northview School has a reading theme for the school year. This year's theme is **UNDER THE SEA**. You have probably noticed an ocean/beachy theme in the school this year! We organize activities and events around this theme—with a culminating activity normally in the spring with our Family Reading Night and Book Fair. You received some information from your child's teacher about our reading calendars. We ask **ALL STUDENTS** at Northview to read 20 days during a month. PreK reads for 10 minutes. Kindergarten reads for 15 minutes and First Grade reads for 20 minutes. You have a calendar where you verify that your child reads with you at home (sign the calendar) and send it back monthly. We will have three reading incentives throughout the year to celebrate students' success! **READING AT HOME IS SO IMPORTANT!**