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NORTHVIEW SCHOOL'S

NEWS YOU CAN USE

From the desk of Sara McDonald, Principal

WELCOME BACK!



Upcoming Events

NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY	Sept. 1
PICTURE DAY	Sept. 5
Parent Teacher Club (PTC) Mtg.—6:00 pm	Sept. 9
PTC Fall Fundraiser Kick-off Assembly	Sept. 11
K-1 Aimsweb Testing	Sept. 16- 17
Northview Open House 6:30—8:00 p.m. “Drive for the Kids” 3:30—7:30 p.m.	Sept. 18
Child ID Program (IL-CHIP)	Sept. 19
BEE STORE OPEN TODAY	Sept. 22
Peru Foundation BBQ Dinner at Parkside 4:30—7:00 pm	Sept. 25
PTC Fall Fundraiser Orders are due today	Sept. 26

Welcome to Northview School, home to 271 PreK through 1st grade students! This will be my eleventh year at Northview School as building principal. We have a lot of change happening at Northview this year! The kids are excited about all the big tractors and equipment they see on the property! What an opportunity for our district to be able to add onto Northview and run a much more efficient district with two almost new campuses. When and if there are ever any changes about traffic patterns or safety warnings, please know that I will communicate that to you as soon as I find out!

We have three new staff members at Northview. Welcome to Miss Claudia Arteaga, new Special Education Teacher. You can read all about her on the next page. We also have new staff serving food in the cafeteria. Welcome to Holly Buczkowski, Assistant Food Service Manager. Holly worked at Washington School last year. Also welcome to Melissa Hewitt, food service worker. Melissa is brand new to our district!

Any new parents to Northview will absolutely love our experienced, dedicated, and caring staff. Our students participate in a wide variety of activities, and it is our hope that your children develop the skills necessary to become successful

learners in our community!

All the staff at Northview want your child(ren) to be happy and successful at school. Parents play a huge role in that happiness. It is your role to continually show interest in and support for your child. The child who knows that his or her family is interested and supports the school programs will almost always have fewer problems in school and will enjoy greater success here.

This newsletter contains lots of information so please take your time looking it over. I will be writing a monthly newsletter throughout the school year. You can always find this letter on the Northview website by clicking the button on the right side of the page that says “NORTHVIEW NEWSLETTER”. I will also send you a PDF via text or email if you signed up for correspondence that way. Any information that you may need will probably be found on our website, but if you have any questions (or suggestions) please feel free to stop by the office or give me a call. We take your suggestions seriously and they help us improve every year.

What a fantastic year we are going to have with your KIDS! Welcome to NORTHVIEW SCHOOL!

A NEW FACE AT NORTHVIEW!

Northview School is excited to introduce our new special education teacher, Miss Claudia Arteaga. She grew up and currently lives in Mendota, IL. Miss Arteaga graduated from Illinois State University in Dec. 2012 with a Bachelor's Degree in Education with a major in Special Education. She holds an LBS I Teaching Certificate. Miss Arteaga is currently enrolled in classes at Northern Illinois University in order to obtain an endorsement in ESL and Bilingual Education. She is bilingual and speaks fluent Spanish.

Most recently, Miss Arteaga completed her first year of teaching at Mendota High School as a 9-12 Special Education Teacher. She student taught at Northwest Elementary in LaSalle in the K-2 Resource Classroom.

In July of 2015, Miss Arteaga will get married. She is engaged and she will be Mrs. Carbajal a year from now!

In her spare time, Miss Arteaga enjoys playing tennis, hiking, and spending time with her family. She loves pasta and seafood! Her favorite book is Charlotte's Web. She says it brings her back to her first grade year when her teacher read the book and they watched the movie in class. Miss Arteaga chose to be

a teacher because she loves working with children and watching them grow as they learn. She states, "it's very rewarding".

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**MISS
ARTEAGA**



DRIVE FOR THE KIDS

Representatives from the Chrysler brand and Lincoln Chrysler Dodge & Jeep will join with parents and teachers for a Drive for the Kids™ event at Northview School during our Open House on Thursday, September 18th. Parents and guests can earn a \$10 contribution for Northview school from Chrysler by taking a brief test drive in the award winning Chrysler, Dodge, and Jeep vehicles. Everyone is invited to join the fun! Any licensed driver, age 18 or over, may drive and earn \$10 for the Northview School PBIS Fund. Coronet Dodge will provide the vehicles and volunteers to answer questions and help out with the test drives. Test drives will take place at Northview Elementary School's "Open House" event from 3:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

More information will be coming home with your children about this event as it gets closer. THIS IS TOTALLY FREE AND YOUR TIME IS WHAT SUPPORTS OUR SCHOOL! Please tell your friends, grandparents, and neighbors to come out and support Northview's PBIS Program! All funds raised during this event will go directly to our fund to purchase the PBIS incentives that are in our BEE store. It will also fund any PBIS assemblies and special incentives. We hope you can help us!



Safety During Construction

We are asking that parents and drivers use extreme caution while construction is taking place at Northview during the 2014-15 school year. This is especially important at Plum and 21st Streets, which is the main entrance to the construction site. Cars should not block this entrance under any circumstances. Also, at this time there is still a sidewalk, but some areas could be dangerous and children should be supervised with parents when walking past this area or anywhere near the site.

Please contact Superintendent Mark Cross at 223-0486 or Principal Sara McDonald at 223-2567 if you have any safety concerns. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this exciting time!

UNBEEBELIEVABLE BEHAVIOR!

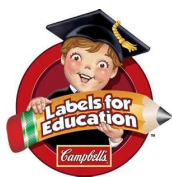
At Northview School, we believe in fair and consistent discipline that encourages students to be responsible for themselves and their actions. This year we will once again utilize the *Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports* model (PBIS) to ensure that all students and parents have a clear understanding of the behavioral expectations at Northview. We have three building wide expectations which will drive our students' behavioral choices:

BE RESPECTFUL

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE SAFE

As we did last year, during the first few weeks of the school year, teachers and staff demonstrated to all students what it means to be respectful, responsible and safe in all school settings (i.e.: gym, cafeteria, restrooms, bus, playground, hallway, etc.) We will continually practice and model the expected behaviors for our students. The students who demonstrate these consistently will be awarded BEE tickets, which can be spent in our monthly BEE store. If you see BEE tickets at home, please send them back to school so they can be used by your child! Please discuss ways that your child can practice these behaviors at home too! I am looking forward to sharing more about our PBIS initiative throughout this school year!



EASY WAYS TO HELP NORTHVIEW SCHOOL

Campbell's Labels for Education: Collect the UPC code from Campbell's, Franco American, Pepperidge Farm, Pace, V8, Prego and Swanson labels. The labels—with the UPC code— can be turned into your child's teacher! We are able to purchase school supplies and/or playground equipment (such as the playground balls our children play with at recess time).

Box Tops for Education: Clip box tops and other labels from these products to earn money for our school. The box tops come from General Mills cereals, Pillsbury products and Betty Crocker snacks. We earn 10 cents for each box top turned in. Each classroom has a container for collecting the box tops. We made over \$1000.00 last year to use for special reading incentives, LeapFrog videos, and books for our students! Free and easy money!



Donations to our BEE store: We have awesome parents and grandparents who donate items to our BEE store for PBIS. We will take donations of McDonald's toys (still in the package), any school supplies (pencils, erasers, notebooks), toys that are in good shape, puzzles, books, etc. Whatever your children like to play with at home, they will like to purchase in the BEE store. Thanks!

PARENT VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NEEDED!!! I'm looking for a parent that can do some "behind the scenes" work with contacting parents and arranging for volunteers at the many events that we host at Northview School. We need volunteers for our BEE store, for Veteran's Day activities, for Picture Days, for Reading Incentives, PBIS incentives, Book Fair, Family Reading Nights, Winter Concerts, etc. This coordinator would make contacts (by phone, text, or email) to parents who filled out the volunteer form and then communicate with the building principal on who will be showing up for the event to help. Sounds like fun, doesn't it? Please call Sara McDonald at 223-2567 if you are interested in helping!

NORTHVIEW OPEN HOUSE

On Thursday, September 18th, Northview School will welcome parents and their children to our annual Open House! The school will be open from 6:30—8:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet the teacher, learn about the expectations in the school and classroom, get some tips on how you can support your child at home in their educational pursuits, sign up for volunteer opportunities, and check out the classroom and school. Teachers at each grade level will be available during this time. It's very informal. Being in attendance for this event is a great way to start the school year, develop a strong home/school partnership, and sends a powerful message to your child about the importance of education! There will even be "give a ways" every half hour for the children in attendance. We hope to see all of you on Thursday!



THANK YOU PARENTS!

PROTECT THE KIDS YOU LOVE!

On Friday, September 19th, the IL CHIP program will be at Northview School. This vital information program provides everything you need to assist the authorities in finding your child in case of an emergency. This is a free program and sponsored by the Masons of Illinois. It's the most comprehensive program of its kind. It only takes 10 minutes and supplies parents with a complete child ID package that can be taken home or carried with the family on vacation. The information—most of which is contained on a CD—is compact and totally private. Here is what you get: Color Photo, DNA Sample (saliva cheek swab), Fingerprints, recorded interview.

Permission slips for this program will be sent home with the children soon. Once parents give permission, then the children will participate on Friday, Sept. 19th AT SCHOOL. Parents that are interested in having non-school age children participate, please just ask the school office for more permission slips! Please call if you have questions.

There are a lot of procedures to keep your children safe at school and we thank all of you for following these procedures:

- Thank you for not bringing your K-1 children onto school property until 8:40 a.m. That is when supervision of children begins. Students eating breakfast may come to school at 8:30 a.m. and go directly to the cafeteria!
- Thank you for only parking on the west side of Plum Street when dropping off your children in the morning! It's too busy to cross your children in front of traffic.
- Thank you for NOT PARKING IN THE YELLOW STRIPED ZONE in the morning. This is "drop off zone only" and cars are not allowed to park there for more than a minute while dropping off your child. Because of amount of traffic at 3:30 p.m., it is OK to park in the striped zone at 3:30 p.m.
- Thanks for not pulling into the front drive from 8:20—9:00 a.m. and from 11:45—12:30 p.m. This is the BUS ONLY ZONE!
- Thank you for sending your child to school in shoes that they can run around and play in. NO FLIP FLOPS are allowed at school at all. If children wear flip flops to school, they will be asked to change into their PE shoes.
- Thank you for calling the school office by 9:00 a.m. (12:00 noon for pm PreK) to report your child absent. Mrs. Lippert, our smiling secretary, would like your help with this. If you do not call your child in, please expect a phone call from Mrs. Lippert to inquire as to why your child is not in attendance. We do have voice mail in case you want to leave a message late at night or early in the morning. Just press extension #300 to report an absence!