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NORTHVIEW SCHOOL'S

NEWS YOU CAN USE

From the desk of Sara McDonald, Principal



HERE WE GO!

Upcoming Events

SCHOOL PICTURES	Sept. 9
AIMSWEB Testing for Grades K-1	Sept. 12-13
6:00 p.m.—Parent Teacher Club Meeting at Parkside	Sept. 13
District Open House 6:30—8:00 p.m.	Sept. 15
PTC Fundraiser Kick-off Assembly	Sept. 16
Pro-Kids Assembly 6:00 p.m.—Family Night at Washington School	Sept. 20
1st Grade Progress Reports are sent home	Sept. 28
Market Day Pick-up at Parkside School	Sept. 29
PTC Fundraiser orders are due to the office today	Sept. 30

The beginning of the school year is always so exciting! If you are new to Northview, we are thrilled to have you join us. If you are returning, WELCOME BACK! We have an exciting school year planned for children and families. This newsletter has lots of information that I hope you will find useful. Hopefully you will feel well informed, but please remember that we have an open door policy in the office, so if you have any questions stop by or call any time.

We have one new staff member to introduce for this school year. We welcome Mrs. Ashley Konczak. Mrs. Konczak is a new teacher aide in kindergarten. She recently completed her Bachelor's Degree from Kendall College with a degree in Early Childhood Education. She actually completed part of her student teaching here at Northview last winter. Mrs. Konczak will be working in Mrs. Duncan's Kindergarten class. She and her husband

just welcomed their first child, Brycen, born in July. They make their home in Oglesby. We welcome Mrs. Konczak to the Northview Family.

Another new teacher to Northview, but not to Peru Schools is Miss Emily Graham. Miss Graham came from Washington School 2nd grade to fill the position in 1st grade left by the retirement of Mrs. Breuning. Miss Graham is not new to many of us, as she taught with the majority of the staff when we were at Roosevelt School. We welcome Miss Graham back to our Northview Family!



NEWSLETTERS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE!

Northview's monthly newsletters, school calendars, and breakfast/lunch menus can always be accessed on Northview's website—www.perued.net, then click on the Northview Button on the top. This will be the one and only paper copy of the newsletter that you will all be receiving. After this publication, those of you who provided an email address will get an email reminder about any new updates to our newsletters and calendars via a "mass email". Paper copies will still be provided to those families that request it or that do not have access to the internet. Please let us know if you have any questions about this policy by calling 223-2567!

SAFETY IS SO IMPORTANT!

Here are some very important Northview Rules that need to be followed by all parents and students to ensure a safe school environment:

1. K-1 Students should not arrive at school before 8:40 a.m. (unless they are eating breakfast). We have no one on the playground prior to 8:40 a.m. for supervision.
2. When dropping and picking up your children, please park only on the west side of Plum Street. You'll note a yellow curb in front of the open part of the fence along Plum St. This is the "drop off zone only" and cars are not allowed to park here at any time during the morning. You'll also note that there is NO PARKING during school hours on the east side of Plum Street. Please follow these regulations, as the Peru Police are often monitoring the school traffic and you may get a ticket if parking on the east side of Plum St.
3. No cars are allowed in the front drive from 8:20—9:00 a.m. and again from 3:15—3:35 p.m. An easy "rule of thumb" would be whenever you see a bus in the



- front drive, please do not pull in that drive. Cars are never allowed to pass buses, even when the buses are parked in the drive.
4. K-1 students enter the building at 8:55 a.m. and classes begin at 9:00 a.m. Students entering the classroom after 9:00 a.m. must go to the office and get a tardy slip. Parents must accompany the child to the office in order for it to be an "excused tardy", otherwise they are marked "unexcused" and may be referred to the truancy officer.
5. Parents who volunteer regularly at Northview School will be asked to participate in a criminal background check. More information will be given to volunteers once the district superintendent decides about more specific procedures and policies!
6. I am sure you are worried about all of the children's safety so we ask that everyone follow our safety guidelines as good role models for the students.

PBIS IS THE BUZZZZZ WORD AROUND NORTHVIEW



We believe in fair and consistent discipline that encourages students to be responsible for themselves and their actions. This year we will again utilize the **Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports Model (PBIS)** to ensure that all students have a clear understanding of their behavior expectations and that our teachers and staff work with each student fairly and consistently. We have three building-wide and district-wide expectations which will drive our students' behavior choices:



BE RESPONSIBLE
BE RESPECTFUL
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 (ie: cafeteria, restrooms, bus, playground, etc.). We will continually practice and model the expected behaviors for our students. Ours students who demonstrate these behaviors consistently will be rewarded with BEEhavior tickets. Have you seen these BEEhavior tickets in your child's pockets, pants, book bags? If so, please return them to school so that your child can spend their tickets for extra prizes and/or privileges in our BEE store!