



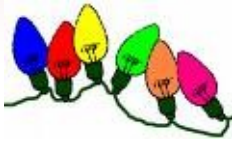
# NEWS YOU CAN USE

## Northview School

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*From the desk of Mrs. Sara McDonald, Principal*



### HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

On behalf of the Northview staff, I would like to extend our warmest wishes (warm being the operative term!) to you and your family during the holiday season. Enjoy your break with friends and loved ones. The holiday season is truly a time for sharing and giving. If you can, please help families in need by donating to our food baskets. These are simple, yet meaningful ways to make a difference in the hearts of others.

The New Year is a great time for reflection. If you or your children set a New Year's resolution last year, think back upon what progress you

made toward that goal. Did you grow, progress, or reach the goal? Think about what you have learned in 2011 and how that will translate to your future. Finally, think of some goals you would like to set for 2012!

With the extended break, please encourage your children to read each day OR make sure you read to your children each day. This is a great way to spend meaningful time with your son and/or daughter. Reading is a life skill that fosters enjoyment, shapes minds, and empowers creativity.

A final thought: I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Northview parents and family members who help our school out by volunteering their time in the classroom, help out at the BEE Store, work to make our Reading Incentives FUN for our students, help to serve at Grandparent's Day, and all the other volunteer opportunities that arise during the school year! Northview is quite lucky to have the students, parents, and staff members who make up our tight knit community.

Take a moment each day during break to live, laugh, and love!

### Preschool Screening in January

Northview School will be holding a Preschool Screening for all eligible 3 & 4 year olds on Friday, January 6th, 2012. The screening takes place from 8:30 to 2:30 p.m. If you are interested in having your child screened, please call the school office at 223-2567 by January 3rd to make an appointment. 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 this year or next school year. The screenings normally take about 40 minutes total and the custodial parent must bring their child to the screening and stay until it is over. 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.

### Calendar Reminders

Lei Making Project for Reading Incentive	Dec. 2
Market Day Pickup at Parkside, 4:00—5:00 p.m.	Dec. 5
Winter Concert K at 6:00 p.m. 1st at 7:00 p.m.	Dec. 6
First Grade Progress Reports are sent home today!	Dec. 7
Assembly— Parkside Singing Raiders and Jazz Band Tour	Dec 9
PREK SONGS AND SNACKS 10:15 A.M. 1:30 P.M.	Dec. 12
PBIS BEE STORE IS OPEN	Dec. 16
Snack with Santa	Dec 20
Spirit Day Wear <b>Red</b> and <b>Green</b>	
2:15 dismissal	Dec. 20
WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	Dec. 21- Jan. 3
SCHOOL RESUMES	Jan. 4



## WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

Are you reinforcing the PBIS School Wide Expectations (**BE RESPONSIBLE, BE RESPECTFUL, AND BE SAFE**) at home with your children?

Embrace the opportunity for your children to be resilient and learn from their mistakes. Indeed, learning in this fashion is quite powerful and will reinforce good decision making skills in the future. When our students make the wrong choice at school, our teachers try very hard to reinforce the correct

actions and reteach any concepts that they think the student might not be understanding. Talk about doing the right thing and making positive choices for themselves and those around them.

Partnering with the school to reinforce the expectations of care, sharing, acceptance, seeking to understand, and respect will promote and enhance qualities beneficial to students and adults alike both in and outside of school!

Our hope for our students in 2012 is that they will become responsible, respectful, and safe when NO ONE is looking!

The teacher that was recognized in November for her work with the Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) program is **Miss Cassie Rissman, Kindergarten Teacher**. Miss Rissman was recognized for "keeping her students so quiet in the hallway while waiting for music class". She was recognized by one of her first grade colleagues.

### RECESS...

With the temperature dipping, please be sure your children are bundled up each day. We send students outside for their 15 minute recess daily unless the temperature and/or wind-chill dips way down! Children must also have snowboots and snowpants on in order to play in the snow once that starts flying around! Thank you for helping your child stay warm during the long, cold winter!

### WAY TO GO!



### BUS DROP OFF REMINDERS

We have recently had many bus students brought back to school because parents have not been at the bus stop. PLEASE remember that we ask PreK-1st grade students to have parents or older siblings at the stops or at least within sight of the driver. If there is no one at the stop, then the child comes back to school and the parent must come to pick up their child. This does cause an inconvenience for you as parent and for the school staff. This policy is in place for Northview students because of their young age. We want all students to arrive at their home safe and sound. Please make sure you follow this policy for the safety of your children!

### PRESCHOOL SONGS AND SNACKS

Monday, December 12th

10:15 a.m.

1:30 p.m.

Parents, grandparents, relatives are invited!



# K-1 Winter Concert



The Northview K-1 Winter Concert will take place on Tuesday, December 6th. The concert is held at Northview School in the gym. Because of space, we have two separate concerts.

**KINDERGARTEN CONCERT BEGINS AT 6:00 P.M.**— Doors will not open until 5:45 p.m. and the students will report directly to their classrooms at that time.

**FIRST GRADE CONCERT BEGINS AT 7:00 P.M.**— Doors will already be open from the previous concert, but parents are encouraged not to arrive at Northview until 6:40 p.m. By then, all the Kindergarten traffic should be leaving, and it will be easier to find a parking space. Students have to be in their classrooms by 6:45 p.m., but will not be allowed in their rooms any earlier than that.

Mrs. Kelsey, Northview's music teacher, works very hard at teaching our young students proper concert etiquette. We expect respectful behavior while the children are on stage. The length of the program is very age appropriate and most children can behave for the 20 minutes while on stage. We also ask our audience to be respectful and be good role models for our children! If they hear loud whistles or "hoots and hollers" from their parents, they think that is acceptable behavior at concerts and it is not. Please remember that applause means so much to our students!

PLEASE NOTE: CHILDREN THAT DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL ON THE DAY OF THE CONCERT BECAUSE OF ILLNESS OR OTHER REASONS MAY NOT COME TO THE CONCERT THAT EVENING.

**We hope to see everyone at our K-1 Concert so we can entertain and get you all in the holiday spirit.** If you have any questions at all about the concert, please call the school office at 223-2567.



## GIFT GIVING IDEAS THAT SUPPORT EARLY LITERACY

Although this holiday will allow for families and children to enjoy a wonderful and well-deserved break, it is my hope that you will continue to find opportunities to work and read with your children in the area of reading and writing over the break. Two weeks without picking up a book or a pencil means that the children have more difficulty coming back to school and getting into the school routine again.

Our teachers absolutely love the LEAP FROG series of educational, yet fun learning tools. There are so many LEAP FROG items in the stores for sale now that support learning in a fun, interesting way. Here are some suggestions. I have included the cheapest price I have found them on-line. Many of these are available on-line at Amazon or Walmart! Check out the prices at both, they are very competitive!

**Leap Frog Talking Words DVD**—\$7.50

**Leap Frog Fridge Phonics Magnets**—It sings each letter song when you put the letter in the hole—\$15.00

**Leap Frog Word Whammer Fridge Phonics Set**—It's like Fridge Phonics, but you can spell 3 letter words—\$15.99

**Leap Frog Factory Board Game**—It's interactive and the board game talks and sings—\$37.98

Leap Frog also has some other learning DVD's (math included) that are appropriate for PreK-1st grade students—just do a search on line. Most of them are in the range of \$7.50—\$14.00 per DVD!

**HAPPY SHOPPING!**

