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NORTHVIEW SCHOOL'S

NEWS YOU CAN USE



Upcoming Events

From the desk of Sara McDonald, Principal

Student Excellence Awards

Family Pizza and Bingo Night at Parkside, 5:30 p.m.	Mar 6
Daylight Savings Time—move clocks ahead 1 hour!	Mar 8
PTC Meeting at Parkside 6:00 p.m.	Mar 10
Book Fair Week Begins Preview Day	Mar 16
Book Fair Buying Day Parents are invited before and after school	Mar 17
Family Reading and Math Night 6:00—7:30 p.m. Book Fair opens at 5:30 p.m.	Mar 19
BEE STORE	Mar 23
Spring Break NO SCHOOL	Mar 28-Apr. 5
School Resumes	Apr. 6

1st Grade Students, Lili McClain and Agustin Konieczki were selected to receive this annual award sponsored by the Starved Rock Chapter of the Illinois Principals Association. This award was given to one boy and one girl at the exit grade level of each area school. Lili and Gus are good citizens, treat others with respect, perform

well in the classroom and lead by example. The students and their parents were honored at a special breakfast on February 19th at Streator High School. They were two out of 80 total students from various area schools who were recognized at this special breakfast! Congratulations to Lili and Gus! We are very proud of you!

The Northview staff member that was recognized in February for her work with the Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) program is Mrs. Lexy Rebholz, PreK Teacher! Mrs. Rebholz was recognized for “always reinforcing quiet walking in the hallways!”.

WAY TO GO!



SPRING BREAK
MARCH 28—April 5
SCHOOL RESUMES AGAIN
ON MONDAY, APRIL 6TH!

Thinking about next year?

As we begin to plan for the 2015-16 school year, I would like to remind you of the procedure that is used when placing students in certain classrooms at Northview School. During the month of April and May, classroom teachers will divide the students who they currently have into “sections” for next school year. The teachers will attempt to reach “balanced” groups by considering all educational factors— academic and social— in their decisions. The responsibility of assigning a student to a particular section will then lie with me.

I do accept written parental input concerning the most effective learning atmosphere for individual students. In most cases, children are affected by teaching style rather than by individual teachers. Some students progress more efficiently in a highly structured classroom, while others benefit from greater independence. The activity level of the classroom or the amount of individual attention children require may also affect placement. Please be careful to not make requests based solely on what you may have heard about a teacher from other parents. Just as each child is unique, so is each teacher. An experience that other parents may have had with their child may be totally different from what your child would have with the same teacher.

If you would like to make a request, please write a letter that explains the type of environment that will benefit your child. **Do not make a request for a specific teacher by name**, but rather your letter should address needs such as structure, activity, and independence levels. **Such requests should be sent to Mrs. McDonald at Northview School by Monday, March 23rd. No verbal requests will be considered nor will requests for assignment to specific teachers.** Requests may also be emailed to: smcdonald@perued.net.

All parental requests submitted by the March 23rd deadline will be strongly considered. However, the lack of such a request will not have a negative effect on the care given to each child’s placement. Parents of current 1st grade students must also make the requests for second grade consideration to me since we will all be in one school next year! After considering all input, I will assume the ultimate responsibility for all placement decisions. Final class rosters will be determined in August and notification of all classroom assignments will be **after** registration in August. Feel free to contact me with any questions at 815-223-2567 or email at the above address.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Thanks to all of you who made donations to the American Heart Association for the annual Northview Jump Rope For Heart Event. The children loved the stations that Mr. Stalker had set up in the gym during PE classes that week. After counting all of the money, Mr. Stalker says that the Northview students collected just over \$2000.00 All of this money goes directly to the AHA for research and support programs that support healthy living.



FAMILY READING AND MATH NIGHT



Each Spring, Northview School holds a Scholastic Book Fair for our students. This year, our Book Fair will be held during the week of March 16-20. In the next few weeks, there will be many items, brochures, and news sent home about the Book Fair. You can order books online if you choose to do that—or you can come to our LIVE bookfair on March 17 or March 19th. Northview School takes 50% of sales from the Book Fair and uses that money to purchase books for the library, the teacher's classroom libraries, and free books for events such as this! We celebrate reading that entire week and our culmination activity is our Family Night. This year we are including some math activities into our Family Night.

Families are invited to **DIVE INTO AN OCEAN OF EXPLORING** on Thursday, March 19th from 6:00—7:30 p.m. at Northview School. There will be a large variety of activities during our Family Night. Here are a few highlights:

- ⇒ **Storyteller Steve Seaborn**
- ⇒ **Sock-to-pus Reading Buddy craft project**
- ⇒ **Beach Ball Math and Catch of the Day—Fun with Numbers**
- ⇒ **Seek and Find Story Adventure**
- ⇒ **Face Painting**
- ⇒ **Book Walk and the Book Fair will be open during the evening**
- ⇒ **Ocean Themed snacks**
- ⇒ **Shark Attack Photo Op**



The best thing about our family night is that the children are actively involved in learning activities in a fun family environment! EACH CHILD THAT ATTENDS THIS EVENT WILL GO HOME WITH A FREE BOOK! We look forward to exploring reading and math with YOU!



YEARBOOKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

If you haven't ordered a yearbook yet, and want to remember Northview memories, you can still order. **Full color yearbooks are only \$12.50.** Send your money in an envelope with your child's name on the front of the envelope to school by **March 13th**. These yearbooks will be looked at for years to come!