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NORTHVIEW SCHOOL'S



NEWS YOU CAN USE

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Upcoming Events

First Grade Picnic at Washington Park LAST DAY FOR PRE- SCHOOL	June 2
Fun and Fitness Day	June 3
NO SCHOOL	June 4
Report Card Day	June 7
District Registration at Parkside 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Aug. 10
First Day of School for Grades 1-8 (PreK—K Visit only) Noon Dismissal	Aug. 24
First Day of School for K-1 Noon Dismissal	Aug 25
First Day for PreK 2:00 dismissal for all students	Aug. 26

Looking Ahead!

The 2009-10 school year is almost over and I will be sad to see it go. Amazingly, this is the last week of school and the last newsletter to be written this year.

Northview School has many things to celebrate. Our students worked very hard this year. Their learning has been tremendous and the confidence they show in approaching new and challenging tasks is wonderful to witness. We implemented a wonderful Preschool Program, *Peru's Bright Futures Preschool*, and enrolled over 100 students in that program. We started a breakfast program this year, which fed on average 35 students daily. Our K-5 teachers implemented a new core reading series, Rigby's *Literacy By Design*, which focuses on specific learning needs and

supports the students at their reading level. Our staff has continued to learn more and more about each student and their needs. Together, we have collaborated to find ways to maximize our resources, share instructional strategies, analyze assessment data, and design groups and instruction based upon needs. I am excited about the path we are on!

Next year looks to be even more exciting than this year. Learning is a daily activity that improves both what we do and how we do it. There is a saying that resonates with our learning path so far, but also rings true as we continue to learn into the future; "what we know today does not make yesterday wrong, it makes tomorrow better".

READING INCENTIVE SCORES!

Northview's K-1 school wide reading incentive had students reading like crazy at school and at home! The students read a total of **121,866** books for the entire year! The top kindergarten class was Duncan's Directors with 20,456 books read and the top first grade class was Ocepeck's Reading Raiders with 15,688 books read. Congratulations to those two classes and all the readers at Northview. Keep reading over the summer and make sure to join the Peru Public Library summer reading program!

Bright Futures PreSchool

We currently have 75 students signed up for our 3-year old and 4-year old preschool classes. There is still room for more, but not many spaces are available. If you have a child that will turn 3 years or 4 years old by September 1, 2010 and would like your child enrolled in our Preschool, please contact the Northview School office (223-2567) anytime between now and August 10th. All students entering the program must be screened prior to enrollment and must live in the Peru School District. Summer screening is on Friday, August 13th at Northview School. Please pass the word on to any parents that you know that have preschool children. This Preschool is a great boost for children as they get ready to enter our kindergarten program at Northview School!



FUN and FITNESS DAY ON JUNE 3rd

On Thursday, June 3, students will participate in our annual Fun Day. Mr. Cervený has a lot of fun activities planned for that day.

DO NOT SEND A LUNCH TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD THAT DAY! All students will be eating a sub sandwich, chips, and apple slices with caramel. PTC will provide the drinks and a special afternoon treat.

Please dress your child accordingly. It may be warm—so shorts will be appropriate with tennis shoes and sunscreen! No flip flops or backless sandals, please!

There will be water activities, so please also send your child with a towel to dry off with!

We're hoping for nice weather and a great day of fun!!

THANKS TO ALL THE PARENTS WHO VOLUNTEERED AT NORTHVIEW SCHOOL THIS YEAR. YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND YOUR HELP WAS MUCH APPRECIATED! One "stand out parent" that helped every week in our bookroom... Mrs. Stephanie Piscia. We were so much more organized because of you! Thanks!

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!

SUMMER READING INCENTIVES AND FREE BOOKS!!

Waldenbooks (store in the Peru Mall) and *Barnes and Noble* (stores in Bloomington and Peoria) are offering free books to children 12 years old and under if they read during the summer. Of course, reading over the summer is one way for your children to remain on top of what they learned this year and continue the growth they have made. I'm sending home the information about these reading programs. The children have to show proof that they have read 10 books, fill out the form, and bring the form in to the nearest store for a free book! How easy!

Happy Reading!