



NORTHVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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NEWS YOU CAN USE

WE ARE LEARNING AND GROWING!

The Halloween costumes haven't even been packed away and I would bet that most trick-or-treaters' households still have plenty of treats to last a while, and still, our thoughts turn to turkey and dressing....at least mine do anyway! To start off, students have been learning about Veteran's Day and why we celebrate that day! We hope that many of you were able to join us for our annual Veteran's Day Program. Thanks as well to all of you who donated items for our HERO BOXES!

American Education week takes place the middle of November. All of our staff at Northview are wonderful. From the classroom teachers to the teacher aides, the kitchen staff, the custodial staff, and the school secretary—it takes a village...

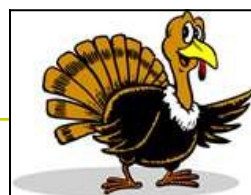
Another "traditional" November experience is that of parent/teacher conferences. Conferences this year will be held on 3-4 days in November. Please see the calendar dates at the right. Whether this

is your first time meeting with your child's teacher or you are a conference veteran, you may find the suggestions later in this newsletter helpful. Coming prepared to the meeting with questions or ideas of the information you would like to know will make the time more productive. If at any point during the school year, a concern or question arises, please do not hesitate to contact the teacher. In general, a minor issue is much easier to correct or solve than a major problem.

At the end of the month, the children will be learning about the First Thanksgiving and why this holiday is so important to our families.

Before we know it, our "sleighs", also known as cars and trucks will be carrying us through the "white and drifted snow". Just a reminder, we don't have to have snow to have chilly conditions on our playground.

Please make sure your children wear warm coats, has gloves and hats, and even boots. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



UPCOMING EVENTS

American Education Week begins	Nov 17
2:15 p.m. Dismissal 2:30—6:00 p.m. Parent Teacher Conferences	Nov 18
2:15 p.m. Dismissal 3:00—6:30 p.m. Parent Teacher Conferences	Nov 20
2:15 p.m. Dismissal 4:00—7:30 p.m. Parent Teacher Conferences	Nov 24
NO PRESCHOOL TODAY—PreK Parent Teacher Conferences	Nov 25
2:15 p.m. Dismissal For Thanksgiving Holiday	Nov 25
NO SCHOOL HAPPY THANKSGIVING	Nov 26-30
6:00 p.m.—PTC Meeting at Parkside	Dec 2
K-1 Winter Concerts K at 6:00 p.m., 1st Gr. At 7:00 p.m.	Dec 11
PreK Song and Snack 10:15 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	Dec 18
NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	Dec 20- Jan. 4

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR WELL BEHAVED STUDENTS



Northview students worked so hard during the 1st trimester of school on showing their responsible, respectful, and safe behavior! In recognition of that hard work, they were treated to a cool (literally –it was very cold) hay rack ride. We celebrated that the students have decreased minor behavior since the beginning of the year. We continue to work on proper behaviors for the playground and being well

behaved on the school bus. Students must be safe and respectful when riding on the school bus. By keeping our hands to ourselves and playing respectfully, the playground is so much safer. Thank you for encouraging safe play at home as well. We do not tolerate aggressive behavior. This includes “wrestling” or playing rough on the playground!

Decreasing bus write-ups will be our goal for 2nd trimester.

The Northview Staff member that was recognized

in October for her work with the Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) program is **Mrs. Lexy Rebholz, PreK Teacher.** Mrs. Rebholz was recognized for “all of her hard work on the PBIS team”.

WAY TO GO!



NORTHVIEW SCHOOL WINTER CONCERT

**DECEMBER 11TH IN
NORTHVIEW'S GYM**

Kindergarten Concert

begins at 6:00 p.m.

First Grade Concert

begins at 7:00 p.m.



HERO BOX UPDATE

Northview students and families donated enough items to fill 66 boxes for the Air Force troop in Greenland that we sponsored. That is just tremendous! Thanks to all of our families who donated items and/or money in order to make this happen. Thanks also to the teachers, staff, and parents who helped to pack up the items last week. In case you still need a tax deductible contribution for this tax year; we are still accepting monetary donations in order to help pay for the shipping. It cost just over \$1000.00 to ship all of those items. We have collected about \$600.00 so far, so we are a running a little short! Thanks for any help that you can give!





AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

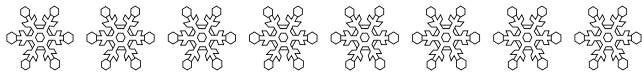
The week of November 17-21 is American Education Week. This week is a time to recognize the public educational system which has educated citizens in the most successful country in the World.

I am proud to be a part of the public education system of the State of Illinois. I know that this system is not perfect but I also know that it is full of dedicated individuals who are constantly working to make it better.

The teachers, administrators, and board members in

our public schools are constantly working to improve the system for the good of our young people. I am confident that if we all cooperate and work together we can meet the educational needs now and in the future.

Please take time this week to say THANK YOU to your child's teachers! Don't forget the aides in the classroom and the support teachers—those that teach music, art, PE, reading, special education, and even our school social workers! Northview is truly a TEAM of dedicated individuals!



COLD WEATHER DRESS

September heat waves, October beautiful fall days and then the windy, windy days across the prairie. What will be next? Since the weather in Illinois is so unpredictable please keep in mind that your child should be dressed properly to go outside for recess. We are also outside in the early morning prior to school starting, so please make sure to watch the weather forecast as the morning weather is often colder than at noon. The school policy is that we go out for recess whenever the temperature is not dangerously cold. We go outside with snow on the ground, so please send your children with snow boots, snow pants, mittens, and winter coats.



NORTHVIEW READING INCENTIVE

This years school-wide reading incentive is called "Explore an Ocean of Books" All students receive a reading calendar each month, which parents are asked to sign to verify each day they read with their child. Goals have been set, and all students meeting their grade-level goal for every month in each grading period will earn a special prize at the end of the school year.

Pre-K goal= read for 10 minutes or more for at least 20 days of each month.

Kindergarten goal=read for 15 minutes or more for at least 20 days of each month.

First Grade goal= read for 20 minutes or more for at least 20 days of each month.

**ENJOY THE TIME
YOU SPEND READ-
ING WITH YOUR
CHILDREN!!!**



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PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE NOTES

Parent teacher conferences are the next two weeks. Please make sure that you did receive a confirmation note with your date and time listed from your child's teacher. If you did not, please contact the school office so we can help assist you. By exchanging information, parents and teachers can set the stage for a great school year. Here are some tips to make your school conference a success:



- Start the conference right: be there on time, and plan not to run over the amount of time that has been set aside, 20 minutes.
- If you are a working parent who can't arrange to meet during regular hours, make this clear to the teacher and try to set up a time to meet that is good for both of you.
- The best conferences are those in which both teachers and parents stay calm and try hard to work together for one purpose and one purpose only: to help your child do well. Arguing, or blaming each other for problems your child is having helps no one.

Getting Ready

Each teacher will come prepared with samples of your children's work and with ideas to help them do even better in school. You should get ready for each conference too. Talk to your children before the conference. Find out what they think are their best subjects, and what subjects they like the least. Find out why. Also, ask your children if there is anything they would like you to talk about with their teachers. Make sure your children don't worry about the meeting. Help them understand that you and their teacher(s) are meeting together in order to help them.

Before you go to the school, write notes to yourself about:

- things about your child's life at home, personality, problems, habits, and hobbies you feel it's important for the teacher to know
- your concerns about the school's programs or policies
- questions about your child's progress and how you and the school can work together to help your child

The Conference

Some good questions to ask are these:

- Is my child in different groups for different subjects? Why?
- How well does my child get along with others?
- What are my child's best and worst subjects?
- Is my child working up to his or her ability?
- Does my child participate in class discussions and activities?
- Have you noticed any sudden changes in the way my child acts? For example, have you noticed any squinting, tiredness or moodiness that might be a sign of physical or other problems?
- What kinds of tests are being done? What do the tests tell about my child's progress?
How does my child handle taking tests?



It's a good idea to ask your most important questions first, just in case time runs out before you and the teacher have a chance to discuss them all. Be sure to ask the teacher for specific suggestions on ways to help your child do better. This is the most important part of the meeting. It will become your action plan. If the teacher says something you don't quite understand, don't be shy about asking for an explanation. It's a good idea to end the conference by summing up decisions you've made together. If needed, ask to meet again.

Parent Teacher Conferences are so important in the communication between home and school. These conferences will help you better understand your child's academic successes and the areas they need to work on.

MAKE IT A PRIORITY TO BE AT THE CONFERENCES!!