



The Northeast Link

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The Northeast Elementary School Newsletter

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This will be the last newsletter for the school year. And my last newsletter for Northeast PTA (my youngest child is moving on to middle school). See you at DeWitt and IHS! Have a great summer!

—Carol Barry

From the Principal

Hello Families!

We have so much going on in the next month! Please read this entire newsletter carefully so that you can put important dates in your calendar. I will be sending home regular emails via Schoolmessenger to remind you of events. Please check your various inboxes in case these emails are going into your social, promotion, or trash boxes.

Thank you so much to all of you who have shared your thinking about the proposed solutions to our crowded and unsafe drop-off situation.

Here are some updates:

1. We will NOT change the bus drop-off/pick-up location this year or in the foreseeable future.
2. We can no longer allow cars to stop, park, drop-off, or pick-up on the driveway in front of the building. This is in direct violation of the fire code and cars are subject to ticket and/or towing.



So here is the Car Drop Off/Pick-up plan:

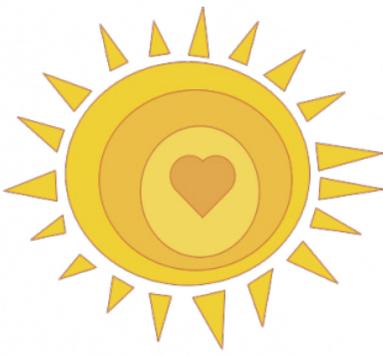
Starting Monday, June 10th:

If you need to bring your child into, or pick up your child from the building: Drive into the front parking lot and park in a space. You may not park along the driveway. Walk your child in the building or pick them up from the office, then return to your car.

Remember only cars with handicap/accessible licenses or tags may park in the accessible spaces.

If you are dropping off or picking up your child and do not need to come into the building: Use the lower pull-off on Winthrop Dr. along the field. You may not park your car in the pull-off. Always leave the left lane empty so that traffic

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can continue to flow after the child has been dropped off. Pull up to the furthest open spot so that others can pull in and drop off their child too. *Remember to only let your child out the passenger side of your car!*

There is no parking or drop-off at the staff parking lot entrance. Please **DO NOT** pull in that area from Christopher Lane.

If your child's regular dismissal plans change you **MUST** contact the office with a written note or phone call. Emails are not always accessed in time to notify students.

We will have adults:

- At the upper entrance to ask if you are parking and remind you to drop-off/pick-up at the lower loop if you are not parking
- At the lower pull-off to assist students and to keep traffic moving through the loop
- At the front door to greet you if you are coming in
- At the staff parking entrance to remind you not to pull in there

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

—Liddy Coyle

Principal, Northeast Elementary

Upcoming Events

New Drop Off/Pick Up Plan Begins

June 10

See pages 1 & 2

Girls On The Run

Twilight 5K

June 12

5th Grade Trip

June 14

CASS Park All School Trip

June 19

Northeast Carnival

June 21

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Northeast Field Day

June 24

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Last Day of School

June 25

5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony

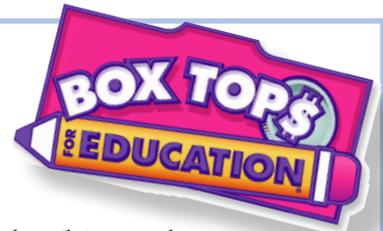
June 25

4th Swim Club Trip

June 25

For more information about these events, please visit our website, northeastpta.com.

Only a couple more weeks to bring Box Tops for Education to school!



Please send them with your child to give to her/his teacher or to drop off at the front office. And please keep collecting them over the summer. If you would like both to simplify that process and to give your child something to do on a rainy day, you can download the collection sheet packet at boxtops4education.com. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Box Tops for Education coordinator Rodney Chinn at rawdckneesea@yahoo.com.

School Phone Numbers To Know

Main Office:
257-2121

Attendance Line:
257-0546

Transportation:
274-2128

School Fax:
257-8157

Nurse:
266-3559

Kids Count:
257-9400

From the PTA

We are happy to announce the newly elected board members for the 2019-2020 school year.

Sarah Seroussi - President
Donna Wilczynski - Vice President
Alyssa Mack - Treasurer
Naomi Bewley - Secretary



Thank you to all the amazing volunteers that gave so much time and effort into making our PTA great and enriching the lives of Northeast students.

The PTA is run entirely by volunteers! There are many wonderful committee positions available next year, please consider volunteering.

—Kim, Sarah, Alyssa, and Abigail



The PTA Needs You Next Year!

Committee Member Openings:

- Membership
- Credit Union
- Yearbook
- Enrichment
- Book Fair
- Staff Appreciation
- Newsletter
- Carnival
- School Directory (ad sales)

Committee Coordinator Openings:

- 5K
- School Directory (layout& design: mac)
- Box Top Coordinator
- Lego League
- Language Club

Please contact Abby at abigailthomaslac@gmail.com if you are interested in any of these committees or have any questions.

Northeast Credit Union

Open Every Wednesday!

Our volunteers will be in the lobby from 7:40-8am to help students make a deposit (no matter how small) and assist with new accounts.

For more information, please contact Tina (tinabauersfeld@yahoo.de)



The Large Athletic Field Next to the School will be Closed All Summer for Maintenance!

Ithaca City School District will be improving our athletic field over the summer, therefore the field will be closed.

Please spread the word!

If you know of an organization that uses that field during the summer, please let them know they will need to make other arrangements. If you have questions, please contact Samantha Little at the ICSD Athletic Office. slittle@icsd.k12.ny.us, (607) 274-2155



Support Reading: Donate Books!

We are always in need of gently used books. Please drop them in the red box by the Bright Red Bookshelf. We appreciate all the books that have been donated.

Thanks to your generosity, Northeast kids have enjoyed hours of reading.

Northeast Music News and Notes: May 2019

Students in Kindergarten through Third Grade have nearly completed their class Puppet Operas! Our opera, based on a folk tale from India, "The Raja Has Big Ears," is about a king who has a BIG secret: he has very big ears!

He soon finds out, with the help of some friends, that it's not the size of his ears which matters, but the size of his heart. Our young musicians have been collaboratively writing the lyrics & the music, and have created their own puppets for the show. (Our thanks go also to our helpers from Fourth and Fifth Grade, who created some of our props!)

We are hoping to film each class's Opera, so that we can share our learning and creativity with you!

If you are able to help by filming your child(ren)'s show, please let us know by contacting Ms N (knotaria@icsd.k12.ny.us). Thank you!

We are looking for any donations of animal puppets (new or already-loved puppets) for next year. If you are able to donate any puppets, please let Ms N know—and thank you!

Fifth Grade Uke Club students have learned two beautiful classic tunes: "Spanish Romance" and "Malaguena." Both tunes are more than a century old! Uke Club members have been working hard—they sound great!

Our year of Family Uke sessions has been delightful! Family Ukes is an evening of family music making: drums, electric bass, electric guitar, and—of course!—Ukes! These sessions are open to anyone who is connected with Northeast School—no musical experience needed! Family Ukes evenings will be back next year, by popular demand! Thanks to all who participated this year!

As you may know, the Ithaca area is replete with musical events and opportunities to learn—we wish you a happy summer, filled with Music! See you next Autumn!

—Karla Notarianni,
Northeast Elementary, School
General Music Teacher
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(607) 257-2121



Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

It is with mixed emotions that I write to you today. As some of you may have heard, I am going to retire at the end of this school year. I want to let you know that I have loved spending time with your children and working with parents over the past nine years to get immunizations, physicals and screenings taken care of. I love the children and that is what I shall miss the most. The hugs, birthday treats and the pictures the children have drawn and hung on my office walls are very special to me.

I appreciate the support I have received over the years from staff and families, whether when my Mom passed away or I was collecting shoes for the shoe drive or having the students write notes of thanks and appreciation for the Twin Tiers Honor Flight Veterans trips.

I have enjoyed the all-school trips to Cass Park, the NE carnival, the Reading Challenges, the Fun Fridays, Month of Fun and I always look forward to the Fifth Grade Moving Up Ceremony. There are so many wonderful memories. I have been truly blessed to be your school nurse.

If you know of a nurse who would love the “Best Job in the World”, they can apply for my position at the ICSD district HR office or on-line. We are also looking for substitute nurses. Sometimes a nurse is needed for a field trip or to attend an event like the Prom! Even if the nurse is only available occasionally, they would be welcome to apply!

I shall miss everyone very much, but I will be available to “sub” from time to time. Have a wonderful summer! Miss you already!



Don't Forget To Wear Your Helmet!

If you ride your bike, scooter, skateboard or roller blade to school, you **MUST** wear a helmet.

Thank You PTA Board!

Your hard work and dedicated leadership helps make our PTA strong!



Hey Fifth Graders and Parents!

My name is Laura, and for a project, I am trying to fight to get recess for middle schoolers. Kids need thirty minutes a day for exercise, and kids can get that with recess. They will get a chance to socialize and meet new people. They can also get a chance to hangout with their friends from other classes. I know from my personal experience, that I often miss my friends from other classes. Recess in northeast is the only time I truly get to connect with them. But in middle school we won't have this. We may not get to meet people who could be our life long friends. I've already emailed Mr.Knight, and if this works, we will have recess monitors. To let me know you are fighting with me, or have any questions, you can email me at laura.ward@icsd.k12.ny.us.

— *Laura Ward, a fifth grade student.*

Classroom Supplies Needed!

Some classrooms are running out of black dry erase markers, glue sticks, tissues and other supplies. Check with your child's teacher to see if there is anything needed. If you would like to make a donation, please send them to the main office.

How do I Volunteer for the PTA?

1. Answer a call for volunteers on the listserv and in this newsletter
2. Contact committee leaders listed on the website
3. Email a board member so they can match a job to your interests



Family Liaison

Hello Northeast Families!

Year-end and Summer transportation news

- **Community-based ridesharing!** Sharing rides among parents and caregivers is a convenient and efficient way to get youth where they need to go. Ridesharing coordinated among your child's entire activity group is even better! Optional, but fun: use an interactive map to see possible ride matches at batch-geo.com.
- **TCAT's summer service** will be in effect from Sunday, May 26th 24th, 2019 (except as noted below)—check online/printed schedules, use the transit app tools found at tcatbus.com, or download to a smartphone.



SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Route 13:** Most trips are scheduled to serve Stewart Park inbound and outbound for the summer season. Take a picnic to the park, play ball, or simply enjoy the lake view!
- **Route 22:** A summer-only route to take you to the parks!
 - Weekday service to Taughannock Falls State Park, Cass Park, Cayuga Nature Center and Stewart Park
 - Starts Monday, June 24
- Saturday service to Taughannock Falls State Park, Cass Park, Cayuga Nature Center and Lower Buttermilk Falls State Park
 - Starts Saturday, June 1

The only fees for getting into these Parks is parking, so if you take the bus, your entrance is free!

Available: TCAT bus passes for students who can use them for transportation to or from extra-curricular activities, tutoring, or almost anything that supports their overall success, including counseling, a job or summer camp. Passes can even be used to get into certain parks for free or nearly nothing. Contact Mackenzie Torelli, NE family liaison.

— *Mackenzie Torelli*
NE family and transportation liaison



The Pool is Open!

Join Your Friends at Ithaca Swim Club's Open House!

Bring the whole family! Swim in our large heated pool and fenced-in kiddie pool. Play on our tennis, basketball, pickle courts and ping-pong table. Learn about group and private swim lessons, team training and early morning adult lap swimming.

New this year: diving and parent & me lessons!

Community Open House: Sunday, June 9, 12 – 8pm

K-Day! – For all Local PreK, Rising Kindergarteners and 1st Graders. Meet friends and your new principal! Wednesday, June 12, 3 – 5pm

Northeast Elementary PTA: Wednesday, June 26, 3 – 5pm



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ISC Supports our local PTAs.

ISC will donate \$50 for every new membership referred by Northeast PTA.

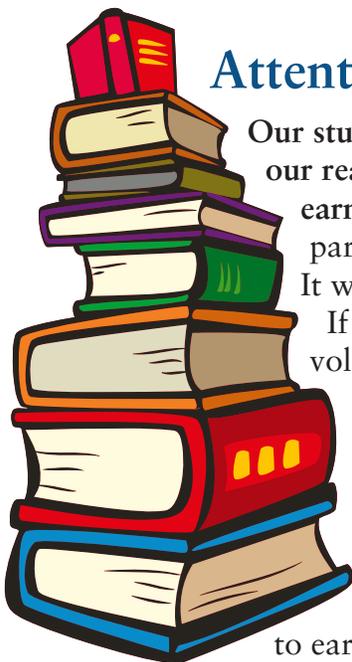
Attention Parents:

Our students did an amazing job for our reading challenge, so they earned a Field Day! We need parent volunteers for the day. It will be on Monday June 24th.

If you are available to volunteer that day for a half day or for a full day please let me know. Email me at emily.snyder@icsd.k12.ny.us

Thank you so much in advance. I'm in awe of all the reading that took place to earn this fun day!

—Emily Snyder



Did Your Child Lose Anything At School This Year?

Check the "Lost and Found"

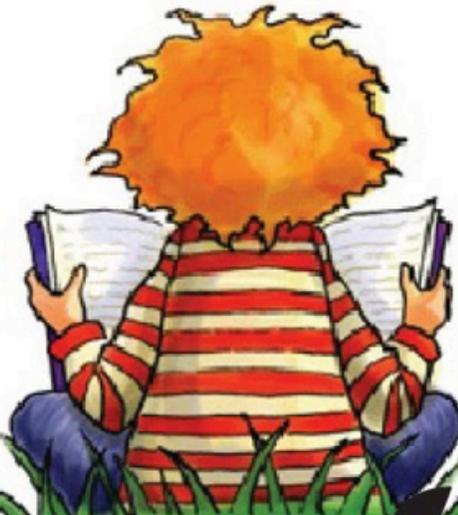
There is a large collection of jackets, sweatshirts, hats, snow pants, gloves, water bottles, lunch boxes, shoes and more! The "Lost and Found" is located just inside the cafeteria.



Items not claimed by the end of the school year will be donated to charity, the borrowing closet or disposed.

Does your child need summer reading help?

TUTOR



Reading

Daily lessons

\$35/50 minutes or \$150 for five, 50 min. sessions

Monday – Sunday

Location: TBD

Lessons will be directed towards individual, but will include fluency, comprehension, and word work. Lessons may include decoding.

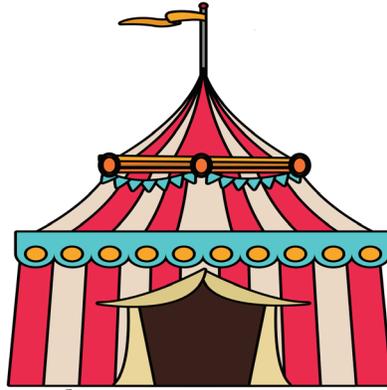
Students must have completed kindergarten.

CALL

678-372-6482

EMAIL

Clarkmike012@gmail.com



The Northeast Carnival is almost here!

Mark your calendars for

Friday, June 21, 5:30-8:00 pm (rain or shine!)

Look for packets coming home with your child this week with information about

(1) Pre-ordering your activity & food wristbands

Don't wait in line at the event – pre-order your wristbands and submit your bounce house waiver form ahead of time so you can jump right into the fun!

(2) Signing up to volunteer

We need volunteers to help out before and/or during the event. Let us know if you can help!

(3) Donating items or baked goods

Donate items for our raffle baskets, gently used toys/games for our carnival prize wheel game, and/or baked goods for our cake walk.

The Northeast Carnival is a beloved annual tradition organized by the Northeast PTA. The event helps support classroom projects and enrichment programs, and is a wonderful opportunity for our community to gather and celebrate the end of the school year.

We thank you in advance for your help and support!

Available Daily

- Build Your Own Salad Bar
- CSF Power Hummus on Salad Bar
- Vegetable Sides
- Fresh Fruit/Fruit Cups
- Fruit and Yogurt Parfait/Granola
- Bagel Lunch
- Assorted Sandwiches
- 100% Fruit Juice

School lunch includes:

- One entrée, two sides (includes vegetables & fruits), and milk.
- Students may take all five components of the meal but must take at least three.
- One of the three must be a vegetable or fruit.

COOL SCHOOL FOOD (CSF): Plant Powered Foods from Around the World (V)

Cool School Food family size recipes you can make at home: www.healthyschoolfood.org/recipes.htm
 New: **Power Hummus Available on Salad Bar Daily**

Key: (L) = local, (N) = new item, (V) = vegan, (veg) = vegetarian

Prices

Does not apply to students receiving free meals.

Breakfast

- Elementary.....\$1.55
- Middle.....\$1.80
- High School/LACS...\$2.05
- Adult w/ Tax.....\$3.00

Lunch

- Elementary.....\$2.65
- Middle.....\$2.90
- High School/LACS...\$3.15
- Adult w/Tax.....\$4.26
- A la carte milk.....\$0.75
- Reduced Meals.....\$0.25

For free, reduced, or prepaid meal information call our food service office at (607) 274-2302.

	Monday, June 3	Tuesday, June 4	Wednesday, June 5	Thursday, June 6	Friday, June 7
ENTRÉE	Pancakes w/ chocolate chips and Homemade Turkey Sausage	Roy's Cuban Wrap (V) Assorted Quesadillas	Oven Roasted BBQ Chicken w/ Dinner Roll	Awesome Bean Burgers (V) Deluxe Burger	Cheese Pizza (veg) Pepperoni Pizza
SIDES	Uncrustable PBJ Sandwich Carrot Salad Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Homemade Mashed Potato Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Oven Baked Fries Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Steamed Broccoli Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides
ENTRÉE	BBQ Roasted Chicken w/ Roll Uncrustable PBJ Sandwich (veg)	Burritos Beef Taco Salad w/Scoops	French Toast w/ Homemade Turkey Sausage	Pretzel w/Power Hummus (V) Grilled Cheese	Cheese Pizza (veg) Vegetable Pizza (veg)
SIDES	Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Tomato Soup Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Steamed Broccoli Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides
ENTRÉE	Chicken Patty on Roll Uncrustable PBJ Sandwich (veg)	Chicken Drumstick w/Pasta Salad	Awesome Bean Burgers (V) Deluxe Burger	Pretzel w/Power Hummus (V) Grilled Cheese	Variety of Pizza
SIDES	Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Watermelon Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Oven Baked Fries Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides
ENTRÉE	Variety of Burgers Uncrustable PBJ Sandwich (veg)	Variety of Chicken	Enjoy Your Summer Vacation!		
SIDES	Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides			

Website at www.ithacacityschools.org/ Snack Items are baked, not fried.

Menu is subject to change. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.