



The Northeast Link

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The Northeast Elementary School Newsletter

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Due to the Winter Break, the deadline for the next Northeast Link is Friday, December 22

It will go home in backpacks on Friday January 5. Please email your submissions to cmbarry@icloud.com Thank you!

From the Principal

Greetings, Northeast Families –

We hope you and your family had a relaxing vacation with friends and family. We're happy to be back in the swing of things, as we head into December. Thank you to everyone - staff, caregivers, and students – for such excellent participation in the parent-teacher conference process. Teachers spent a considerable amount of time preparing for these conferences, and we are

grateful for their terrific work. I also had the good fortune of sitting in on several student-led conferences. As I mentioned last month, students who are a part of tracking, reflecting upon, and sharing about their learning demonstrate a remarkable sense of ownership.

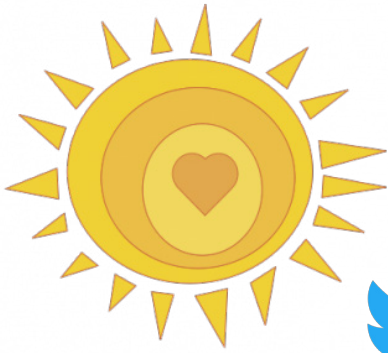


This year, all of the elementary schools have had some exciting opportunities for engaging students in learning the new science standards. Our district Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Coordinator, Jen Wilkie, along with Paula Kiltz (one of our very own fourth grade teachers!) have been working together to design monthly STEM challenges. These have been incredibly engaging for children and staff alike! In September, many students took on the task of collaboratively constructing the tallest towers they possibly could, using only newspaper and tape. The following month, students worked together to design and construct bridges using straws. In November, students took on creating paper plate marble mazes!



We find that the word “challenge” here is appropriate. With these lessons, as with many others, we find that failure must be part of the process. Students learn what works by understanding what doesn't work, and then they must have chances to adjust and improve their designs. The thrill of creating

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something with peers is also quite valuable. Students learn to work with a variety of folks, as they navigate other people’s ideas, and ultimately share success together. We are excited to have these, and other meaningful science experiences that our fabulous teachers design, for our students.

To keep up with all of these student learning highlights, be sure to follow us on Twitter @NortheastES, as we tweet often about what’s happening in our school. Another way to keep up-to-date, is to stop by our next Coffee with the Principal, scheduled for Tuesday, December 19, from 7:40 to 8:30 a.m. in the library — all are welcome. And lastly, if you would like to join our Site-Based Council, the next meeting will be Thursday, December 14 from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. in room A-14.

We will continue our work on our Northeast website during this time. As always, feel free to stop by, email, or call me anytime. Thank you for your commitment to our children’s education.

*Sincerely,
Ms. Lily Talcott, Principal*



Upcoming Events

Family Picture Day
December 2

PTA Meeting
December 4
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Site Based Council Meeting
December 14
See this page

Coffee with the Principal
December 19
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Winter Recess
December 25 – January 1
No School

PTA Meeting
January 8
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For more information about these events, please visit our website, northeastpta.com.

Please Label All Of Your Child’s Belongings!

Now that the colder weather is here, teachers and staff need your help matching jackets, mittens and hats to the children they came to school with. Mark jacket labels with your child’s name, add a tag to jacket, snow pants and backpack zippers or tie matching ribbons to all of your child’s clothing.



You can also purchase printed labels through “Label Daddy” at www.NORTHEAST.labeldaddy.com be sure to include the Promo Code: NORTHEAST when you check out and you will receive 10% off of your order. And Label Daddy will donate 15% of your purchase price to our PTA. Detailed instructions can be found on the PTA website (northeastpta.com) on the Virtual Backpack page.

Missing Items?

Check the “Lost and Found” located just inside the cafeteria. We have collected jackets, sweatshirts, hats, water bottles, lunch boxes and more!

Ice Skating in January

Registration forms for the next session of ice skating will be sent home in backpacks during the first week in January.



From the PTA

Dear NE Community,

Though it's not officially winter, we have had our first snow. As the year comes to an end, I want to thank our volunteers for their extraordinary work and to our families for their continued support of the PTA.

Many of you will be celebrating different holidays this month. Happy Holidays!

I hope you enjoy a relaxing break with family, friends, a hot beverage and a book.

—Eglantina



PTA Meetings

Our December meeting is scheduled for Monday 12/04. We will be reviewing several PTA programs, and invite you to join us and contribute to our discussion.

Our January meeting is scheduled for Monday 01/08. We will be discussing the book *Mindset: The Psychology of Success* by C. Dweck in relation to our children's educational experience.

Refreshments will be served at 6:00 pm, the meetings will begin at 6:30 pm. I hope you can join us for both of these meetings.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped put the directory together, it looks great!



Basketball

The Northeast basketball teams will start practice soon! 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will play on 9 teams against other ICSD schools from January through March. We will post the home game schedule on the webpage and the list serve when it's available. We hope you come cheer on our athletes!



Northeast Credit Union is Open!

Volunteers are set up in the lobby every Wednesday morning from 7:40 – 8am to help your children make deposits or assist with new accounts.

For more information please contact Tina: tinabauersfeld@yahoo.de

Yearbook

If you are attending events or volunteering in classrooms and have some great pictures to share, please send them to NEPTAPICS@gmail.com. Please make sure, the resolution is between 550kb and 10Mb and add a quick note about the date/event/classroom.



Movie Night Thanks



Many thanks to all the students and families who came out to watch “Monsters, Inc.” on Nov. 17 during the first PTA Movie Night of the year. And a special thanks as well to the several volunteers who worked hard to make the night a success!

Net proceeds from the concessions we sold will help fund future Northeast PTA activities, including the next Movie Night this spring. Details will be included in a future edition of Northeast Link.

—Chris Pollock

Helpful Phone Numbers

Main Office:
257-2121

School Fax:
257-8157

Attendance Line:
257-0546

Nurse:
266-3559

Transportation Office:
274-2128

Kids Count:
257-9400

NORTHEAST MUSIC NEWS: December, 2017

“There is nothing more notable in Socrates than that he found time, when he was an old man, to learn music and dancing, and thought it time well spent.” —Michel de Montaigne

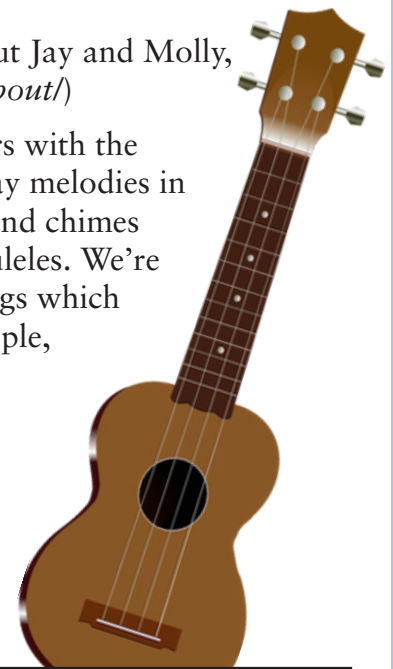
In November, Northeast School was jumping with the joy of every one of its students (and many staff!) dancing the Lindy to the music of Jay Ungar and Molly Mason!

Jay and Molly performed at a morning assembly for all of our students, with sing-a-long songs and dance, culminating in playing “Ashokan Farewell” with some of our Strings players (thanks to Mr. Schlenker, our Strings teacher, who prepared our young musicians!). It was a fun time for all!

(If you’re interested in learning more about Jay and Molly, check them out: <http://jayandmolly.com/about/>)

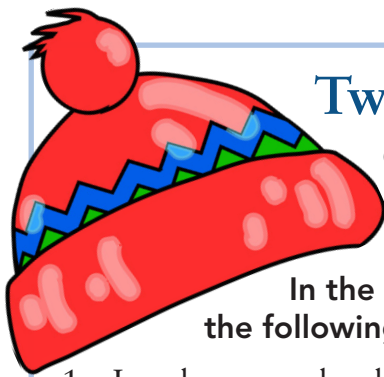
In Music classes, we’ve been filling our ears with the sound of the C major scale, learning to play melodies in C major from music notation--on bells, hand chimes (thank you, NE PTA!), keyboards and ukuleles. We’re also working on singing rounds (short songs which can be sung by two or more groups of people, creating harmony) and learning some contradances from New England and Appalachia. Come on in and join us! We welcome visitors!

—Karla Notarianni
Northeast School General Music Teacher



SPRING CONCERTS, 2018

Kindergarten	Thursday, May 17th	1:30PM
Grade One	Thursday, May 24th	8:15AM
Grade Two	Thursday, April 12th	6:30PM
Grade Three	Thursday, April 19th	6:30PM
Grade Four	Thursday, April 26th	6:30PM
Grade Five	Thursday, May 10th	6:30PM

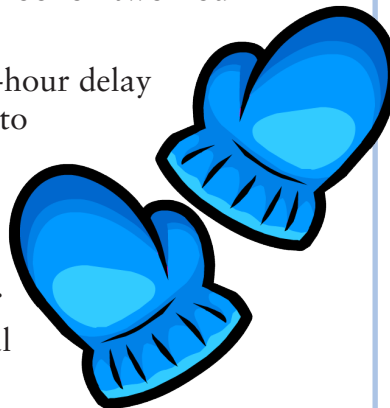


Two-Hour Delay Procedure:

On these days, parents are encouraged to develop a plan so their children can safely stay home for an additional two hours.

In the event that a two-hour delay is activated, the following procedures will be followed:

1. Local news and radio stations will be contacted to report the delayed start, notices will be posted on the District website, Twitter and Facebook pages and emails will be sent to families using the SchoolMessenger system. Caregivers are encouraged to update their contact information in SchoolTool by contacting their school secretary.
2. If conditions do not improve within two hours, classes may be cancelled for the entire day and the same methods of notification will be made.
3. All bus routes will be delayed by exactly two hours (i.e. If your bus stop is normally at 8:37 a.m., it will be at 10:37 a.m. on delayed start days).
4. All schools will start exactly two hours later than normal. Elementary students should arrive at school between 9:40 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
5. Secondary school doors will open at 10:30 a.m. Students will follow a condensed bell schedule of all scheduled classes. There will be no zero period at Ithaca High School on two-hour delay days.
6. Pre-K classes will NOT be held if a two-hour delay occurs on a Friday. This does not apply to Pre-K 12:45 dismissal classes.
7. Simple breakfasts will be available to students when schools open and regular lunches will be served at modified times.
8. Schools will be dismissed at their normal times at the end of the school day.



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Shop through Amazon Smile and .5% of eligible purchases will be donated to the Northeast PTA. You will get the same Amazon products, Amazon prices and Amazon service with the added bonus of earning money for our PTA.

Go to Smile.Amazon.com/ch/16-6058897 to get started.

Silver Graphics

A huge THANK YOU to all who have placed an order!

The orders should arrive by December 11th and will be available for pick up in the office.

Please look for a note on the listserv.

—Nan and Tina



Collect Box Tops for Education

Don't forget to save Box Tops to benefit Northeast! Children should bring them to their teacher.



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.



JOIN TODAY!

The New York State PTA online membership portal is now online! To join SEPTA, please go to: <https://goo.gl/Myr3JJ>

You can pay your membership dues in one of three ways:

1. Pay online using the NYS Membership portal, above.
2. Bring a check to the first SEPTA meeting. (You can do this even if you join online using the portal.)
3. Send your check to SEPTA, c/o Caroline Elementary School, 2439 Slaterville Road, Slaterville Springs, NY 14881

We look forward to continuing the important discussions about ICSD's inclusion efforts, which will benefit ALL students. Please join us to discuss how ICSD can continue to build upon its efforts to Engage, Educate, and Empower EVERYONE!

2017-2018 MEETING DATES

- * October 30, 2017 All meetings take place in the
- * January 29, 2018 Administrative
- * April 30, 2018 Building Board
- * June 11, 2018 Room at 400 Lake Street from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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From the Family Liaison

Season's Greetings Northeast Families!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving break! No matter which holiday you celebrate, this time of the year offers magical opportunities to spend time and connect with our families. It could be baking together, pulling out games from the closet (or from Northeast!), a family walk all bundled up after a dusting of snow, or hot chocolate with the kids! It is these special moments that make the happy memories of our lives, and this season so special.

Happy Holidays!



Don't forget to check Ithaca's websites for activities going on in the community; there are so many in the coming weeks. If you are not sure how to find these, please contact me or stop by my desk and I would love to make a list for you.

A big thanks to all those who dropped off coats, as well as boots, hats, and gloves to our winter borrowing closet! You have helped a child stay warm this winter and our Northeast family can not thank you enough. Giving to others is another activity you can do with your children, creating strong bonds and appreciation for all that we have. I look forward to celebrating families with you this season! Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you, and as always, I am open to suggestions for family events we can have here at Northeast.

Stay warm and safe traveling over the winter break!

Happy Holidays from mine to yours!

—Kim Hall

Family Liaison, Room 104

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Five Things to Remember at Drop- Off Time



1. Please travel slowly. We are all trying to get our kids to school on time, but their safety is more important than a tardy slip.

2. Please pull up as far as possible when dropping off your child so that the cars behind you can pull in instead of having to go around and/or pull in in front of others.

3. Please use your blinker when you are done dropping your child off and pulling out from the curb so others know you are ready to leave. Be sure to look behind you: use your mirrors and an actual visual check.

4. Please come to a full stop when you are exiting the "parking spots" area of the lot. Cars that are pulling in from Winthrop have the right of way.

5. When pulling up to the curb, never block the crosswalk at the entrance (where the sidewalk dips for wheelchairs and carts). This is where people cross from the parking spots and making people go around your car is dangerous for all involved.



Don't Forget to send Boots and Snow Pants to School with your Child!



Winter weather is on its way so the fields and playgrounds are cold and wet. All children must wear boots and snow pants to have full access to the playground during recess.

