



The Northeast Link

Everyone Counts in Our Community.



**The Northeast
Elementary
School
Newsletter**
sponsored by the PTA

**PTA Board
2017/18**

President

Eglantina
Lucio-Belbase
eluciob@gmail.com
257-2010

Vice-President

Tina Bauersfeld
tinabauersfeld@yahoo.de
379-6015

Secretary

Sarah Seroussi
sarahlseroussi@gmail.com

Treasurer

Donna Wilczynski
donna.wilczynski11@
gmail.com
607-339-5148



From the Principal

Greetings, Northeast Families –

Happy New Year! I hope you had a great vacation, and are waltzing in to 2018 rejuvenated. We have a number of exciting learning opportunities on the horizon for this year...

We are kicking off our 3rd annual Month of Kindness in January, with a theme this year: “Create Positive Change”. Each day throughout January and into February, students and staff work together to spread kindness and positive change throughout our school and greater community. Students design the acts of kindness themselves. Sometimes a class will do something as a whole, such as planting and giving flowers to folks at Kendal, and sometimes students will do something more individual, like thanking someone in the community who has made a difference. We believe that going outside of ourselves (and out of our way) to make things just a little bit better for others really matters. Be sure to follow us on Twitter (@NortheastES), or check out our website (<http://www.ithacacityschools.org/northeast>) to find out what’s happening as we spread positive change throughout the world!



The Ithaca Public Education Initiative (IPEI) recently awarded Northeast and Fall Creek Elementary schools a total of \$10,000 for a grant entitled “Reimagining Recess”. This grant will provide students with the freedom to explore, build and get creative with loose parts like cardboard, spools, tires, leaves, duct tape, wood scraps, etc. outside during recess. We’ll be partnering with the folks at the Just Play Project (some of the same people who designed the “Anarchy Zone” at the Ithaca Children’s Garden), who will be providing training for our staff. This grant also helps us ensure that there’s an adult responsible for supporting the play (often by just setting out and re-collecting the materials), as students use their imaginations, create, and have fun. We’ll also be adding a shed, next to our current one out on the playground. Check

Continued on page 2

The deadline for the February Northeast Link is Friday, January 26.

It will go home in backpacks on Friday February 2. Please email your submissions to cmbarry@icloud.com Thank you!



Upcoming Events

Winter Enrichment Registration Begins

January 8
See page 7

PTA Meeting

January 8
See page 3

Coffee with the Principal

January 12
See this page

Martin Luther King Day Recess

January 15
No School

PTA Meeting

February 5

School Recess

February 19 – 23
No School

PTA Meeting

March 5

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

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.



Continued from page 1

out this press release for more information: <https://goo.gl/lexwHF8>. We're excited to offer this choice-based opportunity for kids, and are grateful for the support of IPEI, the ICSD, and Just Play Project.

Our students have voted and the new mascot is...a wolf! We look forward to moving forward as the "Northeast Wolfpack", where everyone is welcome, just as they are.

Please join us for the PTA community read discussion on January 8, 2018 6:00-7:30 (dinner from 6-6:30), where we'll talk about the book *Mindset* by Dr. Carol Dweck. Copies are available in the Library. It's also okay if you haven't read it, as we talk about the concepts of "fixed mindset" and "growth mindset" – the idea that our children's (and our own) intelligence is not static, and that we can shift the way we think and talk to promote growth and learning.

Well, I made a big mistake and somehow slipped on our last Coffee with the Principal, so we've rescheduled it for Friday, January 12, from 7:40 to 8:30 a.m.

in the library - I promise I'll be there and ready this time! Please 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



Don't Forget to Send Boots, Snow Pants and Mittens or Gloves to School with your Child!

Winter weather is here and the fields and playgrounds are snow covered and cold. All children must wear boots and snow pants to have full access to the playground during recess.

Missing Items?

Check the "Lost and Found" located just inside the cafeteria. The school has collected jackets, sweatshirts, hats, snow pants, gloves, water bottles, lunch boxes and more!

From the PTA

Dear NE Community,

As dark and cold as January can be, the new year brings promise of new experiences and the opportunity of change.

Whether or not you've made some personal resolutions for 2018, I ask that you take one (or all!) of these PTA-oriented resolutions:

1. Help someone feel part of the NE community — Welcome a new family to our school or bring a friend or new person (even if they are a long-time school family) to a PTA or committee meeting.
2. Help out with a PTA event or program. If you don't have a lot of time, that's okay. Volunteering 2 hours of your time this semester is the equivalent of giving up two tv episodes or a movie.
3. Be careful when filling out forms or checks. It saves our volunteers a lot of time when they don't need to contact parents to fix a mistake.

My best wishes for 2018,
— Eglantina

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

Yearbook

Look for Yearbook info coming home via backpack mail in the new year!

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.

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

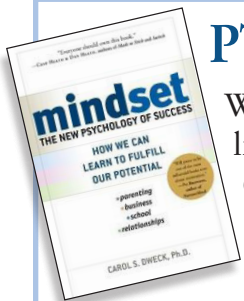
Basketball

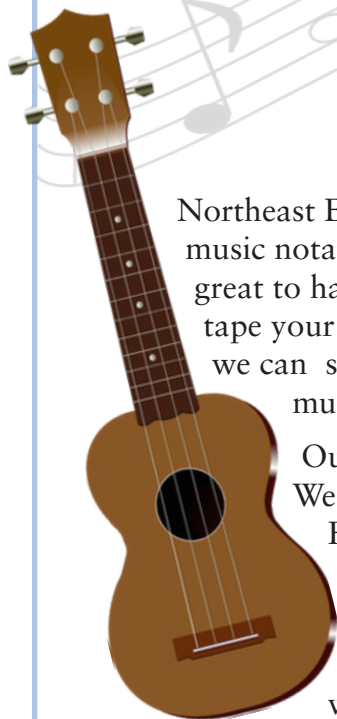
The Northeast basketball teams will start practice soon! 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will play on 9 teams against other ICSD schools from January through March. We will post the home game schedule on the webpage and the list serve when it's available. We hope you come cheer on our athletes!



PTA Meeting Monday, January 8

We have a PTA meeting on Jan. 8th. There will be some light refreshments at 6pm and the meeting will start at 6:30. We will be discussing C. Dewar's book, *Mindset: The Psychology of Success*. Principal Talcott will facilitate the discussion. We hope you can join us.





Northeast Elementary musicians are creating beautiful music as learning to read from music notation. In January, each class will be composing an original piece. It would be great to have a recording of these pieces — if you would be willing to come in to videotape your child’s Music class as they play their piece, please let me know. That way, we can share the work at our Spring concerts — and you’ll be able to enjoy your young musician’s composition and performance skills!

Our Ukulele, Handbell and Keyboard skills are showing great progress as well. We’ll be continuing with learning to play both chords and beginning melody lines. From Kindergarten Uke-sters learning to play the C chord to older student musicians learning to play scales and melodies, we’re filling the halls with great tunes!

Of course, another way to hear your child’s music and to share in the fun is to visit our Music classes---we love company! Please feel free to just ‘drop by’ your child’s class--no need to schedule ahead of time!

—Karla Notarianni
Northeast School
General Music Teacher

SPRING CONCERTS, 2018

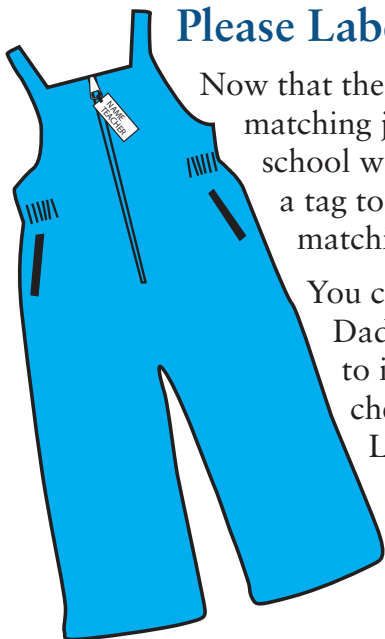
Kindergarten	Thursday, May 17th	1:30PM
Grade One	Thursday, May 24th	8:15AM
Grade Two	Thursday, April 12th	6:30PM
Grade Three	Thursday, April 19th	6:30PM
Grade Four	Thursday, April 26th	6:30PM
Grade Five	Thursday, May 10th	6:30PM

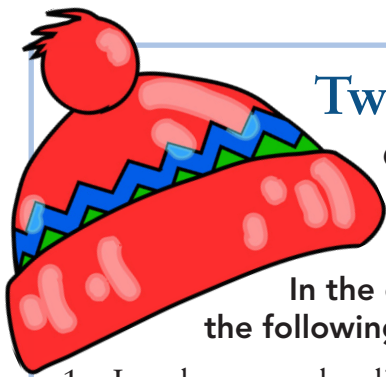
Please Label all of Your Child’s Belongings!

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.



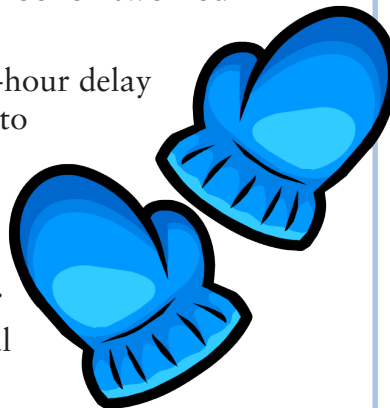


Two-Hour Delay Procedure:

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.



School Closing and Delay Information

You can get up-to-date information about school closings on the ICSD homepage newsfeed, on our Twitter or Facebook page. The following local newspapers, radio and television stations also have information on emergency closings:

WHCU 870AM/WYXL
97.3FM/ WQNY103.7FM/
WNYY1470AM/

WIII 99.9/100.3FM/
HOTS 103.3 FM/The Vine
98.7FM

WVBR (FM 93)

WSYR (shared
w/620WHEN)

Y94FM, B104.7 and
HOT 107.9

WIXT (Ch9 Syracuse)

WSKG FM/WSKG TV
(Bing.)

WICB FM 91.7

WIQT-WQIX (Elmira)

WSTM (Ch3)/WTVH (Ch5)

WENY-TV (Elmira)

WETM (Elmira/Corning)

Z95.5

News 10 Now

Ithaca Journal



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.

Did You Know...

- The PTA receives no money from school taxes or the government. All our funds come from membership fees, donations, and PTA fundraisers.
- The PTA is run entirely by volunteers.
- You do not need to be a PTA member to volunteer for or participate in PTA programs.

How do I Volunteer for the PTA?

- Answer a call for volunteers on the listserv
- Email a board member so they can match a job to your interests



Collect Box Tops for Education

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



Northeast has a Maker Space!!!

What is the Maker Space?

The Maker Space is a an area and opportunity for students to learn different resources, explore new concepts, collaborate, create and invent with them.

Students will get to experiment with resources such as: Ozobot Robots, Marbles and simple machines, Legos, Little bits, Paper Circuits, Beebots and Makey Makey. Learn more about these resources at <https://sites.google.com/alicsd.k12.ny.us/northeast-library/maker-space>

Students can sign up to attend maker space two times per week during their recess periods. Our Maker Space is located in the library.

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 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.



From the Family Liaison

Dear Northeast Families,



I hope everyone had a joyous holiday break! During this cold winter, our **winter borrowing closet** has been very active for kids during recess. If your child becomes attached to any item that they have been borrowing from the closet, they are more than welcome to keep it; either in the classroom or at home. To help keep the closet stocked

with a good variety and selection of sizes, please continue to consider donating any gently-used snow pants, coats, boots, gloves, and hats to the school. We greatly appreciate all the help we can get to continue this important program.

Family Math Program! Remember, we have over 125 free games and activities available in the library to check out and bring home. These are a fun and engaging way to practice math on these cold days at home. You can find additional information about this program on the Northeast website under the 'Northeast Library' link on the left hand side. Also, feel free to browse our selection located in the back right side of the library. Let me, or the librarian (Megan Hulburt), know if you have any trouble locating these games. These would be great to bring home right before our upcoming winter break in February.



Ithaca Family Fun! Be sure to check the Ithaca Family Fun website for fun indoor activities and outdoor sports happening in our community this winter!
<https://www.ithacafamilyfun.com/>

Best wishes and stay warm out there!

—Kim Hall

Family Liaison, Room 104

kimberley.hall@icsd.k12.ny.us

Please Sign Up for our Listserv!

If you have not signed up for the listserv (or if you are new to the school), we urge you to sign up for the PTA listserv.

Other than our monthly newsletter, the listserv is the forum the PTA uses to communicate school closings, deadline reminders, announce new programs, etc.

TO JOIN, PLEASE DO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. Send a blank email to NortheastPTA_subscribe@yahoo.com
2. Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NortheastPTA/join> and follow the instructions to sign up.
3. Visit the Northeast PTA website (northeastpta.com) and click on the link


Contact Lori Drake – (lori@tigerfire.net) with questions.

Winter Enrichment Registration January 8 – 12

Registration will be online only, and will be open from Monday, January 8 through Friday, January 12. The link to the online registration form will be posted on the listserv and on the Enrichment page of the Northeast PTA website (northeastpta.com), a link to class descriptions can also be found there. Questions? Contact the Enrichment team at northeastenrichment@gmail.com.

January

ELEMENTARY LUNCH 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 SOUTHWEST BEEF "TOSTITO SCOOPS" FRESH FRUIT/CUP/JUICE SALAD CARROTS ASSORTED MILKS	2 HOTDOG/ROLL FRESH FRUIT/CUP/JUICE SALAD VEGETARIAN BEANS ASSORTED MILKS	3 SLOPPY TOTS FRESH FRUIT/CUP/JUICE SALAD VEGETARIAN BEANS ASSORTED MILKS	4 PRETZEL/POWER HUMMUS* FRESH FRUIT/CUP/JUICE SALAD CARROTS ASSORTED MILKS	5 CHEESE PIZZA MEATZA PIZZA FRESH FRUIT/CUP/JUICE SALAD BROCCOLI ASSORTED MILKS
9 DELUXE BURGER AWESOME BEAN BURGER* FRESH FRUIT/CUP/JUICE SALAD VEGETARIAN BEANS ASSORTED MILKS	10 TURKEY WRAP HUMMUS WRAP* FRESH FRUIT/CUP/JUICE SALAD CORN ASSORTED MILKS	11 M/S PATEL'S RAJMA* TOASTED CHEESE FRESH FRUIT/CUP/JUICE SALAD GREEN BEANS/RICE ASSORTED MILKS	12 PIZZA PANINI FRESH FRUIT/CUP/JUICE SALAD BROCCOLI ASSORTED MILKS	19 STUFFED SHELLS FRESH FRUIT/CUP/JUICE SALAD BROCCOLI ASSORTED MILKS
15  MEATBALL SUB FRESH FRUIT/CUP/JUICE SALAD BROCCOLI ASSORTED MILKS	16 TACO SALAD BEAN BURRITO FRESH FRUIT/CUP/JUICE SALAD CARROTS ASSORTED MILKS	17 DELUXE BURGER AWESOME BEAN BURGER* FRESH FRUIT/CUP/JUICE SALAD VEGETARIAN BEANS ASSORTED MILKS	18 W/AFRICAN BEANS&GREENS TOASTED CHEESE FRESH FRUIT/CUP/JUICE SALAD GREEN BEANS/COUS COUS ASSORTED MILKS	26 CHEESE PIZZA PEP PIZZA FRESH FRUIT/CUP/JUICE SALAD GREEN BEANS ASSORTED MILKS
22 CHICKEN NUGGETS FRESH FRUIT/CUP/JUICE SALAD CORN ASSORTED MILKS	23 DELUXE BURGER AWESOME BEAN BURGER* FRESH FRUIT/CUP/JUICE SALAD VEGETARIAN BEANS ASSORTED MILKS	24 CHEESE PANINI TUNA PANINI FRESH FRUIT/CUP/JUICE SALAD TOMATO SOUP ASSORTED MILKS	25 MEXICAN SCOOPS* TOASTED CHEESE FRESH FRUIT/CUP/JUICE SALAD CORN/TOMATO SOUP ASSORTED MILKS	
	30 TACO SALAD BEAN BURRITO FRESH FRUIT/CUP/JUICE SALAD CARROTS ASSORTED MILKS	31 SLOPPY JOE FRESH FRUIT/CUP/JUICE SALAD GREEN BEANS ASSORTED MILKS		

