



The Northeast Link

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The Northeast Elementary School Newsletter

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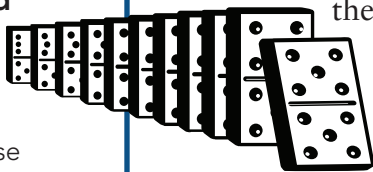
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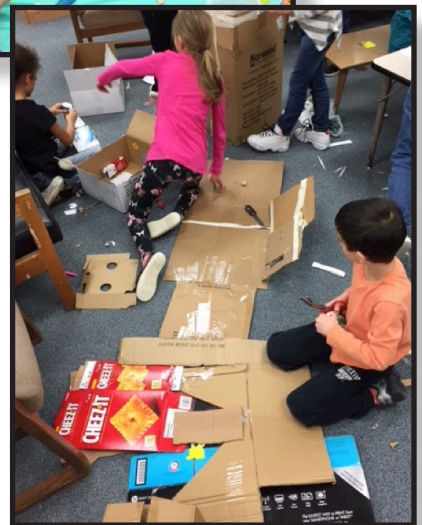
From the Principal

Greetings, Northeast Families,

Our Month of Kindness is in full swing, and students are performing daily acts of kindness to make our school and greater community an even better place. Our theme this year is “Create Positive Change” and folks are seeing the impact of their actions on others and even themselves. One 5th grader described being kind as creating a “domino effect”, and “if you look out for others, the world will look out for you.” Be sure to continue to follow our students’ acts of kindness on Twitter <https://twitter.com/NortheastES> and on our website <http://www.ithacacityschools.org/northeast>.



You may have been hearing about our MakerSpace, which students in grades 2nd through 5th have access to a couple of days each week during recess. Ms. Hulburt (Librarian) and Ms. Kilts (4th grade teacher) have been working to design challenges for students, from creating anything they can out of cardboard to designing closed circuits. These challenges allow students to think creatively, and incorporate a number of critical thinking, communication and problem-solving skills, while having fun! Students can work alone, or with a group, and craft a range of interesting artistic and/or scientific creations. These activities are sponsored



The deadline for the February Northeast Link is Friday, February 23. (During the February Break.)

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

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

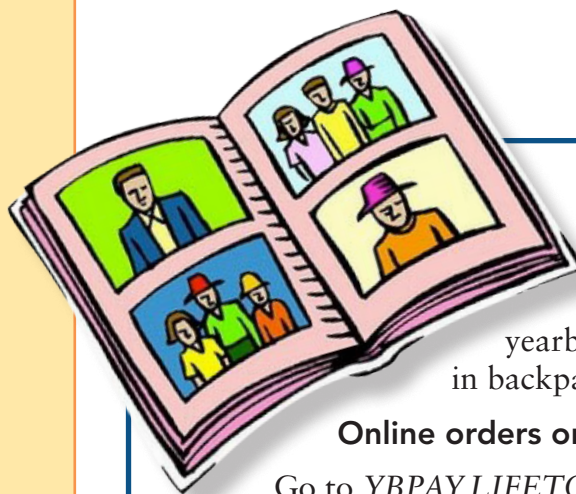
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in part by grants from the Ithaca Public Education Initiative (IPEI) and DonorsChoose.

Please join us for the next PTA meeting, on Monday, February 5, 2018, 6:00-7:30 (light dinner from 6-6:30). If you're new to our school, this would be a great meeting to attend. We'll welcome families and discuss the array of wonderful programs the PTA offers to the school, and how families can support. All are welcome!

As always, please feel free to stop by, email, or call me anytime. I'm open to any and all communication. Thank you for your commitment to our children's education.

Sincerely,
—Ms. Lily Talcott, Principal



Order Your Yearbook Now!

It's time to think about ordering yearbooks! Flyers should will come home in backpacks, but here are the order details:

Online orders only this year!

Go to YBPAY.LIFETOUCH.COM

Yearbook ID Code: 9371818

Order deadline: March 2nd, 2018 and the price is \$13.00 for the basic copy. Reminder for 5th grade families: Every 5th grader receives a free basic copy (for add-ons and extras please pay online).

If you have questions, please contact Tina:
tinabauersfeld@yahoo.de



PTA Meeting



Please join us on Monday, February 5 to meet our current Program Leaders, learn more about volunteer opportunities with the Northeast PTA.

Pizza will be served 6PM, the meeting will begin at 6:30.

Dear Northeast Community,

A few years ago, I wrote a note about “Why I volunteer”. I keep coming back to these feelings, and decided to update it and use it for this newsletter.

There are many reasons why I volunteer at Northeast, and some of them are for purely selfish reasons.

When you’re new in town or in the school, it’s an easy way to meet people and become part of the community. When you’ve been at the school for a while, you find something you love to do to contribute to the community.

Here are a few things I do/did, and some of the reasons why:

I help/ed in the classroom. Northeast has amazing teachers. If by helping out, the teacher can spend more time with the kids being amazing, I’m happy to help. Also, I get a glimpse into the classroom life. I get to show my kids what is important to us as a family- math, writing, library time...

I ran SilverGraphics for a few years. This is a fun, colorful fundraiser. It was so nice to see Mrs. Millich work with the kids to create the projects. She is terrific at meeting the fundraiser’s challenges. I got to see Tami and Cindy a lot. And it’s a fundraiser, which meant that staff, programs and events I care about are supported financially.

Writing Club, Math Club and Ithaca SMARTs are done for super-selfish reasons. These are things we value as parents, and want for our kids. I am very grateful that the PTA and NE administration supported these programs.

I’ve served on the PTA Board for four years. I’ve worked with committed and thoughtful women every year, who put a lot of time and energy into building and supporting our school community. A personal benefit was gaining knowledge of things to come (at DeWitt and IHS).

Every week, I get to see wonderful people at Northeast who want what I want – happy, healthy kids engaged in learning.



It’s been a huge honor to have the opportunity to work and learn from this wonderfully diverse and nurturing community. But the time has come to pass along the baton, not just for me but for a number of program leaders.

As of today, we need folks to fill the following positions or join the committees:

- PTA Board President
- PTA Board Secretary or Treasurer
- Nominating Committee members
- Bike Safety Rodeo Coordinator
- Book Fair Committee members
- Intl. Night Committee members
- School Pictures Committee member
- Yearbook Committee members
- Directory Committee member(s)
- Boxtops Coordinator
- Basketball Home Game Coordinator
- K Playdates Committee member(s)
- Meet Your K Teacher Day Cmt. member(s)

Please come to our February PTA meeting to meet our current Program Leaders, learn more about these volunteer opportunities and have your questions answered.

The meeting is on Monday, February 5th. We will have pizza at 6pm and the meeting will start at 6:30.

Thank you,
—*Eglantina*

"To encourage literature and the arts is a duty which every good citizen owes to his country." --George Washington

"The best way to learn is by doing." --Alex Spanos

Our Northeast musicians have been learning to play familiar tunes from music notation, and are beginning to work on their own music compositions. We're hoping to showcase each class's original music piece at our Spring Concerts. In order to do so, however, we need volunteers who are willing to come to one of their child(ren)'s Music classes in early March, to videotape the class as they perform their pieces.

If you are interested in helping, please let me know! Thank you!

As always, visitors are always welcome in our Music classes--come, join in the fun!

We look forward to sharing our Music & Dance with you!

Karla Notarianni ("Ms. N")
Northeast General Music Teacher

SPRING CONCERTS, 2018		
Kindergarten	Thursday, May 17th	1:15PM
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!

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.



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

Bright Red Bookshelf



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.



It's Basketball Season!

Support Northeast by cheering on our basketball teams and see your friends show off their ball handling skills! Games will be held in the Northeast Gymnasium on 2/24, 3/3 and 3/10.

We hope to see you there!

Northeast Basketball Home Games			
	2/24/2018	3/3/2018	3/10/2018
9:00 AM	3rd Boys	3rd Girls	3rd Girls
10:00 AM	4th Girls	3rd Boys	3rd Boys
11:00 AM	4th Boys 2	4th Girls	4th Girls
12:00 PM	5th Girls 2	4th Boys 1	5th Girls 1
1:00 PM	5th Boys 1	5th Girls 2	5th Boys 1 & 2
2:00 PM	5th Boys 2	5th Girls 1	Caroline Teams
3:00 PM	4th Boys 1	5th Boys 1	
4:00 PM		5th Boys 2	



5th Graders vs. Staff Basketball Game

Friday, March 9, More information coming soon!

From 5th Grade Trip Planning

Hello, 5th Grade Families!

Many of you have expressed interest in direct appeal to raise money for the 5th Grade Trip, where 100% of what you give goes directly to help each child participate in this trip.

In response, thanks to Melissa (Matthew Jones' mom), we've launched an online crowdfunding source on GoFundMe. Here is the link: [gf.melulf6j3pd](https://www.gofundme.com/gf.melulf6j3pd)

Please check out Melissa's write-up on this platform, spread the word amongst our community and beyond via email, twitter, or facebook...

"It is our aim to provide a trip at minimal cost to each family, so that ALL children can attend regardless of their family's financial ability. "

Thank you for supporting our 5th graders!
— Kathy Lee and the 5th Grade Trip Committee

Phone Numbers To Know

Main Office:
257-2121

School Fax:
257-8157

Attendance
Line:
257-0546

Nurse:
266-3559

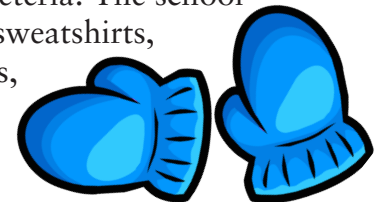
Transportation
Office:
274-2128

Kids Count:
257-9400



Missing Items?

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



WHEN TO KEEP A CHILD HOME WITH ILLNESS DURING COLD AND FLU SEASON

Sometimes it can be difficult for a parent to decide whether to send children to school when they wake up with symptoms of an illness or complaints that they do not feel well. In general, during cold and flu season, unless your child is significantly ill, the best place for them is in school where they have all already been exposed to the same germs and where they are less likely to expose other more vulnerable people, like the very young or very old. Remind your children to discard used tissues promptly, not to share personal items, to cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze, to keep their hands away from their face, and to wash hands thoroughly and often with soap and warm water. However, there are some situations in which it is best to plan on keeping your child home for a day to rest or to arrange for an appointment with your health care provider.

The following are a few situations that warrant watching and possibly calling your health care provider:

- Persistent fever greater than 100.4° orally, including a fever that requires control with medication such as Tylenol
- Child is too sleepy or ill from an illness, like vomiting and/or diarrhea
- Cough that makes a child feel uncomfortable or disrupts the class
- Sore throat that is severe along with fever and feeling ill for more than 48 hours, OR after known exposure to a confirmed case of Strep throat infection
- Honey-crusted sores around the nose or mouth or rash on other body parts; OR a rash in various stages including boils, sores and bumps that may be chicken pox; OR a significant rash accompanied by other symptoms of illness such as fever
- Red, runny eyes that distract the child from learning
- Large amount of discolored nasal discharge, especially if accompanied by facial pain or headache
- Severe ear pain or drainage from the ear
- Severe headache, especially if accompanied by fever
- Any condition that you think may be serious or contagious to others.

Whenever there is an outbreak of a specific contagious infection, the school sends out a notice to alert you to watch out for any symptoms. If your child starts to develop symptoms, it is important that you alert your own health care provider that your child had a possible exposure. Be sure to ask your provider when it is safe for your child to return to school, both for your child's health and for the health of the rest of the school.

Finally, if you know your child is still running a fever, it is not a good idea simply to give them Tylenol and send them onto school because as soon as the medicine wears off, you are apt to get a call from the school nurse to leave work and come to pick up your feverish child. It is better to let them stay home in bed with a fever and take their medications at home until they are off all medicines and ready to learn for a full day in a classroom. If you find a pattern of your child asking to stay home from school, especially if they are falling behind or appear anxious by the thought of attending school, or if there does not appear to be any obvious physical symptoms, it may be a good idea to contact your school nurse and your health care provider to discuss your concerns. Remember, whenever you keep your child home from school, please call the school nurse or attendance office in advance of the start of the school day and leave a message that your child will be absent.

*Thank you, Cindy Ceracche, RN
School Nurse: 266-3559
cindy.ceracche@icsd.k12.ny.us*



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 School Tool 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

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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.

From the Family Liaison

Hello, Northeast Families!

While it is blistering cold outside, it is a good time to remember that kindness keeps our hearts warm, our minds sharp, and our spirits alive. Even the littlest acts of kindness can make a big difference in someone's life!

Here are 10 simple ideas that we can do at home to show kindness:

1 Help develop your child's identity as a caring person. Rather than telling your child "That was a kind thing to do," say, "You're such a kind person."

2 Model the behavior you'd like to see. No matter how much we talk about being kind or acting the right way, kids learn best by watching our own acts of kindness.

3 During family dinner, discuss the acts of kindness each of you saw during the day. You may start seeing your child doing many of the things mentioned in conversation.

4 Talk with your children about gratitude and being grateful for what they have. Consider going through toys, clothes, and household items, and donating to those in need.

5 Find a chance to help neighbors with projects; shoveling snow, raking leaves, or baking treats.

6 Involve your kids in community service.

7 Put 50–100 paper hearts in a box. On each cutout write something that is special about a family member. Give them the box and tell them to pull out a heart anytime they get sad or want a pick me up.

8 Find opportunities to give compliments. It costs nothing, takes no time, and could make someone's entire day. Don't just think it, say it.

9 Put a surprise note or sketch in with your child's lunch.

10 Say "thank you" to someone who made a difference. Send a card to people who dedicate their lives to helping us – soldiers, police officers, firefighters and teachers to name a few.

Save the Date! International Night will be on Friday, March 16th this year.

It is always such a special night celebrating the diversity of our school. If you are interested in helping out behind the scenes, our next planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 28th, 6:30pm at Northeast.

Thanks, everyone, for making our school so wonderful.

Stay warm out there!

—Kim Hall

Family Liaison, Room 104

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SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY JUNE 15, 2018 FIFTH GRADE TRIP TO GREEK PEAK



OK We are not going to the beach but close...

What: A fun day of water park and adventure center activities.

Where: Greek Peak Mountain Resort, Cortland, NY.

Who: Northeast 5th Grade Class of 2018

Look out for more details. Parent Chaperones/Volunteers Needed.
Tentative schedule: 8:45 AM – 5:45 PM followed by Pot Luck Dinner back at
Northeast School. Please Join the Go-Fund-Me fundraising effort at:
<https://www.gofundme.com/5th-grade-class-trip>



Earn Cash for Our School!

**Send in those
BOXTOPS!**

**We are almost
halfway there!**

Clip Box Tops coupons from any participating Box Top product you buy and send them with your child to give to their teacher. We'll take it from there!

**For more info go
to www.btfe.com**

If you have any questions, please contact me,
Darlene Campbell at dccampbell001@gmail.com.



SAVE THE DATE!

NORTHEAST
CARNIVAL
IS FRIDAY
JUNE 8TH



The NE Annual Carnival is a fantastically fun, well-loved community event.

Interested in being a part of the planning committee? Come to our first meeting to meet the team leaders and learn more.

**FIRST PLANNING MEETING IS TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 13TH FROM 6:00-7:00PM
AT NORTHEAST ELEMENTARY**

Have questions about the Carnival?
Email randimadrid@gmail.com or donna.wilczynski11@gmail.com

Save the Date

Summer Enrichment Camp 2018

Three Exciting and Engaging Weeks

Sponsored by the Northeast PTA

WHAT:

Art, Writing, Math, and Reading

Presented by NE teachers: Paula Kilts and Melissa Crawford

pkilts@icsd.k12.ny.us melissa.crawford@icsd.k12.ny.us

July 9-13 and 16-20 8:30 - 3:00

COST: \$ 450 (for 2 weeks)

STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math

Presented by NE teachers: Meg Hulburt and Paula Kilts

megan.hulburt@icsd.k12.ny.us

July 23 - 27 8:30-3

COST: \$250

WHO: Students entering grades 2-5

More information to follow in the early spring!