



The Northeast Link

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The Northeast Elementary School Newsletter

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The deadline for the
May Northeast Link
is Friday, April 27.

It will go home in
backpacks on
Friday May 4. Please
email your submissions
to [cmbarry@
icloud.com](mailto:cmbarry@icloud.com) Thank
you!

From the Principal

Greetings, Northeast Families,

We continue to feel the loss of our dear fifth grade friend, Colin. Children and staff have begun personal healing processes, as we remember him, tell stories, laugh a little more and perhaps cry a little less. As I have said before, Colin's legacy is one of far-reaching kindness (and humor!). He reminds us to find the good in others, the hilarity in situations, and to treat everyone with respect and love. In the weeks after his death, I've seen this firsthand from students, families and staff. People created space for folks' grief, gave hugs when needed, and donated time, items, money and their organizational skills to help put together a beautiful tribute at the High School on 3/23. Our smaller school community will plan to honor Colin in the coming months. You yourself may have ideas for memorials we could establish here at the school, and we welcome those suggestions (just send me an email). Thank you for everything you've done to help our community through this unimaginable tragedy. I'm personally grateful, and I know that Colin's parents, Ian and Tamiko, are tremendously grateful as well.

Last month, I wrote about our commitment to anti-bias education. Students and staff throughout our community have been engaging in more learning experiences to explore concepts of race, class, gender, sexual orientation, religion and more. For example, 5th graders in Ms. Stoff's classroom learned about stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination, and differences among those. Much of these conversations involved planning to interrupt or disrupt racist, homophobic, ableist, sexist statements, and how to be an upstander in those moments. As staff, we continue to examine our own identities and biases, share resources, and develop lessons or teaching moments together. We want to thank our PTA for supporting this work by purchasing copies of Hammond's Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain and the Anti-Defamation League's Anti-Bias Building Blocks: An Elementary Curriculum; we're using these in addition to many others, to help guide our work.

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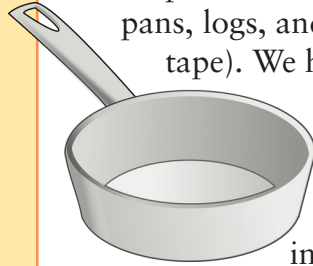
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For more information about these events, please visit our website, northeastpta.com.

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Thanks to the Just Play Project and IPEI, Reimagining Recess has begun at Northeast and Fall Creek! Students have had opportunities to play with loose parts like cardboard, old pots and pans, logs, and even caution tape (yes, caution



tape). We have a playworker, Mr. Jamie Johnson, who has joined our community 2-3 days a week to help us learn more about facilitating play while of course keeping kids safe. Students have already created some pretty amazing things, and are collaborating in new ways. Our fabulous ESPs who support recess each day have been helping students throughout this process.

Please join us for our Reimagining Recess family kick-off event on Saturday, May 5 from 10:00-12:00 out on playground to see what this is all about. Curious about what this looks like? Check out our Twitter feed here: <https://twitter.com/ReimaginingRecess>

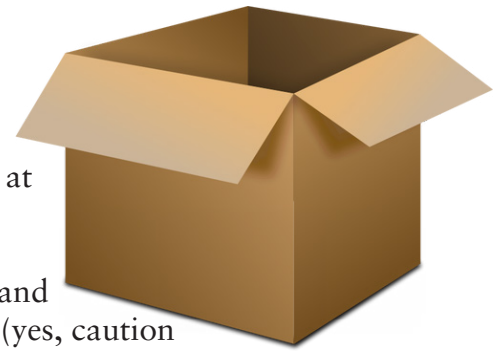
Some important dates are coming up quickly:

- New safety plan (locked doors) work session on 4/16 @ 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria – bring your ideas and possible solutions after our 2-week trial system of locking the front door 24/7
- Great Escape on 4/18 @ 5:30 in the gym – this 5th grade fundraiser has been rescheduled and is sure to be fun for the whole family
- Site-Based Council on 4/26 @ 2:15 – 3:15 p.m. (location TBD) – we’ll finish up our website revamp, and also begin our next discussion about equity
- Transition to 6th grade at Dewitt informational meeting on 4/30 @ 6:00 – 7:30 in the cafeteria – come learn from counselor Alan Miller, about the shift to middle school

I hope to see you at these events and others, and as always, please email (lily.talcott@icsd.k12.ny.us), call (607.257.2121), or stop by (yes, you can stop by and see me still!) any time. Thank you for your commitment to our children’s education.

Sincerely,

—Ms. Lily Talcott, Principal



From the PTA

Dear NE Community,

We have 58 days of school left packed with PTA events. We have the book fair, staff appreciation, bike rodeo and carnival coming up. We'll need help to make all of these events a success. Many hands make light work! Please keep your eyes open for volunteer sign up sheets.

Our April 30th meeting is dedicated to helping families transition between Northeast and DeWitt. The DeWitt Guidance Team will be discussing classes, schedules, teams, and can answer any of your questions. If you have a 5th grader, I would strongly encourage you to come. Please feel free to bring your 5th grader along. If you have a younger child, please feel free to join us and learn about the middle school. And if you have a DeWitt student, please come and share your experiences.

As the end of the year approaches, the Board is getting ready for our June meeting when we'll vote in next year's Board and budget. We still need a Treasurer! If you're interested in the position, please let Laura Dolch know.

*Thank you,
—Eglantina*



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



Black Dry Erase Markers Needed!

Classrooms are running out of black dry erase markers. If you would like to make a donation, please send them to the main office.

Please Keep Sending Boots to School with Your Child!

Warmer spring weather is on its way, but all of the rain is leaving the fields and playgrounds very wet and muddy. Boots (or out-door shoes) help keep feet dry and classrooms free of mud. Consider continuing to send snow pants to school in backpacks, the extra layer will keep your child clean and dry. Extra pairs of dry socks are helpful too!

Please label all of your child's belongings!





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.



Collect Box Tops for Education

Don't forget to clip and save Box Tops to benefit Northeast! Children can bring them to their teacher or "feed" them to the Box Tops bear outside the school office. Contact Darlene Campbell at dccampbell001@gmail.com with any questions.

NORTHEAST MUSIC NEWS: April, 2018



Our young Northeast musicians have been working hard on their music compositions--learning to read, write and perform their own music! It's an exciting time!

We are also preparing music to share with friends and family at our Spring Concerts. Here are our concert dates and information:

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 note: time change from 1:30 to 1:15pm

- Students who are performing should arrive about 10 minutes prior to the concert, remaining with their families until called to line up for performance.
- All concerts will be held in the Northeast Cafeteria.
- No special 'concert clothes' are necessary, although most students do get 'dressed up' to perform.
- Questions? Please contact Karla Notarianni, Northeast Music teacher: knotaria@icsd.k12.ny.us

We look forward to sharing our Music with you!

School Phone Numbers To Know

Main Office:
257-2121

School Fax:
257-8157

Attendance Line:
257-0546

Nurse:
266-3559

Transportation:
274-2128

Kids Count:
257-9400

Come to the Book Fair!

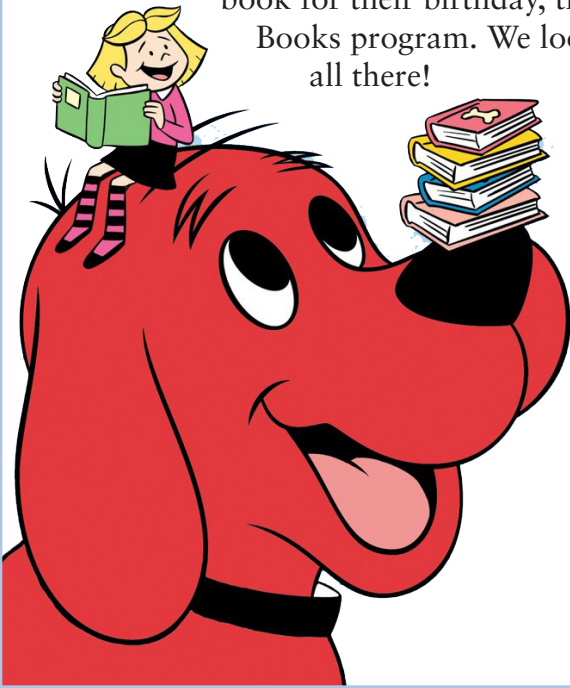
April 16 – 20

Please join us for the Scholastic Book Fair in the Northeast Elementary main hallway.

Meet Clifford, The Big Red Dog!

Family night is Wednesday, 4/18, from 5 to 7pm with a special guest appearance and photo op with Clifford the Big Red Dog!

We need volunteers to help kids select and purchase books. Please contact Abby at abigailthomaslac@gmail.com or Sarah at sarah@foggyhollow.net to get involved in this fun event. It is a great opportunity for our students to select books that they will enjoy reading at home. It also allows us to donate books to our school library and give each student at Northeast Elementary a book for their birthday, through the Birthday Books program. We look forward to seeing you all there!



Book Fair Hours

Monday, 4/16
8–10:45am; 12–2pm

Tuesday, 4/17
8 –10:45am; 12–2pm

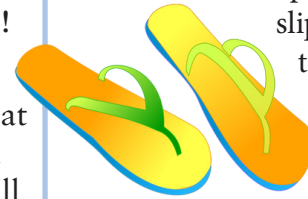
Wednesday, 4/18
8–10:45am; 12–2pm;
5–7pm

Thursday, 4/19
8–10:45am; 12–2pm

Friday, 4/20
8–10:45am; 12–2pm

Earth Day Activity

In honor of Earth Day, Nurse Cindy is collecting used shoes, boots, flip-flops, sneakers, slippers, etc., for three reasons:



1. It keeps them out of the landfills.

2. If we collect 150 pairs of footwear, she will take a picture and post it on the YMCA website for their 150th anniversary celebration and,



3. The footwear will then be donated to a local fund drive which packages the footwear and sends it to other countries for people to develop a small business in repairing and selling the footwear.



There will be a box in the front hallway to collect these for two weeks beginning on Monday April 9th until Friday April 20th. Thank you for cleaning out your closets and donating your unwanted footwear to save the planet and to help others!



Staff Appreciation

The Annual Staff Appreciation Lunch Wednesday, May 9th!

Let's all pitch in to honor the amazing teachers and staff that work with our kids every day. This is a big event that takes lots of effort from many. We are in need of plenty of food, volunteers for set up on May 8th and for the event on May 9th, and also monetary donations to cover the cost of a small gift for each staff member.

Look for Staff Appreciation Forms in your child's backpack, look for a link to "sign up genius" in your email and more information on the website. *All monetary contributions should be sent to school in an envelope that says "STAFF APPRECIATION".*



5th Grade Open House and Ice Cream Social



Tuesday April 17, 2018

6:00 - 8:00

at DeWitt Middle School

ASK QUESTIONS, SHARE IDEAS!

Schedule of Events

6:00

6th grade teachers will greet 5th grade families in front foyer

6:10 - 7:00

Experience 6th grade projects with 6th grade Teachers.
Teachers will walk 5th grade families downstairs to view displays
and 6th grade projects throughout the 6th grade wing & Library.

7:00 - 8:00

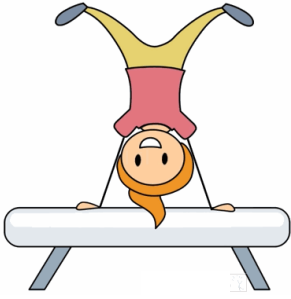
Ice Cream served in the cafeteria

Performances by:

Jazz Band • 6th Grade Choir • DeWitt's String Quartet (in Art Room)

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ending with your product: a key chain tag!**

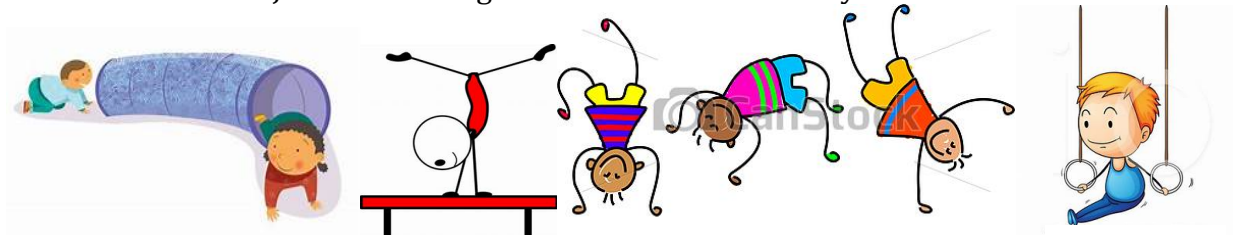
**Parking at DeWitt is very limited. Consider parking at Northeast Elementary School
and taking the path to DeWitt.**



The Great Escape!

Wednesday, April 18

Coming to Northeast School is our annual GREAT ESCAPE organized by Ms. Bolton, Mr. Gordon, and 5th grade families. An OBSTACLE COURSE set up in the school gym using gymnastics equipment and mats, complete with jungle/space sound effects! Join us for this guaranteed fun-filled family event!



When? Wednesday, April 18
Grades K-1 5:30-6:10pm
Grades 2-3 6:20-7:00pm
Grades 4-5 7:10-7:50pm

Where? NE School gym

Cost? \$3 per child; \$7 per family

Please note: This event is for the whole family together, even if you have different aged children. Choose the time according to your YOUNGEST child. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Concession tables selling pizza, snacks, baked goods and drinks will be open in the cafeteria starting at 5:15pm. Proceeds benefit 5th grade class trip in June. This is our final fundraiser of the year!

Get involved in the fun! Sign up to volunteer to make this school event a success!
<https://goo.gl/JcJrUx> or email Melanie at melaniesgore@gmail.com

* Families who have prepaid * for this event prior to December 22, please come! If you cannot make it, feel free to email peipu@hotmail.com for your refund. Thank you!

From the Family Liaison

Hello, Northeast Families!

We have a fun and busy Spring ahead of us! One of my roles here at Northeast is to help coordinate school-related transportation needs to and from events. Here are a few of the programs available to us in Ithaca that I can help with:

Ridesharing: You can save time and money, and better connect to our community by sharing rides to and from events. Ridesharing also makes the parking lots safer, reduces air pollution, and helps our students be able to participate and succeed. Let me know if you would be interested in ridesharing and do not hesitate to contact me or Sophie Somerfeldt (*Christophia@cornell.edu*), our Way2Go expert to assist with support and coordination.



Ithaca Carshare: Visit ithacacarshare.org or call 607-277-3210 to learn about affordable, self-service car use by the hour. A low-income, easy-access plan is available.

Zimride Tompkins: The website www.zimride.com/tompkins can help find matches for sharing rides, from one-time trips to regular commutes. Visit the site to post your trips as a rider or driver to find available options.



vRide Vanpooling: If you have a longer daily commuter, vRide can help to coordinate a door-to-door, 5 to 15-person, vanpool. Contact vRide at 800-826-7433 or visit vride.com for more information on costs and availability.

R.E.D: This is an amazing volunteer driving network program. Schedule your riding needs at least 3 days in advance to a school-related meeting or event and a volunteer will pick up the job. Email redschoolrides@gmail.com or call Carrie Kerr at 607-659-5003 to request a volunteer driver.

TCAT: We also cannot forget about our outstanding (and award winning!) local bus system. Our school is lucky to be near multiple TCAT bus stops. Please visit tcatbus.com or call 607-277-7433 for current bus routes and schedules. I also have access to free one-time bus passes if the need is school related. Please let me know if this something that would help you.

The Way2Go Transportation Program. There are many options under the Way2Go umbrella that could help to solve many transportation problems you, or someone you know, may have. Visit <http://ccetompkins.org/community/way2go> for more information.

Save the dates for our Spring Book Fair, starting April 16th through April 20th. It's a chance for your child to browse through books they are interested in, and make a purchase to add to their growing book collection. Assistance is available if needed; please contact me if you'd like to know more about this opportunity. Reading is key to school success!

A special thanks for all the Borrowing Closet donations this year!

Happy Spring!

—Kim Hall, Family Liaison, Room A25
kimberley.hall@icsd.k12.ny.us

It takes a big
HEART
to help shape
GROWING
MINDS.

**The Staff
Appreciation
Luncheon is
May 9th 2018**

SAVE THE DATE!

NORTHEAST CARNIVAL IS JUNE 8TH



Mark
your
calendar!

If you're **SPRING CLEANING** this month, we are looking for gently used toys, stuffed animals, books and any other funky items that we can use for our carnival prize wheel!

collection box will be in the NE hallway in May



Don't Forget Your Bike Helmet!

In order to promote bicycle helmet safety, Bell Sports offers a special program where we can order helmets at a discounted cost of \$ 9.25 each (or \$10.75 for multisport helmets).

These are the same helmets sold at major retailers (such as Target) but they are overstocks so we are able to get them at cost. We are unable to choose specific colors or prints on the helmets but Bell sorts them by “girl colors/designs” and “boy colors/designs”.

If you would like to purchase a helmet for your child (or any family member), please fill out your order below or print it off of our website www.northeastpta.com. Return the form and check payable to NE PTA in an envelope marked “Bike Helmets” to school by Friday April 20.

Helmets will then be delivered to students in mid to late May.

If you have any questions, contact Crystal Theesfeld at 541.671.7642 or crystal_skiddah@hotmail.com



Bike Helmet Order Form

Child's Name: _____ Grade ____ Teacher: _____

Important: For a proper fit, wrap a tape measure around the fullest part of the head just above the eyebrows. If your child is at the upper limit in one size group, order the next size larger. Due to this special program, no refunds or exchanges are allowed.

TYPE	Size	Design/Color	PRICE	Quantity
Truefit Bike Helmet	Toddler (48-52 cm)	Boy / Girl	\$9.25	_____
Truefit Bike Helmet	Child (5-8 years; 52-56 cm)	Boy / Girl	\$9.25	_____
Truefit Bike Helmet	Youth (8 years +; 54-58 cm)	Boy / Girl	\$9.25	_____
Truefit Bike Helmet	Adult-S/M (55-57 cm)	Unisex color only	\$9.25	_____
Truefit Bike Helmet	Adult-M/L (57-61 cm)	Unisex color only	\$9.25	_____
Multisport Helmet	Child (51-54 cm)	Boy / Girl	\$10.75	_____
Multisport Helmet	Youth (53-56 cm)	Boy / Girl	\$10.75	_____

Total Enclosed: _____