



The Northeast Link

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From the Principal

We are Thinkers!

Happy October!

As I walk through our school, I see students thinking and considering new ideas, asking questions and solving problems. At multiple grade levels I have listened to students discussing the logic and use of rounding numbers in the real world. Their teachers challenge them to reflect on what they know about this concept and use it in more challenging ways as they are in higher grades.

Second grade classes all received new touch-screen computers this week! Across the district, this grade level is piloting these devices to see if they are a good fit for all grade levels. Let us know what you hear!

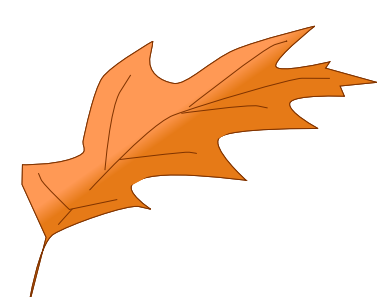
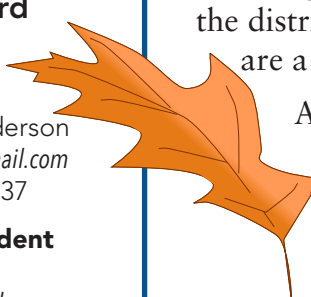
All classes are busy building their stamina for independent reading as well as visiting the library to find great books to read. The author of the Pete the Cat books will be visiting us on October 15th, thanks to the work of our district librarians and TSTBOCES.

On the playground, students are considering how to be safe, take turns, and include others in their play. The adults with them help out as they think through all these important life lessons.

4th and 5th grade families-Wondering where the NYS ELA and Math test scores are? The state had them embargoed until this week! They are now released and we will send your student's results as soon as they are printed for the region.

Please continue to reach out if you have questions, concerns, or just want to chat! Email me at eallee@icsd.k12.ny.us, call at 257-2121 or send in a note if you want to talk.

Thank you for the privilege of teaching your children,
—Liddy Coyle, Principal
(I joined the PTA, have you?)



The Deadline for the next Northeast Link is Friday October 26.

It will go home in backpacks on Friday November 2.

Please email your submissions to cmbarry@icloud.com
Thank you!



Upcoming Events

Indigenous Peoples Day – No School

October 8
No School

Enrichment Begins

October 9
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NE Credit Union Opens

October 10
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Grade 4 Family UKE Night

October 11
6:30 – 7:15 pm
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SEPTA Meeting

October 15
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Pumpkin Carving and Costume Exchange

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District Conference Day – No School For Students

October 19

Grade 5 Family UKE Night

October 25
6:30 – 7:15 pm
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Picture Re-take Day

October 26
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Halloween Parade

October 31
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Scholastic Book Fair

November 5 – 9
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For more information about these events, please visit our website, northeastpta.com.

From the PTA

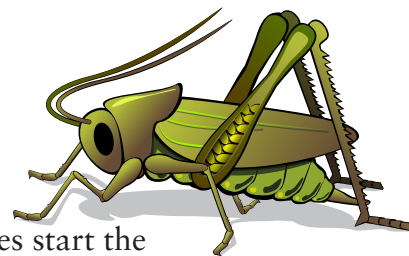
Fall Enrichment

“Bugs are Cool!” and “Microbits” classes start the week of October 8; all other classes start the week of October 15. Most classes will run through the week of November 26. Make up classes may continue in



December. See the Class Schedule for detailed information. You can find a link to the class schedule on the PTA website’s Enrichment page (<http://www.northeastpta.com/enrichment.html>).

Please remember to pick up your child at 3:05pm. If you have any ideas for future enrichment classes, questions/concerns, or want to help, please email the Enrichment Committee at northeastenrichment@gmail.com.



PTA Halloween Parade

Wednesday, October 31.
3:20 – 4:00 pm

Join us with the whole family (all children must be accompanied by an adult).

We’ll parade around the block in costumes and enjoy some refreshments afterwards.

A flyer with details and sign-up information will be sent in mid-October.



Northeast Credit union opens Oct. 10th!



Our volunteers will be in the lobby on Wednesday mornings 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 (tinanauersfeld@yahoo.de)

Helpful Phone Numbers

Main Office: 257-2121	Attendance Line: 257-0546	Transportation Office: 274-2128
School Fax: 257-8157	Nurse: 266-3559	Kids Count: 257-9400

Come to the Book Fair!

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Northeast November 5 – 9



This is a great opportunity for your children to purchase high quality books and for us to support literacy programs at our school. The fair will be open daily from 8am to 10:45am with family night on Wednesday from 5-7pm.

We need volunteers!

Please contact Abby at abigailthomaslac@gmail.com if you would like to help out with the fair. We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

Silver Graphics Fundraiser

It's that time of year.... We are starting our fall fundraising with the SilverGraphics program. The money raised supports our PTA programs.

Here's how the SilverGraphics works:

Students create a piece of art at school, which SG turns into a unique gift. SilverGraphics can place the art on textiles, paper and ceramics of your choice (ie. t-shirts, bags, notecards, tiles...).

Samples of the SG products are in the display cabinet across from the main office.

You do not need to do anything at this point, other than encourage your child to make a beautiful, colorful SG project.

In a few weeks, you will receive a copy of your child's artwork along with an order form. There are lots of products available. Some families choose to order Holiday gifts for relatives, other families choose household goods. The orders will arrive in December.

If you have any questions, please send me an email (suphanni_jacques@yahoo.com or tinabauersfeld@yahoo.de)



Picture Retakes

Friday, October 26.

More information will be sent via the PTA listserv and the Facebook page closer to the date.

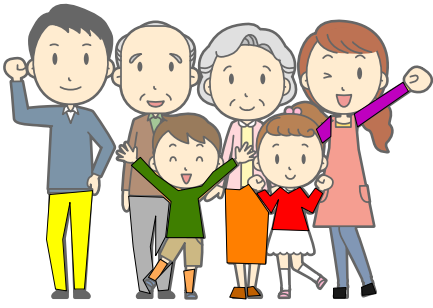
This is for anyone who missed picture day in September and/or anyone who receives their prints and are unhappy with them. These photos are used for class composites as well as the yearbook so please, all students and staff, are asked to sit for a photo.

Box Tops for Education Submission Deadline is November 1st!!



Please send any Box Tops expiring 11/1/18 to school with your children before October 30th, so that they can be sent in on time to be counted. Your

children may give them to their teacher or drop them off at the front office. If you have any question, please contact Rodney Chinn, Box Tops coordinator, at rawdckneesea@yahoo.com. Thanks for your support!




Family Portrait Day:

Save the date for our family portrait fundraiser!

It will be on Sunday, Dec. 2nd this year, from 10am-3pm.

We will have several professional photographers set up in the cafeteria to take your family pictures.

The sitting fee of \$10 goes directly to our NE PTA and you will receive a 15min studio session, as well as an 8x10 print of your family portrait. (There will also be an option to purchase all digital images of the session). Sign up information will be available in November.



Ice Skating

Watch backpacks for information about our Cass Park Ice Skating program. The program will begin in late October.

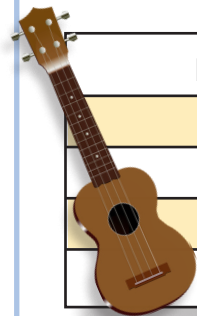
Northeast Music News and Notes: October, 2018

Wow! This year is surely flying past—it’s already October! Northeast Elementary musicians have been immersed in learning many new songs & instruments.

We’ve also begun to read music from notation—including figuring out our ‘mystery songs’ by reading the notes! Also known as ‘sight reading’, this practice enhances working memory capacity and the ability to recognize and process patterns in music—it’s a process akin to learning how to read words. It’s also quite fun to discover which song is ‘hiding’ in the note patterns!

As you may know, students in Grades 4 and 5 are able to take lessons during the school day, on Band instruments. (String instruments lessons are available for all students in Grades 3,4 and 5, as well.) Ms. St Denis, our excellent Band teacher, has a website available for further information: <https://sites.google.com/icsd.k12.ny.us/ms-st-denis-band-website/>

We have lots of exciting and fun events scheduled this year in Music class, including some Family Ukulele Nights! Here’s an overview—if you’d like more details about our Music curriculum & events, please check your child’s Music Curriculum letter (sent home in early October), or email me: knotaria@icsd.k12.ny.us.



Family UKE Nights 6:30PM	
Thursday, October 11th	Grade 4
Thursday, October 25th	Grade 5
Friday, November 2nd	Grade 3
Friday, January 18th	Grade 2

All events run from 6:30--7:15 (approximately), except as noted.

SPRING CONCERTS, 2018		
Thursday, March 21st	6:30PM	Grade 4
Thursday, March 28th	6:30PM	Grade 5
Thursday, April 11th	8:15AM	Grade 1
Thursday, April 25th	6:30PM	Grade 3
Thursday, May 2nd	6:30PM	Grade 2
Thursday, May 9th	1:15PM	Kindergarten

More information about concerts and Family Uke Nights will be sent home with your child as the event draws near. We’re looking forward to sharing our music with you!

—Karla Notarianni (aka “Miss N”)

Welcome Back!

Hope everyone had a great summer and is happy to be back at school!

There have been some changes in the New York State immunization requirements for school attendance this year. For a complete listing, please go to the Ithaca City School District website and if you have any questions, I will be happy to help you. As I review immunizations for new entrants and by grade level, if your student is missing any immunizations, I will be contacting you.

Also, when your child has a physical exam, please ask the doctor's office to fax a copy to the school nurse. 607-257-8157

If your child needs medication (even over-the-counter medications) at school, we must have a doctor's order, parent permission and the parent must provide the medication in the original container for use at school.

Just a reminder, during the school day, sometimes the students need a change of clothing. Most students prefer their own clothing rather than "borrowing" clothes from the health office. Please send a change of clothing for your child that can be kept in the classroom. Also, on PE days, the students need socks and sneakers. They can keep an extra pair of socks at school too. If anyone has gently used sneakers to donate to the PE teachers, they can let students use them when students forget their sneakers.



Although the weather is nice now, the cold weather will be here before we know it! We can always use donations of boots, warm winter jackets, snow pants, gloves, mittens and NEW hats. These items are kept in the Borrowing Closet for students use. Please drop off any donations to the health office. Thank you very much!

*Have a great year,
—Nurse Cindy*

Cindy Ceracche, RN - School Nurse, Northeast Elementary
607-266-3559
cindy.ceracche@icsd.k12.ny.us



Rain Boots and Extra Shoes

The rain and heavy dews are leaving the fields and playgrounds very wet and muddy. Boots (or out-door shoes) help keep feet dry and classrooms free of mud.

Extra pairs of dry socks are helpful too!

Please label all of your child's belongings!



Basketball

Be on the lookout next month for more information and sign ups about the Northeast Wolves basketball teams for 3-5th graders! Practices are once a week starting in December and games on Saturdays starting in January. All 3-5th graders are welcome to play in this fun league which competes against all ICSD elementary schools. Coaches needed for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade girls and boys teams. Contact Laura Dolch at laurawdolch@gmail.com if you'd like to coach!

Join Northeast PTA's Facebook Group



Our Facebook page is a closed and

moderated page.

Follow the link on the PTA website (www.northeastpta.com) to ask permission to join.

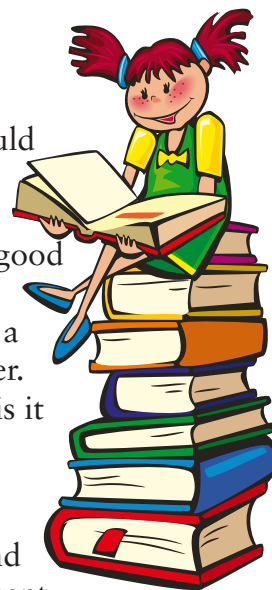
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What is my child's reading level? Should my child be reading independently or should I still read to them? When should I help my child with a word they are reading? These are a few of the questions that many parents are thinking about or saying out loud. Teachers have been busy trying to find the answers to many of these questions so we can make sure that each child is receiving the instruction they need to succeed no matter what grade they are in or level they are at. Rest assured, parents we are working at it! These past few weeks I have been helping classroom teachers administer reading assessments, and PALs (Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening). What does this mean for our students?

Reading Assessments

Each child grades 1-5 reads one on one with either their teacher or a teaching specialist. We read books to determine what level the student is reading. Why do we do this? It helps teachers know what books to read with the students, helps with doing literature circles in classrooms, and it is also one of the determining factors that we use to decide if a student may need reading intervention. Regardless of the reading level of the child we are trying to figure out what kind of instruction that student may need and what books are in their range. Most teachers will share this information with parents (and in some cases with the child) at parent/teacher conferences. In classrooms we are also doing lessons to help kids recognize good fit books independently so they can find a book wherever they may be and read. **Students that are just beginning to learn English may be exempt from this at the beginning of the year; this is determined by the child's teaching team.*

The answer to the question should my child be reading to me or should I still be reading to them is quite simple. It is ALWAYS a good idea to read to your child. It models fluent reading and what a wonderful time to spend together. No matter what age your child is it is a great time for everyone.



PALs

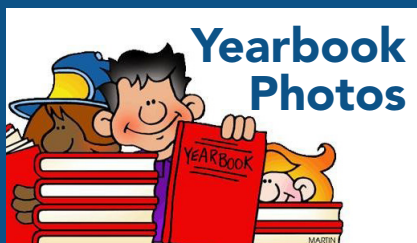
Students in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade are given this assessment to determine students literacy strengths and those areas identified as needed direct instruction or early intervention. Students are assessed in rhyme awareness, beginning sound awareness, alphabet knowledge, letter sounds, and, concept of word, word recognition in isolation and spelling. This assessments is another tool to help teachers determine the best instruction for each child.

**Not all students are given this assessment, it is determined by reading level in grades 1 & 2 if this is a necessary tool to be used.*

Intervention

Teachers will contact parents and families if it is determined based on these assessments (and other state assessments) that a child needs intervention. Parents, please know that we want to make sure that each child is receiving the instruction they need to be successful. Don't hesitate to contact me with questions. I can be reached via email at emily.snyder@icsd.k12.ny.us I also would love any ideas of questions out there that you would love to be answered in an upcoming PTA newsletter.

—Emily Snyder
Literacy Specialist Grades 1, 4 & 5



If you snap a few pictures while attending school events please send them in for the yearbook to: NEPTAPICS@gmail.com Please make sure the resolution is between 550kb and 10Mb and add a quick note about date/event/classroom. Don't forget to send pictures of events that happened late last spring like concerts and the carnival!

Also, if you are interested in helping the yearbook committee, please contact Tina (tinabauersfeld@yahoo.de)



...because together we can make a difference in every child's educational experience.

SEPTA: Special Education Parent Teacher Association

Our mission is educational equity and social inclusion for all students

SEPTA welcomes and values the participation of teachers, families and caregivers from all backgrounds who want **educational equity, social inclusion and achievement** for their students who may have different needs, and provides support for involvement in assessing resources and exercising informed choice in how to best meet those needs.

Contact us:



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Come to our First Meeting!!

October 15th, 5:30-7:00 pm

Beverly J. Martin Elementary School Cafeteria

**Childcare and Dinner will be provided.
(RSVP not necessary but appreciated)**



PTA FAMILY
PUMPKIN
CARVING PARTY
AND COSTUME
EXCHANGE

Northeast Elementary Cafeteria
One pumpkin and carving kit
per family provided

October 18, 2018 • 6:00 pm

**WE WILL HAVE TABLES SET UP BY
SIZE FOR COSTUMES THAT PEOPLE CAN NO
LONGER USE AND THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR ANYONE TO TAKE HOME!**

**PARTICIPATION IN COSTUME EXCHANGE IS NOT NECESSARY FOR THE
EVENT. COSTUMES ARE AVAILABLE EVEN IF YOU DO NOT BRING ONE.**



NORTHEAST ELEMENTARY PTA MEMBERSHIP

**PTA MEMBERSHIP PROVIDES SO MANY WONDERFUL THINGS FOR OUR STUDENTS!
YOUR MEMBERSHIP HELPS SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND EVENTS LIKE:**

- Carnival
- Enrichment Classes
- Halloween Parade
- Welcome Back Potluck
- Staff appreciation
- International Night
- Field Trips
- Beauty & the Beast storytelling
- School Directory
- Book Fair
- Teacher Grants
- and many, many more!!!



Sign up now!

Individual Membership-\$10 _____	Additional Donation:		
Family Membership-\$15 _____	\$5 _____	\$30 _____	
Teacher/Staff Membership-\$5 _____	\$10 _____	\$40 _____	Total
	\$25 _____	other _____	Included: \$_____

Parent/Adult Name: _____

Second Adult Name (For Family Membership):

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Phone 2: _____ Email 2: _____

Oldest Child's Name: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Other Children: _____

Would you like information on volunteering? Yes No

Payments: A check made out to Northeast PTA or cash to the school office

Or

Online at <https://neptamembershipdonation.cheddarup.com>

(A nominal processing fee will be added to your cart on Cheddarup.)