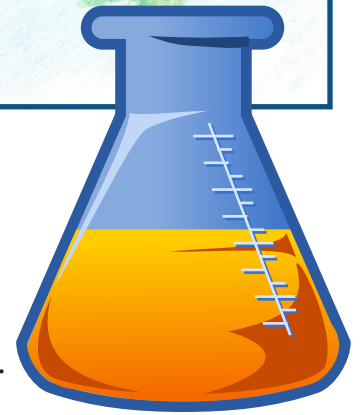




# The Northeast Link

Everyone Counts in Our Community.



**The Northeast Elementary School Newsletter**  
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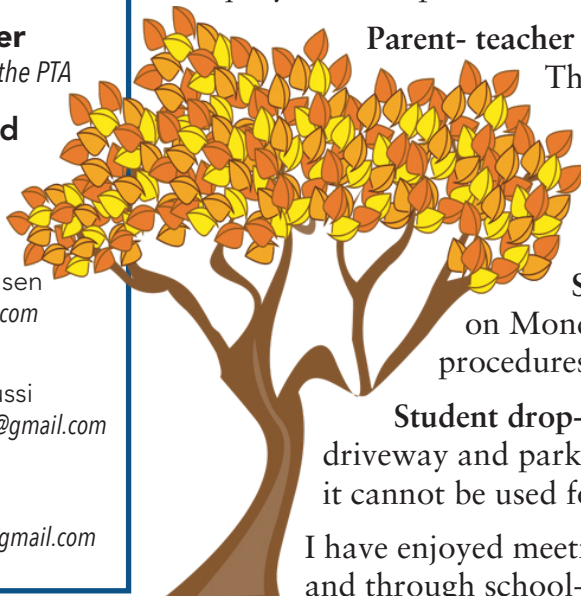
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From the Principal

## Hello Northeast community!

As we head into cold weather, our learning community continues to lead with kindness, warmth, and inclusion. Students are working in cooperative groups to solve engineering challenges, build natural disasters simulations, and to support one another in social interactions. Classes are investigating everything from science materials to haikus to adding by 10s. Teachers are incorporating inquiry-based experiences into all areas of the curriculum.



**Parent- teacher conferences will be on Friday, November 9th.**

This is a great time to share your thinking about your child(ren) with our staff. While we wish each meeting could be longer, our teachers will be sure to ask you for input, as you are their first and lifelong teacher.

**School safety updates:** I will be at the PTA meeting on Monday and if there is time, I will review our daily procedures and upgrades happening throughout the school.

**Student drop-off and pick-up** can only happen in the first driveway and parking lot. Even if there are no buses in the bus lane, it cannot be used for student drop-off or pick-up.

I have enjoyed meeting many families through one-on-one meetings and through school-wide activities. Please continue to reach out if you have questions, concerns, or just want to chat! Email me at [eallee@icsd.k12.ny.us](mailto:eallee@icsd.k12.ny.us), call at 257-2121 or send in a note if you want to talk.

I am also including the ICSD 2018-19 Communication protocol at the end of this newsletter.

Thank you for the privilege of teaching your children,  
—Liddy Coyle, Principal

The Deadline for the next Northeast Link is Friday November 30.

It will go home in backpacks on Friday December 7.

Please email your submissions to [cmbarry@icloud.com](mailto:cmbarry@icloud.com)  
Thank you!



## Upcoming Events

### Grade 3 Family UKE Night

November 2  
6:30 – 7:15 pm  
See page 4

### PTA Meeting

November 5  
See this page

### Scholastic Book Fair

November 5 – 9  
See this page

### Ice Skating Begins

November 8  
See page 5

### Parent/Teacher Conference Day

**No School for Elementary Students**

November 9  
See page 1

### Veteran's Day Recess

**No School**  
November 12

### Northeast Basketball Registrations Due

November 16  
See page 5

### Thanksgiving Recess

**No School**  
November 21 – 23

### Winter Market

December 2  
See page 8

### Family Portrait Day

December 2  
See page 8

For more information about these events, please visit our website, [northeastpta.com](http://northeastpta.com).

From the PTA



## 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.

### We need volunteers!

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

### Book Fair Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8 - 10:45 am / 12-2pm

Friday: 8am - 2pm (During Parent/Teacher Conferences.)

Wednesday: Family Night 5-7 pm

## PTA Meeting

Monday, November 5.  
6 – 7:00 pm

Please join us Monday, November 5 for a PTA meeting. We will be holding elections for the new board and Principal, Liddy Coyle will review our daily safety procedures and upgrades.



**Ice skating begins November 8.**  
**Check backpacks for more information.**  
**Or download the registration at [northeastpta.com](http://northeastpta.com).**



## Northeast Credit Union Open Every Wednesday!

Our volunteers will be in the lobby 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 ([tinabauersfeld@yahoo.de](mailto:tinabauersfeld@yahoo.de))

# Meet Our New Family Liaison

**Hello Northeast Families,**

I'm very excited to serve as the new Family Liaison. This is my family's second year at Northeast. My three kiddos are in first, third and fifth grade. As a trained teacher, I love the education they're receiving (fabulous teachers and staff!) and as a mom, I love the community and great friendships they've made (wonderful families and classmates!). I've held many roles in my working career from special educator to parent-child yoga instructor to family photographer with a common thread running throughout: helping kids and families to connect and celebrate their stories. The Family Liaison position seems like a perfect fit and I look forward to working with your family- to connect you to the great resources available within our school and the greater Ithaca community, to provide supports that increase students' success and to help facilitate opportunities for us to share our diverse and amazing stories. You'll be hearing a lot from me and I look forward to meeting you! Please don't hesitate to contact me or to stop into school and say hi!

Happy Fall!

—Mackenzie Torelli, Family Liaison  
[mackenzie.torelli@icsd.k12.ny.us](mailto:mackenzie.torelli@icsd.k12.ny.us)

## Silver Graphics Fundraiser

Your children have been working hard and all the artwork has been sent in. In a few weeks you will receive a personalized 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.

The money raised supports our PTA programs.

If you have any questions, please send me an email  
([suphanni\\_jacques@yahoo.com](mailto:suphanni_jacques@yahoo.com) or [tinabauersfeld@yahoo.de](mailto: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.

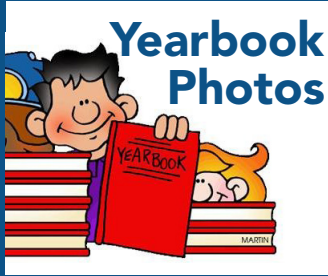


## Congratulations Box Tops Collectors!

We just submitted an 'invoice' for about \$175 that will be paid to our PTA account. Way to go! Please keep sending Box Tops in with your children and let's see if we can earn even more six months from now. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Box Tops coordinator, Rodney Chinn, at [rawdckneesea@yahoo.com](mailto:rawdckneesea@yahoo.com). Thanks for your contributions!!

## 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



If you attended some of our school events throughout the year, and snapped a few pictures, 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.

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

### Northeast Music News and Notes: November, 2018

Wow! In addition to learning many new songs and singing games from all over the world, our young musicians in Grades 2 through 5 are now able to sing the C major scale at sight, and to decode our weekly “Mystery Songs”!

“Mystery Songs” are familiar tunes, written in G clef. Students sing the note names, then figure out what song it is. (The music theory term for this skill is called ‘sightreading’...it’s a big part of music literacy!) If you’d like to give this a try for yourself, check out our “Mystery Songs” display when you come for your child’s report card conference in November!

Our Northeast Family Uke nights have been a lot of fun! We’ve had Ukulele players from Grandmothers to toddlers...and many ages in between! The last two Family Uke sessions for the Autumn/Winter will be: Grade 3, Friday, November 2nd (6:30 – 7:15pm) and Grade 2, Friday, November 16th, 6:30 – 7:15pm. Do keep an eye on the weather if you’re planning to come—if school is closed on either day, we’ll reschedule the Family Uke session for another evening.

Looking ahead, there are Puppet Operas coming up in January for every young music student in Kindergarten through Grade 4! We need LOTS of sturdy paper towel tubes to make the puppets for this project! Please feel free to send in to the Music room any extra tubes you may have, starting as soon as you like!



#### Family UKE Nights 6:30PM

Friday, November 2nd	Grade 3
Friday, January 18th	Grade 2

#### SPRING CONCERTS, 2018

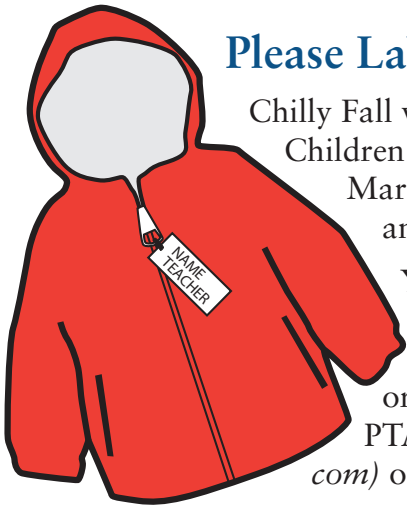
Thursday, March 21st	6:30PM	Grade 4
Thursday, March 28th	6:30PM	Grade 5
Thursday, April 11th	8:15AM	Grade 1
Thursday, April 25th	6:30PM	Grade 3
Thursday, May 2nd	6:30PM	Grade 2
Thursday, May 9th	1:15PM	Kindergarten

**SPRING CONCERT SEASON** will be upon us before we know it! Now’s the time to chat with your young musician to see if you’d like to sing with them for part of a song at the concert (“Family Band”). If so, please let me know! Signups for this are open now through the end of December. (Feel free to email me with the names of the people who will be singing with your child!)

Questions? Please contact me at [knotaria@icsd.k12.ny.us](mailto:knotaria@icsd.k12.ny.us)

*We’re looking forward to sharing our Music with everyone!*

*All events run from 6:30 – 7:15 (approximately), except as noted, and are held in the Cafeteria.*



## Please Label all of Your Child's Belongings!

Chilly Fall weather is here, and children need warmer clothes during recess.

Children often leave their coats and hats in the cafeteria or on playground benches.

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](http://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](http://northeastpta.com)) on the Virtual Backpack page.

## Attention all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

Do you want to play basketball this winter? No experience needed! We will teach you everything you need to know! The PTA/ Youth Bureau basketball program is a great way to keep active during the cold winter months. Practices will be held at Northeast School 1-2x per week and games are played on Saturdays in January-March at Northeast and other Ithaca elementary schools.

Go to <https://tinyurl.com/NEbasketball> for more information and to sign up now! November 16th is the deadline for sign ups!

Email Laura Dolch [laurawdolch@gmail.com](mailto:laurawdolch@gmail.com) with questions or if you are unable to access the online sign up.



Designed by Vecteezy

### **Attention Registered Nurses**

Have you ever considered School Nursing?

We are looking for R.N.'s who would be willing to either work alongside our regular school nurses as an extra pair of hands or to fill in for our regular school nurses when they are out of their building. This is an opportunity to earn extra money while working a flexible schedule. Speak with your child's school nurse or contact Barbara Masser, ICSD Interim Head Nurse at 274-2107.

## From the Northeast Family Liaison



**First Matter of Business- It's Cold!** We've already had our first dusting of snow so it's time to bust out the hats and gloves. If you find your child has outgrown last year's winter gear, please consider donating gear in good condition to The Northeast Winter Borrowing Closet. This is a great resource for our students who need or forget cold-weather clothing.

Fresh air and outdoor play is great for kids, but it's more fun when you're dressed for the occasion. Please consider making a donation! Thank you!



## Transportation Options

As the year moves on and the weather declines, the need for safe, accessible, and reliable transportation becomes increasingly important. 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 *redschooldrives@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.



## Available Daily

### Entrée

Fruit and Yogurt Parfait/Granola  
Assorted Sandwiches  
Bagel Lunch

### Build Your Own Salad and Vegetable Sides

Fresh Fruit/Fruit Cups and Juice  
Available Daily

### Choice of Milk

# November 2018 Lunch Menu Ithaca Elementary School

Our school lunch includes the choice of one entrée, two side dishes & milk

We are trying some new menus and recipes see \*\* below

COOL SCHOOL FOOD:

Plant Powered Foods from Around the World are labeled with a \*



Cool School Food family size recipes you can make at home:

[www.healthyschoolfood.org/recipes.htm](http://www.healthyschoolfood.org/recipes.htm)

**Breakfast**  
Elementary: \$1.55  
Middle: \$1.80  
High School/LACS: \$2.05  
Adult w/ Tax: \$3.00

**Lunch**  
Elementary: \$2.65  
Middle: \$2.90  
High School/LACS:\$3.15  
Adult w/Tax \$4.26  
A la carte milk: \$0.75  
Reduced Meals : \$.25

For free, reduced, or prepaid meal  
information call our food service office  
at (607) 274-2302.

	Monday, October 29	Tuesday, October 30	Wednesday, October 31	Thursday, November 1	Friday, November 2
<b>ENTRÉE</b>	Grilled Cheese Or Uncrustables PBJ	Awesome Bean Burger* Or Chicken Patty on Whole Grain Bun	Homemade Macaroni n' Cheese	Mediterranean Falafels on Pita w/Tofu Dressing* Or Turkey Sub on Ithaca Bakery Rolls	Cheese Pizza; Pepperoni Pizza
<b>SIDES</b>	Tomato Soup Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Steamed Green Beans Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Applesauce Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Carrot Salad Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Steamed Broccoli Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides
<b>ENTRÉE</b>	Chicken Tenders n' Waffles	National Nacho Day Beefy Nacho Supreme w/ Toppings Roy's Bean Burrito	Tofu Fried Rice* Or Chicken Fried Rice	Cheese Pizza; Pepperoni Pizza	Elementary Parent Teacher Conference Day
<b>SIDES</b>	Steamed Carrots Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Refried Beans Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Steamed Green Broccoli Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Steamed Green Beans Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	
<b>ENTRÉE</b>	Veterans Day Recess	Roy's Cuban Wrap* Chicken Strip Sliders	Awesome Bean Burger* Or Deluxe Burger	Cheese Pizza; Pepperoni Pizza	Friday, November 16
<b>SIDES</b>		Steamed Green Beans Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Oven Baked Sweet Potato Fries Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Thanksgiving Extravaganza Turkey n' Gravy over Whole Grain Biscuit w/ Homemade Mashed Potato	Steamed Carrots Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides
<b>ENTRÉE</b>	Monday, November 19	Tuesday, November 20	Wednesday, Nov 21	Thursday, Nov 22	Friday, Nov 23
<b>ENTRÉE</b>	Chicken Drumstick w/Roll	Cheese Pizza; Pepperoni Pizza		Happy Thanksgiving	
<b>SIDES</b>	Oven Baked Fries Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Steamed Carrots Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides			

Website at [www.ithacacityschools.org/](http://www.ithacacityschools.org/) Snack items are baked, not fried.

Menu is subject to change.

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Sunday December 2nd**

THE NORTHEAST PTA  
AND THE 5TH GRADE  
PRESENT



**THE WINTER MARKET  
AND  
FAMILY PORTRAIT DAY**

**More details will come home in  
backpacks later this month**







# ITHACA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

400 Lake Street, P.O. Box 549, Ithaca, New York 14851-0549

## **Communication Protocol for Parents and Caregivers with the ICSD:**

The Ithaca City School District is committed to building healthy partnerships between schools, families, and communities to better support the well-being of students academically, socially, and emotionally. Creating environments that foster mutually respectful and engaging communication is a priority for Ithaca City Schools.

We believe that sharing information and working through issues are best handled when both sides work together to dialogue and find solutions as close to the origin as possible. It is an important goal of the ICSD to work together with school personnel and families to ensure the best results for your child's education. Below are appropriate steps in communication with school district personnel. *If you have an issue directly related to your child's safety or an emergency situation, please call the school directly and the office staff will connect you with an administrator or lead teacher to help.*

To ensure quick and effective problem solving, please direct concerns or questions involving instruction, discipline, intervention services, or learning materials to:

1. The **classroom teacher or instructional support teacher** by phone or email. For Dignity for All Students (DASA) cases, please contact the DASA Coordinator, **Amanda Verba** at (607) 274-2121 or [amanda.verba@icsd.k12.ny.us](mailto:amanda.verba@icsd.k12.ny.us).
2. If you have not received a response from the teacher or DASA Coordinator within three (3) business days or if you are unsatisfied with the resolution or communication exchange, please contact the **building principal** by phone or email.
3. If you have not received a response from the building principal within three (3) business days or if you are unsatisfied with the resolution or communication exchange, please contact the **Deputy Superintendent, Lily Talcott** at (607) 274-2143 or [lily.talcott@icsd.k12.ny.us](mailto:lily.talcott@icsd.k12.ny.us).
4. If you have not received a response from the Deputy Superintendent within three (3) business days or if you are unsatisfied with the resolution or communication exchange, please contact the **Superintendent, Dr. Luvelle Brown** at [luvelle.brown@icsd.k12.ny.us](mailto:luvelle.brown@icsd.k12.ny.us) or (607) 274-6845.
5. If you have not received a response from the Superintendent within three (3) business days or if you are unsatisfied with the resolution or communication exchange, please contact members of **the Board of Education**.

Contact information for board members can be found on the following website:

<http://www.ithacacityschools.org/districtpage.cfm?pageid=213>

*The following includes contact information for schools and building principals. In each school, there are many support staff members, such as social workers, school counselors, family liaisons, and special education chairs that are available to also assist parents/caregivers.*

*For families that would prefer an outside advocate to assist in communication with school and district leaders, there are several local organizations in Ithaca to provide support to caregivers. You may contact Lily Talcott if you would like help in finding a local organization for support.*

### ICSD Elementary Schools

<p><b><u>Belle Sherman Elementary School:</u></b>  (607) 274-2206  Principal: Daniel Breiman</p>	<p><b><u>Enfield Elementary School:</u></b>  (607) 274-2221  Principal: Keith Harrington</p>
<p><b><u>Beverly J. Martin Elementary School:</u></b>  (607) 274-2209  Principal: Dr. Susan Eschbach</p>	<p><b><u>Fall Creek Elementary School:</u></b>  (607) 274-2214  Principal: Caitlin Bram</p>
<p><b><u>Caroline Elementary School:</u></b>  (607) 539-7155  Principal: Karen Rachetta</p>	<p><b><u>Northeast Elementary School:</u></b>  (607) 257-2121  Principal: Liddy Coyle</p>
<p><b><u>Cayuga Heights Elementary School:</u></b>  (607) 257-8557  Principal: Brad Pollack</p>	<p><b><u>South Hill Elementary School:</u></b>  (607) 274-2129  Principal: Perry Gorgen</p>

### ICSD Secondary Schools

<p><b><u>Boynton Middle School:</u></b>  (607) 274-2241  Principal: Jeffrey Tomasik</p>	<p><b><u>Dewitt Middle School:</u></b>  (607) 257-3222  Principal: Mac Knight</p>
<p><b><u>Lehman Alt Community School:</u></b>  (607) 274-2183  Principal: Deborah Ptak</p>	<p><b><u>Ithaca High School:</u></b>  (607) 274-2143  Principal: Jason Trumble</p>

**District Cafeteria Manager:** Beth Krause (607) 274-2302

**District Bus Transportation Manager:** Elizabeth Berner (607) 274-2128