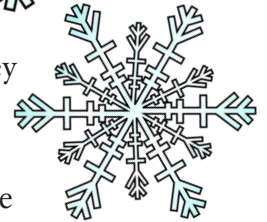
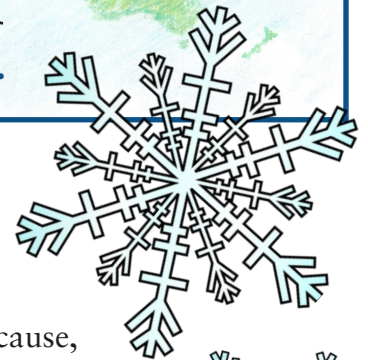




The Northeast Link

Everyone Counts in Our Community.



The Northeast Elementary School Newsletter

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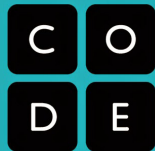
The Deadline for the next Northeast Link is Friday January 4. It will go home in backpacks by Friday January 11. Please email your submissions to cmbarry@icloud.com Thank you!

From the Principal

Hello Northeast community!

Our first Winter Market was a huge success. Why? Because, as a community, we came together to plan, implement, enjoy, and clean-up as a team! Our children are watching us. When they see grown-ups work together, they learn how to work with peers and adults to problem solve to change the world.

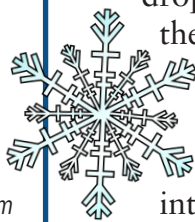
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CODE



Computational thinking is one way we support students' growth in problem solving. With Ms. Hulburt, our librarian, classes are "programming" their peers to stack cups. Every student in 3rd grade is a part of our nation's largest ever Hour of Code.

Want to know more? Go to code.org! Our 4th grade Casual Coding Club is expanding to include 5th grade students. I could fill this whole page with examples of how our amazing staff is work with our students to develop problem solving strategies that will serve them throughout their lives!

I invite families to problem solve with me. We have a daily traffic jam at our entrance. Students are being dropped off in dangerous areas outside our drop-off lane. I would like to learn more about family decisions not to send their students on the bus. I would also like to hear your ideas for making family arrival more safe and "green." How can we reduce our carbon footprint?



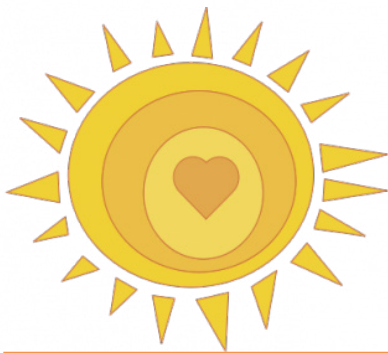
I look forward to hearing from you on these and any other topic of interest to you. I learn from every family I meet!

Email me at eeallee@icsd.k12.ny.us, call at 257-2121 or send in a note if you want to talk.

Thank you for sharing your children with us,

—Liddy Coyle, Principal





Upcoming Events

Basketball Begins
Week of December 10

Septa Meeting
December 11
See page 8

Winter Recess
December 24 – January 1
No School

PTA Meeting
January 7
See this page

Grade 2 Family Uke Night
January 18
See page 3

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Recess
January 21
No School

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 early January.

From the PTA

The open PTA positions have now been filled and the board for the remainder of the school year is:

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We look forward to working with you to enrich our school community. We are open to any suggestions, ideas, or feedback that you may have about any of our programs. Please feel free to reach out to any of us at any time. We appreciate being part of such a supportive community.

The Executive Board
—Kim, Sarah, Alyssa and Abby

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)



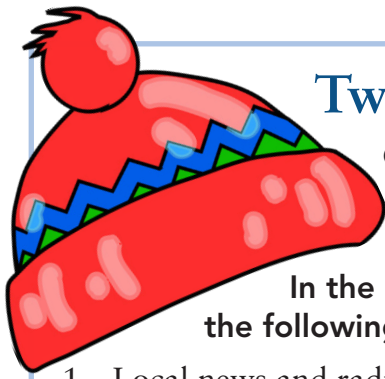
Please Label all of Your Child's Belongings!



Winter is here, and children need warm clothes during recess. Children often leave their coats and hats in the cafeteria or in hallways and closets. Mark jacket labels with your child's name, add a tag to jackets, snow pants, 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.

Next PTA Meeting: Monday January 7, 6:30 – 7:30pm

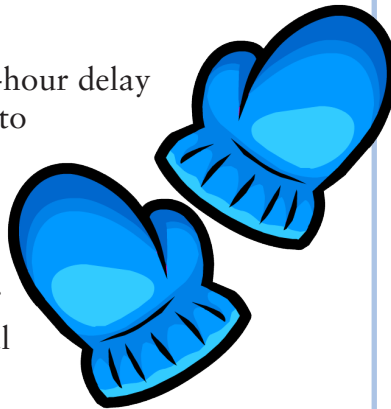


Two-Hour Delay Procedure:

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.



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.

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You shop. Amazon gives.

Shop through Amazon Smile and .5% of eligible purchases will be donated to the Northeast PTA. You will get the same Amazon products, Amazon prices and Amazon service with the added bonus of earning money for our PTA.

Go to Smile.Amazon.com/ch/16-6058897 to get started.



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

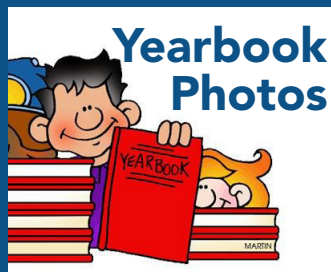


Please Remember to Bring Your Sneakers for P.E. Days!

There will be no more borrowing shoes from the P.E. offices as the shoes are being donated.

Thank you

— Mr. Gordon
and Ms. Matheny



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: December, 2018

Northeast Musicians are immersed in learning how to read music from notation, using that knowledge to build keyboard and ukulele skills and repertoire. Musicians in Grades 2-5 are already learning how to play “Jingle Bells” from music notation! Achieving mastery is an exhilarating process, even at the very beginning stages!

Every student in Kindergarten through Grade 3 will be writing their own music composition for our upcoming “Puppet Operas” projects. We will also be creating our own puppets (students will bring them home after the operas are finished).

In order for each student to have a puppet of their own, we need help with some supplies and also help in creating the puppets themselves:

1. Please, **SAVE YOUR WRAPPING PAPER TUBES** and any other long cardboard tubes. Send them in to the Music room at any time! (These are used for the body of the puppets.)
2. We also need scrap pieces of fabric, roughly 12” wide by 12 – 24” long. Any fabric will work – fleece is particularly great – but any fabric will be used and appreciated! Send these in at any time.
3. If you are able to come to your child’s Music class on the day when we assemble the puppets, that would be a great help! No sewing skills needed! (Please contact me if you can help, so that we can set up the day which works for you.)

We’re looking forward to sharing our music with you!

Karla Notarianni
NorthEast Elementary
School General Music Teacher
knotaria@icsd.k12.ny.us
(607) 257-2121

Grade 2 Family UKE Night
Friday, January 18
6:30 – 7:15PM



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

All Spring Concerts begin at 6:30PM unless otherwise indicated. (More information about concerts will be sent home with your child as the event draws near.)

Six 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.

6. Never park in a handicapped parking space unless you have a permit to do so. Students, staff and community members with handicapped parking permits need those spaces to get in and out of their vehicles, and to and from the school safely.

Enrichment

The Fall Enrichment session is wrapping up. Many classes have had cancellations due to weather, holidays, and sicknesses, but missed classes are always rescheduled. All schedule changes are communicated by email. When we have a last-minute (same day) cancellation, we must hear back from all parents and make sure that each family is aware of the change and has a back-up plan. It is extremely helpful if you respond to these emails quickly!

The next enrichment session will start in the last week of January. We have several new and exciting classes planned! Registration and more information will be available soon after winter break.

If you have any feedback or suggestions about the enrichment program, please send it to northeastenrichment@gmail.com.

Don't Forget to send Boots and Snow Pants to School with your Child!



Winter weather came early this year so the fields and playgrounds are cold and wet.

Students go outside everyday except in extreme cold (below 10°F).

So please send your child to school with winter coats, snow pants, boots, hats and mittens or gloves. An extra pair of dry socks are also handy to have, just in case snow gets into their boots.

Don't forget to label your child's belongings!



Caroline Winter Market

Looking for a unique gift this season? Find it at the Caroline Winter Market!

Saturday, December 15th,
10am-2pm, In the Caroline
Elementary School Gym
2439 Slaterville Road,
Slaterville Springs, NY

- Crafts and Handmade Goods for Sale
- Cookie Walk (\$6/dozen)
- Raffle
- Poinsettia & Wreath Sale
- Community & Student Vendors
- Delicious Food for Lunch

This market features crafts and handmade goods for sale from community vendors and student entrepreneurs. There will also be a cookie exchange, raffle, concession stand and poinsettia plants and wreaths for sale. This event is a fundraiser for the Caroline Elementary PTA.

Would you like to sell your handmade crafts? To be a vendor at the market, the fee is \$15, which includes an 8 foot table space with the use of a folding table. Please contact Jordan Johnson at jtolley88@yahoo.com to sign up. Deadline for registration is December 10th. Space is limited!

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News from the Health Office

The 2018 - 2019 school year is off to a good start. Let's keep everyone healthy this year. Wear warm clothing outside, eat your vegetables, wash your hands often, sneeze into your elbow and check your child weekly for lice.

It is also recommended that everyone get a flu shot. You can contact your doctor for a flu shot for yourself and your child(ren). Also many local pharmacies now offer the flu shot for adults and children at a reasonable cost.

Just a few reminders for families:

The New York State Education Law requires all new students and those students in Kindergarten, grades 1, 3 & 5 to have a physical exam by their medical practitioner. A copy of the health certificate should be forwarded to the school nurse. Also, if your student has an annual physical, please ask the physician's office to forward the health certificate to the school nurse. FAX# 607-257-8157. If you do not have insurance, a school physical can be arranged with the school Nurse Practitioner, just give me a call at 607-266-3559.

Also, we will be performing the New York State required screenings (if not done by physician).

- **Hearing screenings:** K, 1st, 3rd and 5th grade. If any hearing loss is detected, the parent/guardian is notified so the student can be checked by a physician.
- **Vision screenings:** K, 1st, 3rd and 5th grade. If any vision problems are detected, the parent/guardian will be notified and a referral to eye specialist will be sent home.
- **Scoliosis** is an abnormal curvature of the spine. Girls in 5th grade are screened and parent/guardian notified of any abnormal findings.

If your student goes to the dentist, a dental certificate is requested. (Optional) The form can be obtained from the school nurse.

In the spring, 5th grade students will be reminded to get the Tdap Vaccine, and any other missing vaccines required for sixth grade. These vaccines can be obtained at the physician's office or if you do not have insurance, they can be obtained at the Tompkins County Health Department by calling 274-6616 to make an appointment.

I look forward to 2019 and a Healthy New Year! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at 266-3559.

—Thank you! Nurse Cindy

Cindy Ceracche, RN
e-mail: cindy.ceracche@icsd.k12.ny.us
Phone: 607-266-3559 FAX: 607-257-8157

5 Great Reasons to Ride the Bus



1. It's safer! According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, school buses are the safest way for kids to get to school. The buses' size and design combined with the drivers' training help them avoid accidents. We have AMAZING bus drivers who are incredibly trained, dedicated and love our kids! We are grateful to have our kiddos in such great hands!

2. It's eco-friendly! Riding the bus is better for the environment! In the US, buses use 2.3 billion gallons less fuel every year than if everyone drove their children to school. Choosing the bus instead of a car lowers emissions and reduces our carbon footprint. Go green by riding yellow buses!

3. It saves money! You've prepaid! Your tax dollars are already paying for school buses to run. By taking the bus, you save money on gas (and lots of time too!).

4. It's great for the community! Riding the bus is more efficient! This means less traffic and safer roads around the school at drop-off and pick up. Choosing to use school transportation can have a positive impact on our whole community.

5. It's a great learning experience! Riding the bus teaches time management skills and is a social experience! See your friends, make new friends and experience a different social experience than you get at home or in the classroom. It can also increase confidence and independence. It's a "big kid" thing to do! Riding the bus also provides much needed transition time to and from school; wake up on the way to school and wind down on the way home. Surprisingly, my family has found riding the bus makes for (relatively) calmer mornings and much easier transitions to school! When the bus says its time to go, my kids run. Not quite the same response when mom says its time to go. ;) Setting a "5 minutes until the bus" alarm on my phone has been super helpful too!

For more information: <https://blog.epa.gov/2013/09/06/take-the-bus-save-the-planet/>

**Need an alternative to the bus: walk, bike ride or ride share! Get some exercise or carpool...it's good for you and the community! If you need help with transportation, finding a ride sharing buddy or have any problems while riding the bus, please contact me! We can work together to find a solution!*

—Mackenzie Torelli, Family Liaison, Mackenzie.Torelli@icsd.k12.ny.us

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 - December Elementary Lunch

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

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

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

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: \$0.25

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

	Monday, November 26	Tuesday, November 27	Wednesday, Nov 28	Thursday, November 29	Friday, November 30
ENTRÉE	Awesome Bean Burger* Or Chicken Patty on Whole Grain Bun	Beef Taco w/ Scoops Roy's Bean Burrito	Homemade Macaroni n' Cheese	Mediterranean Falafels on Pita w/Tofu Dressing* Or Turkey Sub on Ithaca Bakery Rolls	Cheese Pizza; Pepperoni Pizza
SIDES	Tomato Soup Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Steamed Corn 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
ENTRÉE	Chicken Tenders n' Waffles	Meatball Subs on Ithaca Bakery Rolls Or Uncrustable PBJ Sandwich	Ithaca Tofu Fried Rice* Or Chicken Fried Rice	Awesome Bean Burger* on Roll Deluxe Burger on Roll	Cheese Pizza; Pepperoni Pizza
SIDES	Steamed Carrots Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Steamed Green Beans Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Steamed Green Broccoli Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Oven Baked Fries Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Peach Cup Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides
ENTRÉE	Chicken Drumstick w/Roll	Roy's Cuban Wrap* Beef Taco w/Scoops	Winter Extravaganza Chicken n' Gravy over Whole Grain Biscuit W/ Homemade Mashed Potato	Ms. Patals Rajama w/ Rice* Toasted Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Pizza; Pepperoni Pizza
SIDES	Oven Baked Fries Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Steamed Corn Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Steamed Green Beans Applesauce Cups Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Steamed Broccoli Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Steamed Carrots Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides
ENTRÉE	National Maple Syrup Day Brunch for Lunch French Toast Sticks w/Sausage	Grilled Cheese or Uncrustables PBJ	Baked Ziti w/ Meatsauce and Garlic Bread	Whole Enchilada* Chicken Fajitas w/ Peppers/Onions on Tortilla	Cheese Pizza; Pepperoni Pizza
SIDES	Applesauce Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Tomato Soup Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Steamed Green Beans Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Steamed Corn Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Steamed Carrots Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides

Website at www.ithacacityschools.org/ Snack items are baked, not fried.

Menu is subject to change.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



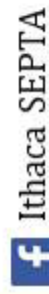
...because together we can make a difference in every child's educational experience.

SEPTA: Special Education Parent Teacher Association

Our mission is educational equity and social inclusion for all students

SEPTA welcomes and values the participation of families, caregivers, teachers and staff from all backgrounds, works collaboratively with the Ithaca City School District to provide **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:



Ithaca SEPTA



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Come to our Next Meeting!!

Tuesday, December 11th, 5:30-7:00 pm

Beverly J. Martin Elementary School Cafeteria

Guest Speaker: Mary Grover, Inclusion Officer for ICSD

Topic: Social Inclusion

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

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