



The Northeast Link

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The Northeast Elementary School Newsletter

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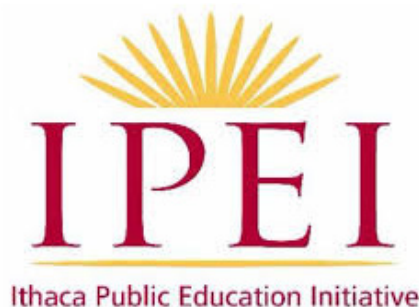
The Deadline for the next Northeast Link is Friday January 25. It will go home in backpacks by Friday February 1. Please email your submissions to cmbarry@icloud.com Thank you!

From the Principal

Hello Northeast community!

We continue to learn together at Northeast Elementary!

- Our casual coding club is outgrowing its space because so many students attend
- All 3rd graders are developing their story-telling skills
- Many grade levels have received new science instructional kits and will soon begin investigations in the following areas:
 - Materials and Motion (Kindergarten)
 - Sound and Light (1st Grade)
 - Energy (4th grade)
 - Mixtures and Solutions (5th Grade)



On Wednesday, January 16th all ICSD elementary teachers will come to Northeast after school to learn and plan together for their Kids Discover the Trail partnerships where students from 2 schools go on field trips together, funded by Ithaca Public Education Initiative.

In December, all students participated in state mandated lockdown drills. (...and an unplanned fire alarm the day before break!) We had our designated State Troopers be a part of our lockdowns so they could teach us best practices for safety. You may hear more about our Trooper friends as we invite them into our classes to get to know our students!

Thank you to all who gave input on the daily drop-off dilemma. I learned so much from you and continue to work with district leaders to solve this issue.

Here is a link to my first read-aloud video: https://drive.google.com/open?id=12JF0xD0NphE3vT0Uvh0IMQJt07N7_RxN

I shared it on the PTA Facebook page as well. I hope you enjoy it!

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Upcoming Events

Winter Enrichment Registration Closes

January 12

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Grade 2 Family Uke Night

January 18

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Home Basketball Games

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Martin Luther King Jr. Day Recess

January 21

No School

Home Basketball Games

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Winter Enrichment Begins

January 28

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SEPTA Meeting

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Family Uke Night

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

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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 eallee@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

From the PTA

Announcing a New Volunteer Position...

Can you volunteer to be a school helper? This is the perfect volunteer opportunity for a parent/caregiver that is free from 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM on any day that school is in session. Volunteer just once or any day that you are available. Some things that you may do during this time are:

- If there is indoor recess (due to extreme cold or rain), you will take a cart full of games and activities to the classrooms during their scheduled recess time.
- Make copies for teachers/main office.
- Laminate and or cut out teacher materials.
- Help in the library.
- Deliver materials to classrooms if needed.
- Additional tasks as needed by office or staff.

We hope to begin helping the school this week, so sign up as soon as possible. The sign up can be found at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CABAB2FA4FD0-northeast2>. This sign up link is also available on the Northeast PTA website. If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Tilsen at ktilsen@gmail.com.

Coming Soon...

The PTA wants to hear from you. We are always looking for ways to improve the PTA and the programs that we offer. We are currently working on creating a survey to gather your feedback. If you would like to help with this initiative please contact Sarah Seroussi at sarahlseroussi@gmail.com.



Don't Forget to Send Boots and Snow Pants to School with Your Child Every Day!



Winter is here and the playgrounds are cold, wet and muddy. 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!



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)



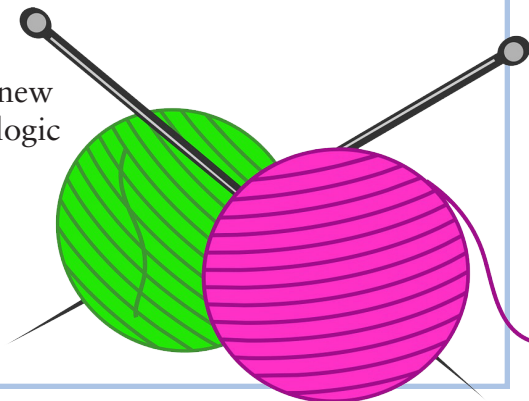
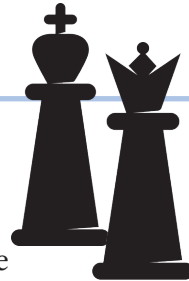
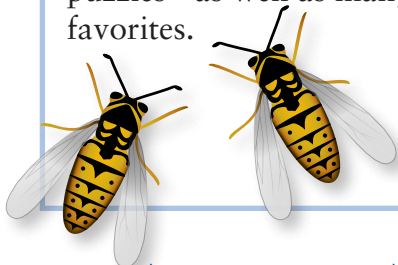
Missing Items?

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

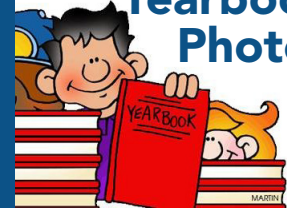
Enrichment

Winter Enrichment registration is open! New this session: thanks to a generous donation, we have some funds to help families afford enrichment. Please do not let the cost of classes stop you from registering your child. There is a question on the registration form asking if you would like help paying for enrichment. If you answer yes, we will let you choose how much you feel comfortable paying (depending on the level of interest, there may or may not be a minimum amount). This is an experiment that we hope to adapt and continue in future sessions, so feedback/ideas are welcome ([contact northeastenrichment@gmail.com](mailto:contact_northeastenrichment@gmail.com)).

We are extending the registration deadline through Saturday, Jan 12. Registration is online only at <http://www.northeastpta.com/enrichment.html>. There are some new classes - songwriting, games, and logic puzzles - as well as many old favorites.



Yearbook Photos



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)



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.



Welcome 2019 and a New Year for Box Tops!

Please help out your PTA by collecting Box Tops from participating product packages and sending them to school with your child to give to her/his teacher or to drop off at the front office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Northeast's Box Tops coordinator, Rodney Chinn, at rawdckneesea@yahoo.com. Let's see if we can beat our total of \$176.70 from this past fall!!

From Our School Social Worker

Hello Northeast Families:

Happy 2019!

For those of you who I have not yet met, I am the school social worker and my office is located next to Nurse Cindy's office. I am excited to continue working with students at Northeast to support social-emotional, behavioral, and friendship needs and to help connect families to community resources.

By going into some classrooms to teach lessons using the Zones of Regulation curriculum, I have been meeting many students and working with them to identify their feelings and regulation strategies. Additionally, I facilitate various lunch groups including the 5th grade FAB (*Friendship Assistance Brigade*) program. Furthermore, I am lucky to have a Ms. Eva Beaver as a social work intern this year. She is also helping to support individual children and with some of our lunch groups.



While much has changed since I was a social worker at Northeast in 2009, the feeling of community and belonging remains the core of this school. I am also a Northeast parent and have felt fortunate to have my own children taught by our phenomenal staff.

Please reach out if you have any questions: melissa.enns@icsd.k12.ny.us or 257-3833.

I look forward to meeting you and your students.

— Melissa Enns,
School Social Worker

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.

Happy New Year!

January is a busy time in the Northeast Music classroom! Our young musicians in grades 2-5 have received their own piano “song collection.” Every student can play at least a scale and a short song from the collection!

Fourth and Fifth Grade Music classes welcome Dave Davies, a local jazz musician, for a jazz improvisation residency this month. Dave will be leading our young musicians as they learn to play ‘riffs’ (short melodic segments) and to improvise, using the C blues scale, as part of our classroom ‘Blues Bands’.

Many thanks to our amazing Northeast PTA for funding this wonderful opportunity for our students to work with a jazz musician!

It’s UKE time! We are continuing to learn to play chords and song melodies on the ukuleles this month, as well! If you missed the other Family Uke Nights, please feel free to come to join us on our upcoming evenings!

Every student in Grades One, Two and Three has begun to compose 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. Thank you to everyone who has already donated!
- 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, also. (Thank you to those who have already donated!)

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.)

GRADE 2 FAMILY UKE NIGHT

Friday, January 18

6:30 – 7:15PM

in the Music Room.

FAMILY UKE NIGHT

For any families
who'd like to join us, Thursday,
January 31st, 6:30--7:15PM
in the Music Room.

- 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.)

Thank 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

Come Out and Show Your Support for the Northeast Wolves!

Admission to all games is free and there will be goodies for sale to benefit the 5th grade class trip.



Northeast Wolves Home Basketball Schedule

	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM
Jan. 19	5th Grade Girls vs EAC	5th Grade Girls vs Cayuga Heights	5th Grade Boys vs Cayuga Heights	5th Grade Boys vs EAC			
Jan. 26	3rd Grade Girls vs Belle Sherman	3rd Grade Boys vs Belle Sherman	4th Grade Girls vs Caroline	4th Grade Boys vs Belle Sherman	5th Grade Girls vs Belle Sherman	5th Grade Girls vs Caroline	5th Grade Boys vs Belle Sherman
Feb. 9	3rd Grade Girls vs Fall Creek	3rd Grade Boys vs Fall Creek	4th Grade Girls vs Fall Creek	4th Grade Boys vs Fall Creek	5th Grade Girls vs Fall Creek	5th Grade Boys vs Fall Creek	



Check Backpacks For Ice Skating Registration Forms Coming Home Soon!

Stay Informed! Sign Up for Our Listserv!

If you have not signed up for the listserv (or if you are new to the school), we urge you to sign up for the PTA listserv. Other than our monthly newsletter, the listserv is the forum the PTA uses to communicate school closings, deadline reminders, announce new programs, etc.

TO JOIN, PLEASE DO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. Send a blank email to NortheastPTAsubscribe@yahoogroups.com
 2. Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NortheastPTA/join> and follow the instructions to sign up.
 3. Visit the Northeast PTA website (northeastpta.com) and click on the link
- Contact please contact Tina (tinabauersfeld@yahoo.de) with questions.



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.

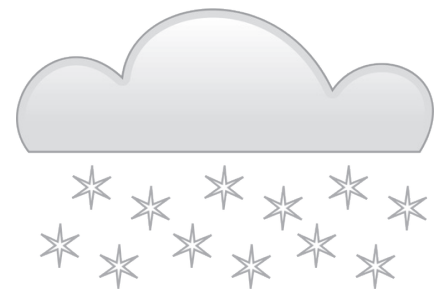
In the event that a two-hour delay is activated, the following procedures will be followed:

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.



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



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)

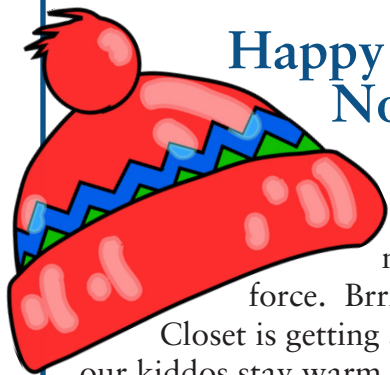
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From the Northeast Family Liaison

Happy 2019, Northeast Families!

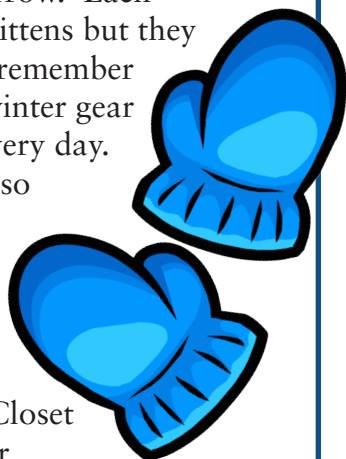


It's January, which means winter is in full force. Brrr! Our Borrowing

Closet is getting a lot of use helping our kiddos stay warm out on the playground. There are snow pants, coats, winter boots and hats available to borrow. Each classroom has a set of mittens but they are very limited. Please remember to send kiddos in with winter gear and a change of shoes every day.

We all forget sometimes so remind your children to return borrowed items neatly and to put outerwear that gets muddy in the laundry basket. The Borrowing Closet is a great opportunity for students to build responsibility skills by taking care of the things they borrow and also solving a problem independently when they forget or lose outerwear.

Gym sneakers have also been added to the Borrowing Closet but are very limited. Students can borrow a pair in the morning to use for the day (they are no longer available in the gym at class time). We are in great need of sneakers, especially sizes 4 and up. If you have used sneakers that still have plenty of life left in them, please consider donating them!



Best wishes in the new year,

—Mackenzie Torelli

Family Liaison, Transportation Liaison
MBK Family Engagement Facilitator
@ Northeast Elementary

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. Students must exit the car on the passenger's side at the front sidewalk entrance to the school. Please DO NOT drop students off on Winthrop to walk down to the school or use the bus circle. Both of these are extremely dangerous and not worth the risk.

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.

January 2019

Elementary School Lunch Menu

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

Available Daily

Fruit and Yogurt Parfait/Granola
Assorted Sandwiches
Bagel Lunch

Build Your Own Salad and
Vegetable Sides,

Fresh Fruit/Fruit Cups and Juice
Available Daily

Vegetarian Choice **

Choice of Milk

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.

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

	Tuesday, January 1	Wednesday, January 2	Thursday, January 3	Friday, January 4
ENTRÉE		Hot dog on Bun Awesome Bean Burger *	Pasta Fazool * Grilled Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Pizza;Pepperoni Pizza
SIDES		Oven Baked Fries Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Carrot Salad Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Steamed Broccoli Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides
	Monday, January 7	Wednesday, January 9	Thursday, January 10	Friday, January 11
ENTRÉE	Chicken Tenders n' Waffles	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 Broccoli Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Oven Baked Fries Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Steamed Broccoli Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides
	Monday, January 14	Wednesday, January 16	Thursday, January 17	Friday, January 18
ENTRÉE	Oven Roasted Chicken Uncrustable PBJ Sandwich	Winter Extravaganza Homemade Chicken n' Gravy w/ Biscuit	Power Hummus n Pretzels* New- Chicken Tator Tot Pie	Cheese Pizza;Pepperoni Pizza
SIDES	Steamed Broccoli Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Homemade Mashed Potato/Corn Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Steamed Carrots Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Steamed Broccoli Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides
	Monday, January 21	Wednesday, January 23	Thursday, January 24	Friday, January 25
ENTRÉE	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Awesome Bean Burger * on Roll Deluxe Burger on Roll	North African Red Lentils and Couscous* Grilled Cheese	Cheese Pizza;Pepperoni Pizza
SIDES		Oven Baked Fries Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Tomato Soup Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Steamed Broccoli Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides



...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.

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Come to our Next Meeting!!

Monday, January 28th, 5:30-7:00 pm

Beverly J. Martin Elementary School Cafeteria

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

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