



The Northeast Link

Everyone Counts in Our Community.



The Northeast Elementary School Newsletter

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PTA Board 2018/19

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The Deadline for the next Northeast Link is Friday March 1. It will go home in backpacks by Friday March 8. Please email your submissions to cmbarry@icloud.com Thank you!

From the Principal

Hello Northeast community!

Our school building is buzzing with learning and celebration!

- On last Friday, all students watched a video of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as well as children talk about the importance of youth making the world a better place. (We also had a brief dance party as Stevie Wonder sang his Happy Birthday song written for Dr. King!)
- Many classes are having celebrations of learning as they finish units of study. We are working on some evening celebrations of learning as well. Stay tuned for more information.
- Using reading and writing in service of learning social studies, science and math concepts is happening in every classroom!
- Recently, 5th grade students shared their learning about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with their Kindergarten buddies.
- Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade basketball players are having a great time practicing and playing games with other Ithaca schools students.
- Our PTA Enrichment classes are starting another session!
- On March 22nd, we will have a Family Literacy Night. More specifics will be shared soon!

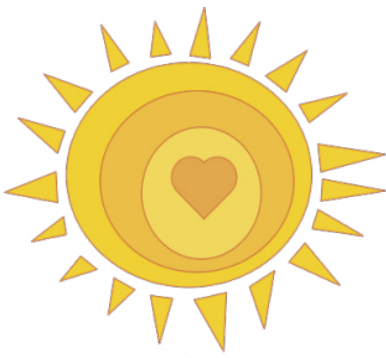


Thank you all for your feedback on the morning drop-off dilemma. One idea I have is this: If each family carpooled with one other family, our morning traffic would be cut in half! What do you think? How can I help?

I look forward to hearing from you on these and any other topic of interest to you.

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*



Upcoming Events

Home Basketball Games

February 9

See page 3

PTA Survey Closes

February 17

See page 3

Presidents' Day/Winter Recess

February 18 – 22

No School

PTA Meeting

March 12

See page 4

Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 14

No School

See page 6

Vacation Day

March 15

No School

District Conference Day

March 18

No School

See page 6

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

From the PTA

A New Volunteer Opportunity...

Did you know? ICSD policy requires school recess to be held indoors if either the wind-chill or absolute temperature is 10 degrees or below.

In an effort to help facilitate an engaging and fun recess period on indoor recess days, Principal Coyle and school staff have created a cart full of games and activities that can help to supplement the indoor recess time for students. Great idea, right?



How can you HELP? We are looking for parents or caregivers that are available to volunteer at the school from 10:30 AM-12:30 PM any day that school is in session. On indoor recess days, the volunteer would take the game and activity cart to each classroom at the scheduled times. On days that recess is outdoors, there are many other ways to help the school community. Some additional tasks that you may be asked to help with are:

- 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.
- What is the time commitment? It is just 2 hours/day on the day(s) that you volunteer. Volunteer once, volunteer once/week, whatever you can do.

What skills are needed? There are no specific skills that are needed. You will not be working directly with students during your shift..Just sign in at the main office when you arrive and Tami or Cindy can let you know where you are needed.

Sign up here! It is easy. Sign up online and you will get an email reminder 2 days before your shift.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CABAB2FA4FD0-northeast2>

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Kimberly Tilsen at ktilsen@gmail.com.

Thanks for your help!!!

KidsCount is open to ALL Northeast families during the February and April school break weeks.

Hours: 8:00am to 5:45pm

Families often travel during breaks - we make those unused spots available to Northeast families in need of child care.

Please see our website for more information <http://www.northeastkidscount.com/> or contact our Managing Director, Tracy Robbins, kidscountne@yahoo.com 607-257-9400



Box Tops for Education

Submission Deadline is March 1ST!!

Please send any Box Tops expiring 3/1/19 to school with your children before February 28th, 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 questions, please contact Rodney Chinn, Box Tops coordinator, at rawdckneesea@yahoo.com. Thanks for your support!

Calling all Families and NE Staff...

The PTA would like to hear from you.

Please help us by participating in an online PTA survey! With your input, we hope to focus our efforts to better serve our community. If you go to the link below, you will be taken to an online survey. The survey will be open until February 18th and the results will be shared at our PTA meeting in March.

<http://bit.ly/NE-Survey>

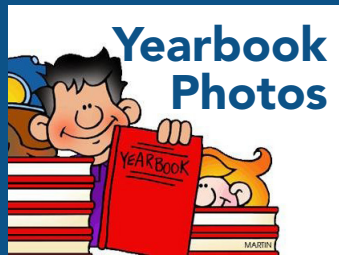
Come Out and Show Your Support for the Northeast Wolves!

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
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



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)

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!

PTA Meeting

**Monday, March 12,
6 – 7:00 pm**

The PTA will provide pizza drinks, and childcare. Feel free to bring a dish to share if you can. Hope to see you there.

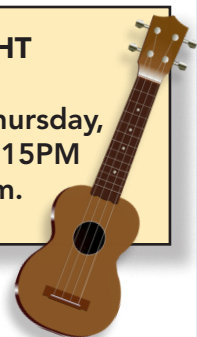
Northeast Music News and Notes: February 2019

Northeast Musicians are busily creating their puppet opera music, and are still collecting paper towel rolls (which will form the body of each puppet). If you happen to have any paper towel rolls, please recycle them into puppets by sending them to the Music room! Thank you!

Music students in Grades One through Five are learning patriotic songs this season. We are also listening to the national anthems of other countries. Thus far, we’ve heard the national anthems of China and Mexico. If you have a link to a good recorded version of the national anthem from your home country, would you please send it to me, so that we can share it with music classes? *(Send the link to me at knotaria@icsd.k12.ny.us)* Thank you!

Our Family Ukulele Nights have been quite enjoyable! The final one for the winter season will be on Thursday, January 31st, from 6:30--7:15pm. Many people have requested more sessions! So, we’ll also be meeting later in May and early in June. Keep an eye out for more information in the PTA Newsletter!

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



Last but not least, here’s another reminder for our Spring Concerts in 2019:

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.)

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions! We look forward to sharing our music with you!

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

From The Health Office

The school year is half over and as we look toward Spring, I have a few reminders for parents:

The weather is cold and snowy now, please be sure the children have their coat, snow pants, boots, hats and gloves or mittens, We do go outside for recess everyday unless the temperature is deemed too cold or it is raining. The borrowing closet has cold weather items for children to use if needed. If you have any cold weather clothing that you wish to donate, please bring them to Nurse Cindy or the Family Liaison, Mackenzie Torelli.



If your child needs any medication at school, we must have a doctor's order and the parent/guardian must bring the medication to school to give to the nurse This includes prescription medications as well as over-the-counter medications.

The PE teachers no longer keep borrowing sneakers for students. There are some sneakers in the borrowing closet, but please make sure your child has their sneakers and socks on PE days. This is important when the weather gets nice and they wear sandals

to school on a PE day and then need socks. A spare pair of socks can be left in your child's backpack.

Head lice can occur anytime, so I urge parents/guardians to check your child's head at least once a week very carefully. Remind children not to share hats, brushes or combs with others.

If your child has a bathroom accident at school, we do have some clothing to lend, but most children prefer their own clothing. You may want to send a change of clothing to school that can be left at school in case they need it.

If your child has a physical exam, please remind the doctor's office to FAX it to school at 607-257-8157. If your child is injured or has a cast or needs any other restrictions from PE/sports/recess, we must have a doctor's note to excuse them. A parent note can only excuse a student for up to two days. The same goes for keeping a child indoors for recess. We must have a doctor's note.

Thank you for keeping the children healthy!

—Nurse Cindy

Phone # 607-266-3559 FAX # 607-257-8157
cindy.ceracche@icsd.k12.ny.us

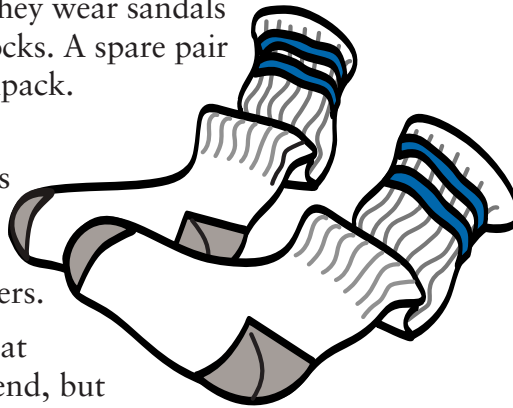
Bright Red Bookshelf™



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.



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)



The Large Athletic Field Next to the School will be Closed All Summer for Maintenance!

Ithaca City School District will be improving our athletic field over the summer, therefore the field will be closed.

Please spread the word!

If you know of an organization that uses that field during the summer, please let them know they will need to make other arrangements. If you have questions, please contact Samantha Little at the ICSD Athletic Office. slittle@icsd.k12.ny.us, (607) 274-2155

Please Send Boots and Snow Pants to School with Your Child Every Day!

Students go outside every-day 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!

From the Northeast Family Liaison

Hello, Northeast Community!

I hope this finds you cozy, healthy and thinking optimistic thoughts. Winter is long and these are the things that will get us through. We can do it!

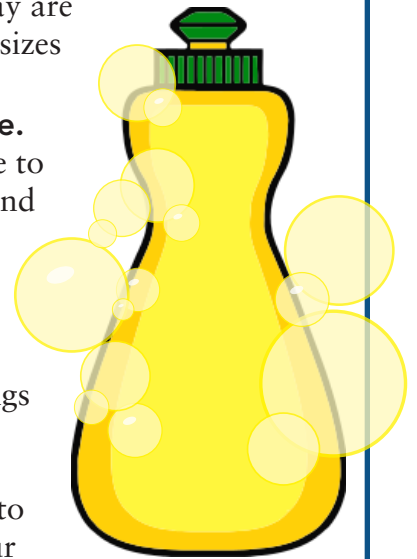
A few notes...

- 1. Please continue to send in winter gear** (coats, boots, snow pants, gloves, hats) with your child every day. If you have gently used items your child has outgrown, we are very grateful for donations to the Borrowing Closet! The Borrowing Closet gets A LOT of visitors every day. Donations of sneakers for during the day are very helpful too! We have very limited sizes right now.
- 2. The cold and flu season is in full force.** Ugh! The February break is a great time to wash jackets, hats, gloves, book bags, and lunch boxes to reduce the spread of germs. Let's join forces to help keep our families healthy!
- 3. A look ahead...** Parent conferences are March 14th and 18th. March also brings great community-school events like Literacy Night and the start of spring music concerts. These are great events to look forward to and get us all out of our hibernation at home. Come join us! I'm here to help with transportation. Email me if you need a ride or if you're willing to drive someone else. Community is all about working together!
- 4. If your family has been affected by the government shutdown,** we are here to support you! Please reach out and we will help in any way we can.

Stay warm and safe,

—Mackenzie Torelli

Mackenzie.Torelli@icsd.k12.ny.us, Family & Transportation Liaison



Dropping Off and Picking Up

Please do not park in the first driveway, pull ahead into a parking space if you need to come in the building. Also, please do not allow your child to exit your car from the left lane of the traffic loop. And remember, no cars allowed in the bus lane during school hours!



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

Wondering if there is a School Closing or Delay?



Check the Ithaca City School District Website: <https://www.ithacacityschools.org>. If school is closed, or there is a delay, a banner will be posted on the home page.

Notifications are also be found on our Twitter or Facebook page, on the listserv, sent by email and text (see below).

ICSD is Adding Text Messaging Capability to SchoolMessenger

The Ithaca City School District is adding text messaging capability to SchoolMessenger Communicate, the system it currently uses to call and email families. The new service will allow schools to send parents and guardians important informational text messages about events, school closings, safety alerts, and more, directly to their mobile devices.



For details visit <https://www.ithacacityschools.org/districtpage.cfm?pageid=1313>

Ithaca City School District Elementary School Lunch Menu February 2019

Available Daily

Build Your Own Salad and
Vegetable Sides

Fruit and Yogurt Parfait/Granola

Assorted Sandwiches

Bagel Lunch

Fresh Fruit/Fruit Cups and Juice

School lunch includes:

One entrée, two sides (includes vegetables & fruits), and milk.

Students may take all five components of the meal but must take at least three.

One of the three must be a vegetable or fruit.

COOL SCHOOL FOOD: Plant Powered Foods from Around the World (V)

Cool School Food family size recipes you can make at home: www.healthyschoolfood.org/recipes.htm

Power Hummus Available on Salad Bar Daily

Don't Forget February Break is 18-22

Prices

Does not apply to students receiving free meals.

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, January 28	Tuesday, January 29	Wednesday, January 30	Thursday, January 31	Friday, February 1
ENTRÉE	Corn Dog Uncrustable PBJ Sandwich(veg)	Roy's Cuban Wrap (V) Cheesy Chicken Quesadilla	Popcorn Chicken Bowl w/Homemade Mashed Potatoes	Pasta Fazool (V) Grilled Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Pizza (veg) Vegetable Pizza (veg)
SIDES	Steamed Green Beans Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Carrot Salad Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Steamed Corn Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Tomato Soup Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Steamed Broccoli Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides
ENTRÉE	Tyson Chicken Tenders n' Waffles	Roy's Cuban Wrap (V) Beef Taco Salad w/Scoops	Ithaca Tofu Fried Rice (V) Or Chicken Fried Rice	Awesome Bean Burger (V) Deluxe Burger Each served on a roll	Cheese Pizza (veg) Pepperoni Pizza
SIDES	Steamed Carrots Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Corn and Black Bean Salad 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
ENTRÉE	Oven Roasted Chicken Uncrustable PBJ Sandwich(veg)	Pretzel w/Power Hummus (V) Chicken Tator Tot Casserole	Winter Extravaganza Homemade Chicken n' Gravy w/ Biscuit	Whole Enchilda(V) Cheesy Beef Quesadilla	Cheese Pizza (veg) Vegetable Pizza (veg)
SIDES	Steamed Broccoli Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Steamed Corn Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Homemade Mashed Potato (L)/Corn Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Steamed Carrots Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Steamed Broccoli Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides
ENTRÉE	Tyson Chicken Drumsticks w/ Dinner Roll	Awesome Bean Burger (V) Deluxe Burger Each served on a roll	Baked Ziti & Meatsauce and Ithaca Bakery Bread w/Garlic Seasoning (L)	North African Red Lentils and Couscous (V) Grilled Cheese	Cheese Pizza (veg) Pepperoni Pizza
SIDES	Steamed Green Beans Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Oven Baked Fries Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Steamed Broccoli Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Tomato Soup Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides	Steamed Broccoli Salad, Vegetable and Fruit Sides

Key: (L) = local, (N) = new item, (V) = vegan, (veg) = vegetarian