



North Park Horizons

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Reminders and Tips

- Please remember to fill out the **free/reduced lunch form** and send it in, even if you think you will probably not qualify. The district benefits from state aid based on the percentage of students eligible for free or reduced meals, and with the meal pay plan, it is totally anonymous. The only people in the district that know which students are eligible are those in food service.
- The **buses are often quite late** the first few days of school until all of the kinks are worked out, so please don't panic if your child is more than 30 minute or more delayed.
- The **building is open each day this week until 3:00 pm** if you would like to come by and drop off your child's school supplies, but will be closed after 10:00 am on Friday (the hallways will be waxed starting then)
- **Families of kindergarteners**, please stop in this week or next Tuesday to pick up your child's shirt for the first day!
- **Dismissal Notes:** If you intend to pick up your child or change the bus plan for the day, please send a note in the morning. The note **must** include your child's full name, the teacher's name, the date and time of pick up or the bus route number and address of drop off, your printed name and your signature.

From the Principal

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year! I would especially like to welcome all of our new families to North Park. If you have not already had a chance to do so, please feel free to call and schedule a time to come in and get a tour of the building and a description of our program.

This has been a busy summer at NPE. Before school ended in June, our staff packed just under 1600 boxes in preparation for the removal of the asbestos tiles in just about every classroom and office space throughout the building. Our custodial staff did a fantastic job of moving all of the boxes and furniture into the gym and cafeteria, cleaning the building around the construction crew, waxing all of the new floors, and returning everything to the classrooms in record time. Teachers have been working hard to get their rooms ready over the past two weeks, and everything is looking great!

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you next week!

Remember **the first day of class for students is Wednesday, Sept 8th**. School is closed on Sept. 9th in honor of Rosh Hashanah. We are in session on Friday.

Happening This Month!

9/8 **First Day of School!!!**

9/9 No School (Rosh Hashanah)

9/14 PTA..... 7:00 pm

9:16 Board of Ed. Meeting
@district office.....7:00 pm

9/21 New Parent Social..... 6:30 pm
Meet the Staff K-2..... 7:00 pm

9/22 New Parent Social..... 6:30 pm
Meet the Staff 3-5..... 7:00 pm

9/30 Special Ed. Parent Forum
@ NPE..... 6:30 pm
Board of Ed. Meeting
@ Haviland MS... ..7:00 pm

10/1 Go Home Early Drill
(All students dismissed at 2:45)

Lunch & Recess

Breakfast costs \$1.25 per meal. Lunches cost \$2.25 per meal.

Grade	Recess	Lunch
1	10:50	11:15
2	11:10	11:35
3	11:35	12:00
K	12:05	12:30
5	12:25	12:50
4	12:45	1:10

Parents, if you send your child to school with a lunch please include utensils and napkins.

The North Park Pledge

I pledge to have the courage to do the right thing, to care about myself, my friends, my family, and my school, to show respect by using kind words and actions, and to take responsibility for my own behavior and learning. I pledge to do this even when no one is watching.

The Book Nook

Library classes and book selection start the first week of school. After brief orientations we like to get right into curriculum and literature enrichment. Some of our best book talks are by the students. If your child has read a book they enjoyed this summer, please have them share it with us.

The library program is a natural for individualizing and differentiating instruction. We not only build the library collection around school curriculum, but also around student interests and reading levels. Please always let us know if your student is not finding suitable library materials.

Curriculum for kindergarten classes is centered around book characters and discovering how the library is arranged. First grades begin to encounter and locate favor, favorite authors and learn how to separate out fiction and nonfiction. Second grade is a lot of fun because now they can take out two books and begin to work on the parts of a book and do beginning research work using primary encyclopedias, etc. and primary web sites. Third grades are ready for more research skills as they begin to study “communities around the world.”

Multiage Program

This year at NPE we are expanding the multiage classes we have had for the past few years. Research, as well as our own experience, supports that students benefit in many ways from learning with mixed age peers. Older students reinforce their academic and leadership skills when working with the younger students, and the younger students gain from the experience and knowledge of the older role models.

The plan is for all students in grades K-2 to benefit from time in a multiage class, beginning with the current kindergarten and first graders. Students who are in a single grade kindergarten class can expect to be in a multiage class for first and second grade. Students in a multiage K-1 class will be in a single grade class for second grade. This year’s primary teachers are:

Mrs. Gray: Single grade K
Mrs. Collins: K-1
Mrs. Boryk/Mrs. Farrere: K-1
Mrs. Langenau: 1-2
Mrs. Brocks: 1-2
Mrs. Beyer: Single grade 2
Mrs. Ferris: Single grade 2

If you have any questions or concerns, please call!

Health Office

Welcome back! Hope everyone had a healthy and safe summer. Just a few reminders as we start the new school year.

- New York State Law requires that children in Kindergarten, Grade 2, Grade 4, as well as anyone new to our district have a physical exam.
- Students requiring medication during school hours must have a prescription from their healthcare providers and written permission from the parent and/or guardian.
- Please continue to provide healthful and nutritious snacks for your students at school.

Please don’t forget to send in your child’s absence note when they return to school after an illness. Be specific about what symptoms your child had during his illness. Your child’s full name and classroom teacher’s name



Musical Notes

It is time for another year of music class and chorus! All students attend music class once in a six day cycle, except second grade who meets twice. Chorus, which is open to all fourth and fifth graders, rehearses once every six days as well. Select chorus (“North Park Notes”) has a separate meeting time once per cycle. Our first concert is January 18th!

This Month’s Quote

Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself. ~John Dewey