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February News-Benjamin School Updates

Special points of interest:

- Please do keep your lunch balances in the positive. This will save us time in contacting you later on.
- Please call the office for student absences and in advance of any student appointments.
- Joining your student to eat lunch? Orders are due prior to 9:00 AM so we can contact NCHS. Please do not bring in fast food.

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Schedule changes

Unit 5 has changed the date of Kindergarten Registration. Kindergarten Registration is now on Tuesday, March 16. Northpoint will pre-register our new Knights at either 4:00 or 5:30 PM.

Please pass on the word!

K Music Program Change!

With that change, we have moved the Kindergarten Music Program to the Evening of Monday, March 15th. Show times will be 5:30 and 7:00 PM with rehearsals at 9:30 and 1:30 on the 15th.

Yearbooks 2010

Knight Pride yearbooks are available for online sales only. We have stopped taking hard copy order. Online orders will be taken through the month of February at www.jostenyearbooks.com

Benjamin School Update

Kindergarten Registration for all 2010-2011 Benjamin kindergarten students will take place on Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at 9:00 A.M.

and 1:00 P.M. at The Chateau Hotel in Bloomington. You may attend either session. Students must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2010, to attend kindergarten this fall. Please bring your child's original birth certificate and any copies of physical and immunization records for us to copy. Pre-registration numbers are important, as they help to determine how many sections of kindergarten we will plan to have next year. Please share this information with other Benjamin families. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Bennington at (309)888-6903. We look forward to seeing you on March 16th.

A Benjamin Elementary PTO organizational meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18th at 6:30 P.M. in the IMC at Kingsley Jr. High School.

Parking will be available in both the north and south lots. Please enter through the main front doors on Kingsley St. If you are interested in helping with the PTO, this will be an important meeting to attend, as we will begin to plan for the upcoming school year.

The Benjamin staff recently helped to narrow the school mascot options down to the top two choices, which are Bears and Bengals! **Now we would like input from our students and families.**

Please talk with your children to decide which one they like better. During the week of February 8th-12th, Benjamin families will receive a School-

Reach phone call that will allow them to select from these two choices by either pushing 1 or 2 from a touch tone phone. Families who currently do not have a student enrolled in Unit 5 but will have a student attending Benjamin in the fall, may contact Michele Lemek at (309)

557-4027 or at le-mekm@unit5.org by February 5th to have their phone number added to the School Reach mascot call. The winning choice will be announced on the Benjamin website later in February. Thank you for your help with this exciting process!

Mrs. Bennington
benninmm@unit5.org
Benjamin Elementary Webpage
www.unit5.org/benjamin/

Mrs. Bennington phone 452-4461.

PTO Corner

It's hard to believe that it is already 2010 and the school year is half over. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the classroom parties and special activities in December. The kids had a great time and a lot of wonderful memories were created.

Over the next couple of months, there will be many opportunities to get more involved in your school. Volunteers are needed for the Karnival, teacher luncheons, Teacher Appreciation Week, Field Day, Market Day, and many other events. If any of these activities interest you, please contact me or any of the coordinators of these activities. We would love to have your help. Our contact information is located on the Northpoint website or just come to a PTO meeting. We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm in the IMC Annex. I hope to see you there.

Kirsten Bruso

Northpoint PTO President

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Thanks to everyone who attended the first ever Barnes & Noble Northpoint Christmas Shopping Day!! Our total sales were \$2676. We make 20% of that for our library for a total of \$535.20. Way to go Northpoint families!

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Please turn in your box tops by mid-February, as we have a submission deadline coming. Continue to save them after February, but please turn in the ones you have!



Northpoint Karnival Knight 2010 is Friday, April 9th from 5-8 p.m. Mark your calendar for a night of Family Fun! We'll have games, inflatables, food, face painting, raffles and lots

more! It's a night you won't want to miss! More information and order forms will be coming home soon! If you would like to help, please call or e-mail Kristin (kchuko@comcast.net or 664-2595) or Shelley (SJSOHN@aol.com or 661-6426)

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A HUGE thank you to all of those who so generously donated to the Northpoint Elementary Unraiser! This school year, we have raised \$13,634.00. One hundred percent of these donations are going toward programs and purchases to benefit the students and teachers at Northpoint! If you made a donation, you will be receiving a tax deduction letter soon. Once again, thank you for supporting the students and staff at Northpoint.

Market Day— Patty Brown 824-4141



Since 1975, Market Day has helped over 5,000 schools raise more than \$350 Million Dollars for education. Today, Market Day's food fundraising program serves the grocery needs of over a million families each year. Northpoint directly benefits with nearly \$5,000 raised for our PTO funded programs each year. Find out what everyone is talking about and sign up for Market Day today. Your family will love our

high quality meals, and because we buy direct from vendors that supply the finest restaurants, you'll find that our quality, convenience, value and outstanding taste will have you coming back for more!

Dates for 2010 are listed in the next column. All pickups are in the south gym from 4:30-5:30 PM. Pre paid orders are eligible for curb side pick up!

Feb. 12

Mar. 12

Apr. 16

May 14

June 11

Nurses Notes at Northpoint

1ST DAY EXCLUSION for Kindergarten, 6th and 9th grades

All students entering kindergarten, 6th and 9th grades will be required to have completed physical examinations and immunizations turned in and approved **before** they may start school.

Students who are trans-

ferring in to Unit 5 in other grades will be allowed the usual 30 days to produce the necessary records.

Start planning NOW! If you have a child who will enter **kindergarten, 6th, or 9th grade** in the Fall of 2010, they can receive the state-mandated physical and immunizations

ANY TIME NOW! The physical just has to be dated 1 calendar year prior to the 1st day of school.

Jan Murray, RN, BSN
IL-Certified School Nurse

Please do not hesitate to call Mrs. Murray, Northpoint's School Nurse, with questions.

Northpoint/Unit 5 updates

ACE PIZZA Winners for November and December were

Austin Cremer, Ben Whitaker, Reese Herrmann, Addie Prall, Lily Kreun, Fatima El-Zein, Mason Russo, Natalie Hartman, Wyatt Holloway, Jenna Avery, Spencer Moore, Sneh Vora, Drexel Douglass, Luke Armstrong, Leighanna Rutledge, Taylor Griffin, Dylan Tracy, Colton Chuko, Alex Kooba, Austin Brown, Ayushi Shah, Zach Wolford, Courtney LaVere, Stefanie Herridge, Shannon Pinto, Olivia Kraft, Ruben Correa, Olivia Spiecker, Lizzie Richards, Alexis Starks, Preston Engel,

Jana Tuttle, Max Kimball, Carlyn Wort, Nolan Girard, Muireall Currie, Jamil Sturdivant, Tyler Frankowiak, Sai Mulam, Emily Vogel, Jack Morgan, Abby Hodel, Spiro Stivers, Nick Leonard, Emma Meece, Hannah Martin, Seth Harshbarger, Zoe Conton, Grayson Newcomer, Ty Virgil, Anthony Albertini, Ellie Strubhar, Brooke Hanson, Nick DeCandio, Natalie Starkey, Peyton Roman, Carter Burk, Emily Chikahisa, Shannon Tomlinson, Ethan Oliver, Annie Rink, Braydon Overfelt, Megan Avery, Daniel Broadbear, Lili Wang, Daniel Hlebasko, Danielle Haines, Kyle Leverton, Jarad Kruse, Yasmeen Miller,

Billy Mote, Julia Yoder, Rachel Lowrance, Chad Caplinger.

Our attendance popcorn winners for November were, KD, KSB, 1AC, 1M, and our overall champ-4SH with 98.78% For December, 1H, 2B, 4SH, KSB, and our overall champ- 2SH with 99.33% Congrats to all!!!

Pick up and wear thy badges!!!

Knight Pride

Feeder School Updates



Parent Orientation for incoming 6th grade parents will take place on April 26th at 6:30 PM

Parent Orientation for incoming 6th grade parents will take place on April 22nd, 6:00 PM

Are you interested in the ultimate European getaway, visiting Italy, Spain, and England in June 2011? If so, please see Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Budak, Ms. Heitz or Mr. McWhorter for trip details, sign-up information, and web-site access

“The Northpoint Community will Promote Individual Excellence Through a Partnership for Achievement.”

Bruce Weldy, Principal
Kirsten Brusco, PTO President

• www.jostensyearbooks.com

Northpoint School Yearbooks are now available online at www.jostensyearbooks.com— please follow the below steps to purchase. The cost is \$20 as in the past 2 years.

Create account

Select State

Type in Northpoint Elementary

Click on Northpoint

Purchase yearbook

Proceed through purchase and check out process.

ON THE WEB AT

WWW.UNIT5.ORG/NORTHPOINT

Northpoint Elementary School was built for the opening of the 1988-1989 school year. It housed just over 250 students and had less than half of the current building structure. With the beginning of the 1999-2000 school year, Northpoint doubled its physical structure and continued to grow by leaps and bounds. Current year finds Northpoint as the largest elementary school in Central Illinois. Utilizing 3 portable classrooms, Northpoint now has 791 students, 80 staff and 562 families that support Knight Pride. Our community is proud to serve and support our Northpoint children. Knight Pride is alive and well!

JSAT Results-2009-% Meets and Exceeds

3rd grade Reading-91.6%

3rd grade Math-98.3%

4th grade Reading-96%

4th grade Math-97.6%

5th grade Reading-90.2%

5th grade Math-97.1%

Northpoint Master Calendar 2010

February

- 2 PTO meets 6:00 PM
- 4 Author Cindy Aillaud here for full day.— Assembly K-2 9:00-9:45 AM, Assembly 3-5 10:15-11:15.
- 8 Voices of the Knights practice
- 9 Ecology Club meets
- 12 Valentine’s Day parties 2:15 PM/ Market day pick up 4:30-5:30 PM
- 15 No School— President’s Day
- 16 St. Jude’s Math-a-thon begins
- 22 Voice of the Knights practice
- 23 Student Council meets
- 26 End of 2nd trimester

26 St. Jude’s Math-a-thon ends

March

- 1-12 ISAT testing begins for grades 3,4,5
- 1,8, 29 Voices of the Knights Practice
- 2 PTO Meeting 6:00 in Annex
- 5 Report Cards sent home
- 12 Market Day pick up 4:30-5:30 PM
- 15 K Music Program Time 5:30 and 7:00
- 16 Kindergarten 2010-2011 pre registration 4:00 and 5:30 PM.
- 22-26 Spring Break— No School
- 30— Student council meets after school

April

- 2- No School— Board Holiday
 - 5,12,19,26 Voices of the Knights Practice
 - 6- PTO Meets in annex 6:00 PM
 - 9- Karnival Knight 5:00-8:00 PM
 - 16- Market Day pick 4:30-5:30 PM
 - 16- Progress Reports
 - 27- 5th grade music program
 - 30- No School-Institute Day
- ### **May**
- 3,10,17 Voices of the Knights Practice
 - 4- PTO meets 6:00 PM
 - 14- Market Day pick up 4:30-5:30