

December 2023/January 2024



Northpoint Knights



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Happy Holidays!

I hope that this newsletter finds you healthy and not too stressed from all the holiday activities. We had a great Thanksgiving at the Harr household, spending quality time with family and friends. We are looking forward to winter break in anticipation of more family time.

Northpoint will have a busy December with concerts, Holiday celebrations, and other fun learning activities.

We are also taking the winter Fastbridge assessment in reading and math during December. This measure allows us to view individual student growth as well as identifying areas that can be focused on for improvement. Please encourage your child to do their best.

As we wrap up 2023, I hope you and your family have a safe, restful, and healthy holiday break.

Mr. Harr

December Events

- 12/7 1/2 day 7:45am-10:45am
- 12/13 K & 1st concert @ NCHS auditorium 5:30pm
- 12/13 2nd & 3rd concert @ NCHS auditorium 6:15pm
- 12/13 4th & 5th concert @ NCHS auditorium 7:00pm
- 12/20 holiday parties- times vary by class
- 12/22-1/5 Winter break- No school

Looking ahead

- 1/8 Institute day- No school
- 1/15 Martin Luther King Jr. day- No school
- 1/16 PTO meeting (In person) 6pm-7pm



PTO Information

A message from the PTO president...

Hello Northpoint families!

November has been a month to reflect on how Thankful we are for our Northpoint staff and families. Thank you for the contributions and donations to the monthly teacher & staff luncheon. It is always a wonderful & delicious way to show our appreciation for the teachers and staff! Stay tuned for the famous cookie tray sign-up coming in December! Speaking of cookies, thank you to our generous Northpoint families who supported the Crumbl Cookie dine-to-donate fundraiser! These funds benefit Northpoint in a variety of ways, including purchasing supplies for our teachers and students.

Our Unraiser campaign is still open! If you are interested in contributing to the outdoor classroom, donations of any amount are appreciated. You can drop a check made out to "Northpoint PTO" at the school or pay online (with a small processing fee for credit cards) at <https://northpointunraiser23-24.cheddarup.com>. Remember to submit a request if your company offers a match!

In case you missed the Northpoint Spirit Wear store, stay tuned for the store to re-open in the Spring with fun Northpoint items!

We are happy to add a Trivia Night committee for our Northpoint families! If you would like to be a part of the planning committee, please email northpointptopresident@gmail.com. We are looking forward to this first ever fun event for adults only! Stay tuned for a date and details!

If you are looking to connect with your student's fellow grade families, consider joining the Facebook Northpoint Elementary Families – PTO. It is a great way to meet other Northpoint families! You can find your student's group by searching the below groups:

Northpoint Elementary Class of 2029 (Northpoint Elementary Families – PTO Kindergarten)

Northpoint Elementary Class of 2028 (Northpoint Elementary Families – PTO 1 st Grade)

Northpoint Elementary Class of 2027 (Northpoint Elementary Families – PTO 2 nd Grade)

Northpoint Elementary Class of 2026 (Northpoint Elementary Families – PTO 3 rd Grade)

Northpoint Elementary Class of 2025 (Northpoint Elementary Families – PTO 4 th Grade)

Northpoint Elementary Class of 2024 (Northpoint Elementary Families – PTO 5 th Grade)

Our next PTO meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, December 5th at 6 p.m. (optional attendance; agenda will focus on committee updates) Be on the lookout for a meeting link in your email soon. The next formal PTO meeting will be held in-person in the Northpoint cafeteria on January 16th at 6 p.m.

On behalf of the Northpoint PTO, a very Happy Holidays and New Year!

It is a pleasure to serve as your PTO President!

Emily Thomas

PTO President

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Normal West

Dance Clinic

DECEMBER 14TH & 15TH 6-7:30

PERFORM AT THE VARSITY BASKETBALL
GAME ON DECEMBER 15TH

GRADES 1-8

COST IS \$30 INCLUDES HOLIDAY TSHIRT AND BOWS

REGISTRATION FORM

MUST SUBMIT REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT BY 12/8 IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A TSHIRT

Name: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Allergies: _____

I, _____ GIVE MY PERMISSION
(Parent/Guardian)

FOR _____ TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
(Student)

DANCE CLINIC DEC. 14 & 15 AND THAT MY STUDENT HAS NO
PHYSICAL RESTRICTION THAT WOULD PROHIBIT THEM FROM
PARTICIPATING.

TShirt Size (Circle One): YS YM YL SA MA LA

CHECK MADE OUT TO NORMAL WEST DANCE MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION FORM



Notes from the Nurse:

As we enter the season of late fall and winter, remember that the number one way to help stop the spread or contraction of any viral/bacterial illness is PROPER HANDWASHING!! Remind your student(s) to wash hands frequently and correctly throughout the season. <http://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/>

The influenza and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) season definitely here, I would like to remind you of the Unit 5 policy for students that need to stay home

For everyone's protection, sick children must be at home, not at school. When reporting the student's absence, please report the reason for the child's absence. The school needs to be informed of any student having a special health problem or communicable disease. Children with the following conditions should not be in school:

- *fever within the last 24 hours of 100° F or higher*
- *Vomiting or diarrhea within the last 24 hours*
- *A frequent or disruptive cough or other signs of an acute respiratory infection*
- *Any contagious illness such as "strep throat" that requires antibiotic therapy. Once a student has been fever free without use of fever-reducing medications and on antibiotics for at least 24 hours, he/she may return to school.*
- *Any undiagnosed skin rash. A student with a rash may attend school upon presenting a physician's note stating the rash is not contagious.*
- *Pronounced lethargy or fatigue that interferes with participation in learning activities.*

For further information on the influenza type and season, please click on the link. <http://www.cdc.gov/flu>

DENTAL FORMS may be submitted NOW for current kindergartners and 2nd grade students as is required by the State of Illinois. The exam must be completed between the dates of November 15, 2022 and May 1, 2024. If your student has had this exam, PLEASE send in the appropriate form. Reminder notes will be sent starting in January or February. THANK YOU!!!

Thank you for helping us to have healthy children at school!



Northpoint Mission

Northpoint students, teachers, staff, and families work together to inspire individuality through social, personal, and academic excellence.



Stories to read

(YouTube or your local library)

Habit 4: Think Win-Win*

Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister. The Rainbow Fish believes he is the most beautiful fish in the ocean, so he won't play with the other fish. Once he has no friends, he seeks out advice and is told to give away some of his beautiful scales. While he initially refuses, he decides to be a leader and Think Win-Win. He gives away just one scale, but when he realizes how good it makes everyone (including himself) feel, he shares even more scales and has never been happier.

The Doorbell Rang by Pat Hutchins. Sam and Victoria can't wait to eat the cookies Ma made. Then the doorbell rings. Friends arrive and Sam and Victoria share their cookies until there are so many friends that they only have one cookie each. Sam and Victoria are great examples of being leaders—thinking win-win.

Alexander and the Wind-Up Mouse by Leo Lionni. Two mice become friends, even though they are very different. Alexander, the real mouse, thinks that Willy, the wind-up mouse, has a better life and wants to be like him. Alexander finally has a chance to be like Willy, but chooses to Think Win-Win and help his friend. Along the way, Alexander discovers that he wins too!

The Very Clumsy Click Beetle by Eric Carle. The little beetle is working on being able to flip over if he lands on his back. He is a leader and persists and, with the encouragement of his friends and the advice of a wise old beetle, he masters the new skill. Good discussion of how his friends were thinking win-win with their encouragement.

Month:	December/January
Habit:	#4 ~ Think Win-Win
What it means:	Think Win-Win is the belief that everyone can win. It's not me or you—it is both of us. It is a belief that there are enough good things for everyone; it is an abundant way of thinking. Think Win-Win is being happy for others when good things happen to them. As a parent, not everything is negotiable, but if you go into discussions with your child with a win-win mindset, you'll find a lot less resistance.
Ideas for home:	<p>*Play a game with your child(ren) that has a definite winner. Explain how competition is okay when you play a game, but it is not okay in relationships. Discuss how tense it would be in your home if every situation had to have a winner. A better way to think is win-win. This means we think of solutions that we can all feel good about when there is a problem. The more we Think Win-Win, the fewer problems there will be. You may want to display a chart listing the days of the week. When someone is "caught" thinking win-win, he or she gets to write his or her name on the chart for that day.</p> <p>*Encourage win-win solutions to sibling disputes. Don't always be the mediator; let them work out a solution and be sure to be lavish children with praise when they do.</p> <p>*Say you are sorry when you yell, overreact, or accidentally blame one of your children for something he or she didn't do. Modeling this behavior will set expectations for how your child should behave.</p> <p>*Set clear expectations with your children about chores, curfew, grades, etc. It's hard for you both to win if you are playing by different rules.</p>

It is not your way or my way.

It is a better way and a higher way.

STEPHEN R. COVEY



December Elementary Breakfast



Monday

Nov 27

Fudge Pop-Tart
Choice of Cereal,
Yogurt, or String Cheese
Pear Cup
Choice of Juice
Choice of Milk

Dec 4

Cinnamon Pop Tart
Choice of Cereal,
Yogurt, or String Cheese
Grapes
Choice of Juice
Choice of Milk

Dec 11

Strawberry Pop-Tart
Choice of Cereal,
Yogurt, or String Cheese
Pear Cup
Choice of Juice
Choice of Milk

Dec 18

Fudge Pop-Tart
Choice of Cereal,
Yogurt, or String Cheese
Strawberry Applesauce
Choice of Juice
Choice of Milk

Dec 25

Winter Break
No School

Tuesday

Nov 28

Mini Powdered Donut Holes
OR Choice of 2: Cereal,
Yogurt, String Cheese
Blueberries
Choice of Juice
Choice of Milk

Dec 5

Mini Chocolate Donuts
OR Choice of 2: Cereal,
Yogurt, String Cheese
Orange Wedges
Choice of Juice
Choice of Milk

Dec 12

Glazed Pull-a-part Donut
OR Choice of 2: Cereal,
Yogurt, String Cheese
Pineapple
Choice of Juice
Choice of Milk

Dec 19

Mini Powdered Donut Holes
OR Choice of 2: Cereal,
Yogurt, String Cheese
Grapes
Choice of Juice
Choice of Milk

Dec 26

Winter Break
No School

Wednesday

Nov 29

Cocoa Cherry Bar
Choice of Cereal,
Yogurt, or String Cheese
Peach Cup
Choice of Juice
Choice of Milk

Dec 6

Strawberry NutriGrain Bar
Choice of Cereal,
Yogurt, or String Cheese
Cinnamon Applesauce
Choice of Juice
Choice of Milk

Dec 13

Choc Chip Oatmeal Bar
Choice of Cereal,
Yogurt, or String Cheese
Peach Cup
Choice of Juice
Choice of Milk

Dec 20

Cocoa Cherry Bar
Choice of Cereal,
Yogurt, or String Cheese
Pineapple
Choice of Juice
Choice of Milk

Dec 27

Winter Break
No School

Thursday

Nov 30

Banana Muffin
Choice of Cereal,
Yogurt, or String Cheese
Strawberry Applesauce
Choice of Juice
Choice of Milk

Dec 7

Double Chocolate Muffin
Choice of Cereal,
Yogurt, or String Cheese
Pineapple
Choice of Juice
Choice of Milk

Dec 14

Blueberry Muffin
Choice of Cereal,
Yogurt, or String Cheese
Baked Apples
Choice of Juice
Choice of Milk

Dec 21

Banana Muffin
Choice of Cereal,
Yogurt, or String Cheese
Pear Cup
Choice of Juice
Choice of Milk

Dec 28

Winter Break
No School

Friday

Dec 1

Mini Cinnamon Rolls
OR Choice of 2: Cereal,
Yogurt, String Cheese
Banana
Choice of Juice
Choice of Milk

Dec 8

Apple Frudel
OR Choice of 2: Cereal,
Yogurt, String Cheese
Dried Cranberries
or Raisins
Choice of Juice
Choice of Milk

Dec 15

Mini Cinnamon Rolls
OR Choice of 2: Cereal,
Yogurt, String Cheese
Dried Cranberries
or Raisins
Choice of Juice
Choice of Milk

Dec 22

Winter Break Begins
No School

Dec 29

Winter Break
No School

Breakfast price: \$1.75 1% White or Chocolate Milk is offered with all meals.

Menus are subject to change. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



December Elementary Lunch



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nov 27 Cheese Pizza Bagel Bites or Hard Boiled Egg with String Cheese & Baked Cheetos or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds Corn Cucumber Slices Blueberries or Apple Slices Choice of Milk	Nov 28 Homemade Mac & Cheese with Sunflower Seeds or Salad w/Grilled Chicken Cheese & Dressing with Tortilla Chips EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds Peas & Carrots Grape Tomatoes Peach Cup or Apple Slices Soft Mini Pretzel Choice of Milk	Nov 29 Chicken Nuggets with Sweet & Sour Sauce or Roasted Ranch Chickpeas with String Cheese & Baked Doritos or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds Edamame Green Pepper Strips Strawberry Applesauce or Apple Slices Chow Mein Noodles Choice of Milk	Nov 30 Cheese Breadsticks with Marinara Sauce or Vanilla Yogurt with Sunflower Seeds & Honey Cheerios Cereal or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds Steamed Broccoli Celery Sticks Banana or Apple Slices Chat Snax Vanilla Grahams Choice of Milk	Dec 1 Mini Waffles with Strawberry Yogurt or Nacho Lunch Kit or Cheese Pizza Lunch Kit Tri Taters Baby Carrots Grapes or Apple Slices Choice of Milk
Dec 4 Mini Corn Dogs or Hard Boiled Egg with String Cheese & Baked Cheetos or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce Celery Sticks Orange Wedges or Apple Slices Cheddar Goldfish Choice of Milk	Dec 5 Soft Shell Taco w/Cheese or Vanilla Yogurt with Sunflower Seeds & Honey Cheerios Cereal or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds Refried Beans Chopped Romaine Cinnamon Applesauce or Apple Slices Tortilla Chips & Salsa Choice of Milk	Dec 6 Deep Dish Cheese Pizza or Roasted Ranch Chickpeas with String Cheese & Baked Doritos or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds Corn Baby Carrots Pineapple or Apple Slices Choice of Milk	Dec 7 Half-day Student Attendance <u>Pre-order Sack Lunch</u> Turkey Ham & Cheese on Hawaiian Bun Baby Carrots Applesauce Cup Choice of Milk	Dec 8 Cinn French Toast Sticks with Turkey Sausage Patty or Nacho Lunch Kit or Cheese Pizza Lunch Kit Glazed Carrots Fresh Broccoli w/Ranch Pear Cup or Apple Slices Choice of Milk
Dec 11 Hot Dog or Hard Boiled Egg with String Cheese & Baked Cheetos or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds Baked Beans Cucumber Slices Pineapple or Apple Slices Chat Snax Vanilla Grahams Choice of Milk	Dec 12 Cheesy Rotini with Meat Sauce or Salad w/Grilled Chicken Cheese & Dressing with Tortilla Chips or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds Steamed Broccoli Celery Sticks Peach Cup or Apple Slices Garlic Texas Toast Choice of Milk	Dec 13 Chicken & Waffles or Roasted Ranch Chickpeas with String Cheese & Baked Doritos or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds Corn Baby Carrots Baked Apples or Apple Slices Choice of Milk	Dec 14 Chicken Nuggets or Vanilla Yogurt with Sunflower Seeds & Honey Cheerios Cereal or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Pepper Strips Jolly! Berry Slushie or Apple Slices Dinner Roll Choice of Milk	Dec 15 Breaded Mozzarella Sticks with Marinara Sauce or Nacho Lunch Kit or Cheese Pizza Lunch Kit Peas & Carrots Grape Tomatoes Strawberry Applesauce or Apple Slices Choice of Milk
Dec 18 Chicken Patty Sandwich or Hard Boiled Egg with String Cheese & Baked Cheetos or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce Celery Sticks Grapes or Apple Slices Cheddar Goldfish Choice of Milk	Dec 19 Walking Taco w/Cheese or Vanilla Yogurt with Sunflower Seeds & Honey Cheerios Cereal or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds Seasoned Black Beans Chopped Romaine Pineapple or Apple Slices Baked Doritos & Salsa Choice of Milk	Dec 20 Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza or Roasted Ranch Chickpeas with String Cheese & Baked Doritos or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds & Cheddar Goldfish Green Beans Grape Tomatoes Pear Cup or Apple Slices Choice of Milk	Dec 21 Mini Cinnamon Rolls with Cheese Omelet or Nacho Lunch Kit or Cheese Pizza Lunch Kit Tri Taters Baby Carrots Cinnamon Applesauce or Apple Slices Choice of Milk	Dec 22 Winter Break Begins No School
Dec 25 Winter Break No School	Dec 26 Winter Break No School	Dec 27 Winter Break No School	Dec 28 Winter Break No School	Dec 29 Winter Break No School

Student lunch price: \$2.65

Adult lunch price: \$3.15

1% White or Chocolate Milk is offered with all meals.

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Student Council Meetings

All meetings Thursdays at 12:05 in 5th grade commons

12/21/23

1/25/24

2/22/24

3/21/24

4/25/24

Rock Your School-Northpoint



Our Knight Mission Statement

Northpoint students, teachers, staff, and families work together to inspire individuality through social, personal, and academic excellence.

Our Knight Vision

Our vision is to provide a safe, caring, stimulating environment where our students will achieve their fullest potential, so they may become lifelong learners.

K nights Get your Arrrrmor on! Respectful, Responsible, Ready/Safe
N orthpoint Community Pride
I nspiring Life Long Learning
G uiding Individual Excellence for All Students
H ome to school Connections
T eamwork
S tudent Centered Success