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Northpoint Knights News



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2024...we're on our way !

We are off to a great start in 2024! Students and staff have not really been enjoying the grey cold days, but we know the sunshine and warmer temps will return. Wednesday, January 31st we will reach our 100th day of school milestone. We have learned many things, but are anxious to learn more!

In late January, we met with our grade level teams for a data day to review student assessment results. Our students continue to make great growth in reading and math. Our teachers and staff are working hard each day to give each student an opportunity to grow at their maximum potential.

We would like to ask again for your feedback by taking the 5Essentials Survey. The link is on page 6 of the newsletter. We use these results to help us with improving our school. Thanks for supporting us this year!

Mr. Matt Harr
Principal

February Events

- ◆ 2/2 Half day- 7:45am to 10:45am
- ◆ 2/6 PTO meeting- 6:00pm to 7:00pm
- ◆ 2/9 PTO Trivia night 6pm to 7:30pm @ BloNo Pizza Co.
- ◆ 2/14 Valentine's Day parties
- ◆ 2/14 4th grade to BCPA for IL Symphony Orchestra
- ◆ 2/19 President's Day- No school
- ◆ 2/20 Institute Day- No school

Looking ahead

- ◆ 3/4 Half day- 7:45 to 10:45am
- ◆ 3/5 PTO meeting 6pm to 7pm
- ◆ 3/6 Kindergarten registration 9am & 1pm
- ◆ 3/15 Karnival- 5pm to 8pm
- ◆ 3/25-3/29 Spring Break- No school



We have been seeing an increase in traffic safety issues and efficiency in the parking lot during drop off and pick up. Please follow these procedures during these times:

Morning Drop off:

- **No left turns between the hours of 7:15am- 7:45am.**
- Pull all the way forward to allow as many cars as possible to unload.
- Unload all along the front sidewalk zone marked with the white stripe on the sidewalk. This helps our efficiency.
- Have your student ready to exit.
- Carpool with other families when possible.
- Start early during inclement weather. Students may enter the building at 7:25.
- Please do not exit your car in the drop off lane. Students should exit the car on the curb side only.
- Please be patient and allow 10-15 minutes.

Afternoon Pick up:

- **No left turns between the hours of 2:00pm-2:45pm.**
- Pull all the way forward to allow as many cars as possible to load.
- Please be patient and allow 10-15 minutes.

General:

- Please do not park in handicap areas or marked out areas.
- Please follow signage and do not make a left turn out of the parking lot.
- Cell phone use is prohibited in school zone areas.
- No left turns between the hours of 7:15am- 7:45am and 2:00pm-2:45pm.

Safety is our #1 priority; please help us by following these procedures and rules.





PTO Information

A message from the PTO President...

Hello Northpoint families & Happy New Year!

It is hard to believe it is a new year already! Thank you for the contributions and donations to the monthly teacher & staff luncheon and the famous cookie trays in December. It is always a wonderful & delicious way to show our appreciation for the teachers and staff! Thank you to our generous Northpoint families who supported the Joe's Pizza dine-to-donate fundraiser! These funds benefit Northpoint in a variety of ways, including purchasing supplies for our teachers and students. Stay tuned for the next dine-to-donate fundraiser!

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 excited for the first ever Trivia Night, February 9th at BloNo Pizza for our Northpoint families! There are still tables available if you are interested in gathering a team. We are looking forward to this first ever fun event for adults only!

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 1st Grade)

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

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

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

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

Our next PTO meeting will be held virtually on **Tuesday, February 6th at 6 p.m.** Be on the lookout for a meeting link in your email soon.

It is a pleasure to serve as your PTO President!

Emily Thomas
PTO President
northpointptopresident@gmail.com

The PTO is excited to announce that Karnival Knight will be held on Friday, March 15th! Karnival is the PTO's biggest fundraiser of the year, but more importantly, it is a family fun event! There will be lots of activities such as inflatables, games, face painting, balloon artists, concessions, and so much more!

Thanks to the generous donations of families and businesses, we are able to create amazing silent auction and raffle baskets! Back this year is Knight Pull and new this year, Jr. Knight Pull for the kids. A Knight Pull change from last year is instead of just gift cards, there will also be gift bags. It's not too late to make a donation to support these activities. Our online donation site, <https://karnivalknight2024.cheddarup.com>, will be open for a few more days or you may reach out to the Karnival Committee at ptokarnival@hotmail.com.

Pre-Sales for wristbands, raffle tickets, and Jimmy John's meal boxes will open later this month. We will also have lots of volunteer opportunities during Karnival. Watch for more information on both of these soon. Lots of information will also be posted on our Facebook Event Page, [HERE](#).

We can't wait to see you at Karnival!

Nurse Notes

Reminders:

- 2nd Grade Dental exams are due by **May 1st**. Please send in your dental exam forms.
- If you received a referral for Vision or Hearing please return your referral form after you have had a follow up appointment with your provider.

Registration begins early February. If you have your required health forms completed please upload them during online registration (as you can not go back into registration and upload them after you have submitted your information). If you do not have them completed yet, please send a copy to the school when they are available so we can update your student(s) health file. If your student is going into 6th grade, please feel free to submit a copy of your completed forms before the end of the year and they will be sent with your students file to their new junior high school.

What health forms are needed?

Going into 2nd Grade:

- ♦ Dental exam (Due by May 1st of school year)

Going into 6th Grade:

♦ Physical Exam (must be dated after 8-17-2023) Please note that if your child plans to participate in activities requiring a physical exam the school physical is accepted as a physical exam. The school can NOT accept an IESA/IHSA sports physical form for school required physical exams.

- ♦ Dental Exam (Due by May 15th of school year)
- ♦ Immunizations (there are required immunizations going into 6th grade, please contact your provider to see which ones are needed for your student)

Going into Kindergarten:

- ♦ Physical Exam (must be dated after 8-17-2023)
- ♦ Up to date immunizations
- ♦ Vision Exam
- ♦ Dental Exam (Due by May 1st of school year)

We are asking that incoming Kindergarten families please submit paperwork

Things happen... Placing a change of clothes (shirt, pants, underwear and socks) in your child's backpack, no matter the age of your student, will help them be prepared for accidents like mud, water, bathroom or illness. Please consider placing a change of clothes in your students backpack.



February Elementary Breakfast



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Feb 5 Strawberry Pop-Tart Choice of Cereal, Yogurt, or String Cheese Dried Cranberries Choice of Juice Choice of Milk	Feb 6 Glazed Pull-a-part Donut OR Choice of 2: Cereal, Yogurt, String Cheese Pineapple Choice of Juice Choice of Milk	Feb 7 Choc Chip Oatmeal Bar Choice of Cereal, Yogurt, or String Cheese Peach Cup Choice of Juice Choice of Milk	Feb 8 Blueberry Muffin Choice of Cereal, Yogurt, or String Cheese Strawberry Applesauce Choice of Juice Choice of Milk	Feb 9 Soft Filled Cinnamon Toast Crunch Bar OR Choice of 2: Cereal, Yogurt, String Cheese Banana Choice of Juice Choice of Milk
Feb 12 Fudge Pop-Tart Choice of Cereal, Yogurt, or String Cheese Grapes Choice of Juice Choice of Milk	Feb 13 Mini Powdered Donut Holes OR Choice of 2: Cereal, Yogurt, String Cheese Orange Wedges Choice of Juice Choice of Milk	Feb 14 Cocoa Cherry Bar Choice of Cereal, Yogurt, or String Cheese Cinnamon Applesauce Choice of Juice Choice of Milk	Feb 15 Banana Muffin Choice of Cereal, Yogurt, or String Cheese Dried Cranberries Choice of Juice Choice of Milk	Feb 16 Strawberry Cream Cheese Filled Bagel OR Choice of 2: Cereal, Yogurt, String Cheese Banana Choice of Juice Choice of Milk
Feb 19 President's Day No School	Feb 20 Teacher Institute Day No School	Feb 21 Strawberry NutriGrain Bar Choice of Cereal, Yogurt, or String Cheese Pear Cup Choice of Juice Choice of Milk	Feb 22 Double Chocolate Muffin Choice of Cereal, Yogurt, or String Cheese Baked Apples Choice of Juice Choice of Milk	Feb 23 Apple Frudel OR Choice of 2: Cereal, Yogurt, String Cheese Banana Choice of Juice Choice of Milk
Feb 26 Strawberry Pop-Tart Choice of Cereal, Yogurt, or String Cheese Strawberry Applesauce Choice of Juice Choice of Milk	Feb 27 Glazed Pull-a-part Donut OR Choice of 2: Cereal, Yogurt, String Cheese Grapes Choice of Juice Choice of Milk	Feb 28 Choc Chip Oatmeal Bar Choice of Cereal, Yogurt, or String Cheese Dried Cranberries Choice of Juice Choice of Milk	Feb 29 Blueberry Muffin Choice of Cereal, Yogurt, or String Cheese Pear Cup Choice of Juice Choice of Milk	Mar 1 Soft Filled Cinnamon Toast Crunch Bar OR Choice of 2: Cereal, Yogurt, String Cheese Banana Choice of Juice Choice of Milk

Breakfast price: \$1.75

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

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February Elementary Lunch



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Feb 5 Cheese Pizza Bagel Bites or Hard Boiled Egg with String Cheese & Baked Cheetos or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds Corn Cucumber Slices Pineapple or Apple Slices Choice of Milk	Feb 6 Homemade Mac & Cheese with Sunflower Seeds or Salad w/Grilled Chicken Cheese & Dressing with Tortilla Chips or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds Peas & Carrots Grape Tomatoes Peach Cup or Apple Slices Soft Mini Pretzel Choice of Milk	Feb 7 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	Feb 8 Cheese Breadsticks with Marinara Sauce or Vanilla Yogurt with Sunflower Seeds & Cheerios Cereal or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds Steamed Broccoli Celery Sticks Banana or Apple Slices Chat Snax Vanilla Grahams Choice of Milk	Feb 9 Mini Waffles with Strawberry Yogurt or Nacho Lunch Kit or Pizza Lunch Kit Tri Taters Baby Carrots Grapes or Apple Slices Choice of Milk
Feb 12 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	Feb 13 Chicken Tenders or Salad w/Grilled Chicken, Cheese & Dressing with Tortilla Chips or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Celery Sticks Cinnamon Applesauce or Apple Slices Dinner Roll Choice of Milk	Feb 14 Deep Dish Cheese Pizza or Roasted Ranch Chickpeas with String Cheese & Baked Doritos or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds Green Beans Baby Carrots Be Mine Slushie or Apple Slices Choice of Milk	Feb 15 Soft Shell Taco w/Cheese or Vanilla Yogurt with Sunflower Seeds & Cheerios Cereal or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds Refried Beans Chopped Romaine Banana or Apple Slices Tortilla Chips & Salsa Choice of Milk	Feb 16 Cinn French Toast Sticks with Egg Patty or Nacho Lunch Kit or Pizza Lunch Kit Glazed Carrots Fresh Broccoli w/Ranch Pear Cup or Apple Slices Choice of Milk
Feb 19 President's Day No School	Feb 20 Teacher Institute Day No School	Feb 21 Chicken & Waffle or Roasted Ranch Chickpeas with String Cheese & Baked Doritos or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds & Cheddar Goldfish Steamed Broccoli Baby Carrots Baked Apples or Apple Slices Choice of Milk	Feb 22 Cheeseburger or Vanilla Yogurt with Sunflower Seeds & Cheerios Cereal or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds Baked Beans Green Pepper Strips Banana or Apple Slices Soft Mini Pretzel Choice of Milk	Feb 23 Breaded Mozzarella Sticks with Marinara Sauce or Nacho Lunch Kit or Pizza Lunch Kit Peas & Carrots Grape Tomatoes Strawberry Applesauce or Apple Slices Choice of Milk
Feb 26 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	Feb 27 Chicken Nuggets or Salad w/Grilled Chicken, Cheese & Dressing with Tortilla Chips or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Grape Tomatoes Fruit Slushie or Apple Slices Dinner Roll Choice of Milk	Feb 28 Stuffed Crust Cheese Pizza or Roasted Ranch Chickpeas with String Cheese & Baked Doritos or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds & Cheddar Goldfish Green Beans Fresh Cauliflower w/Ranch Pear Cup or Apple Slices Choice of Milk	Feb 29 Walking Taco w/Cheese or Vanilla Yogurt with Sunflower Seeds & Cheerios Cereal or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds Seasoned Black Beans Chopped Romaine Banana or Apple Slices Baked Doritos & Salsa Choice of Milk	Mar 1 Mini Cinnamon Rolls with Cheese Omelet or Nacho Lunch Kit or Pizza Lunch Kit Tri Taters Baby Carrots Cinnamon Applesauce or Apple Slices Choice of Milk

Student lunch price: \$2.65

Adult lunch price: \$3.15

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

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Northpoint Mission

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Stories to read

(YouTube or your local library)

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood

The Runaway Bunny by Margaret Wise Brown. The Runaway Bunny follows the thoughts of the little bunny who thinks he would like to run away. By seeking first to understand, Mother Rabbit truly listens to her little bunny. She then seeks to be understood by offering assurance that she will always come and find him.

The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka. The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs gives children the traditional story from the wolf's point of view (paradigm). Seeking to understand the wolf's paradigm gives us a much different take on the story.

Stellaluna by Janell Cannon. Stellaluna is a bat but is being raised with birds. Stellaluna has to seek to understand the birds' habits in order to survive. As the story continues, the birds begin to understand why bats do things differently. They realize they can be friends, even though they are different.

Jamaica's Find by Juanita Havill. Jamaica is a little girl who finds a stuffed toy at the park and wants to keep it very much. However, her guilt is growing as she thinks the toy may belong to another child.

Alejandro's Gift by Richard E. Albert. Alejandro lives alone in the desert, so he is very appreciative when small animals visit to drink from a small pond near his house. Alejandro, determined to provide water for the larger desert animals, digs a water hole for them, but they do not come. He seeks first to understand and realizes that the water hole is too close to his home, so he digs another hole farther away. The animals come to visit, understanding that he will not cause them harm.

Month:	February
Habit:	#5 ~ Seek 1st to Understand, Then to Be Understood
What it means:	Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood means that it is better to listen first and talk second. By taking the time to listen to another person, you reach a higher level of communication. Teaching Habit 5 to young children is done by first considering their age and development. Young children find it difficult to understand another's point of view. This habit is best approached by introducing listening as a skill that should be practiced. Learning to listen without interrupting and learning to listen with your ears, your eyes, and your heart will help children build a foundation for Habit 5. Simply put, we have two ears and one mouth so that we can spend more time listening with the intent to understand.
Ideas for home:	<p>*To better understand how listening can help or hurt a relationship, try "pretend listening" with your child for a few minutes. Your child will be frustrated. Explain what you were doing and discuss how your child felt. Now have your child ignore you when you are talking. Discuss how it makes you feel when you are ignored. Finish the discussion by thinking of ways to let the other person know when you feel you are not being truly listened to.</p> <p>*Body language can be even more important than words. Play a game with your kids where you each try to guess the other's emotion (happy, sad, angry, frustrated, bored, etc.) without using any words, just body language.</p> <p>*Demonstrate how saying the same phrase in a different tone of voice can give the phrase a completely different meaning. Try emphasizing different words in the phrase "I didn't say you did it" and then have your child tell you how the meaning changed.</p> <p>*Is there an issue you and your child always disagree about? If so, go to your child and say, "Help me understand your point of view." Then really listen without interruptions. When your child is finished, repeat in your own words what you heard until he or she acknowledges feeling understood. Then it's your turn to speak and your child's turn to listen.</p>

Instead of
putting others
in their place,
put yourself in
their place.
Amish Proverb

Student Council Souper Bowl Food Drive

Dates: February 5-9

Items accepted: cans, boxed food (pasta, rice, etc.), non perishable items. Drop off in front of the office. Thank you!

Kindergarten Preview is coming up!

Northpoint Kindergarten preview will be held on **March 6th**. Please call the Northpoint office at 557-4420 to get your student on our list. Your child must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2024 to register for the 2024-2025 school year. If you know of any families with children that will be eligible for Kindergarten, it would be appreciated if this information could be passed on to them:

For registration you will need to provide the following:

- Your child's certified birth certificate from the courthouse in the county where your child was born
- Proof of residency (See the Northpoint website for more detailed information.)
- See nurse notes for health required forms

Parents & Guardians:

Please check out the Illinois 5Essentials survey. This will be available until March 29th. View the survey [HERE](#).

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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.

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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