

**March 2024**



# Northpoint Knights News



**McLean Co. District # 5**

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## March Madness

As we begin March, I like to borrow a term from the basketball world to describe this time, March Madness. Like basketball teams that work to play their best during March tournaments, our teachers and students have worked hard this year to grow in all areas.

This Spring we will take the annual Illinois Assessment of Readiness test. The testing window is March 13-24 (make-ups after Spring Break). Students in third, fourth and fifth grade will test in reading and math after spring break. Students have a few sessions in each area, they do not test every day. I have included a few ways you may assist your child:

### March Events

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

### Looking Ahead

- ◆ 4/2 PTO meeting 6pm-7pm
- ◆ 4/3 Spring pictures
- ◆ 4/9 5th grade field trip to Peoria Riverfront Museum 10am-2pm
- ◆ 4/12 Teacher Institute Day- No school
- ◆ 4/18 5th grade visiting KJHS 9:30am-11:00am
- ◆ 4/19 Iron Coyote PTO kickback night 5:30pm-7:30pm
- ◆ 4/29 KJHS 6th grade welcome night

- *Make sure your child is here on testing days. Make appointments on days off or later in the day.*
- *Be on time to school. Testing will start promptly at 9:00am in some classes.*
- *Encourage your child to get a good night's rest.*
- *Eat a healthy breakfast.*
- *Encourage your child to do their best!*

Thanks for supporting us this year.

*Mr. Matt Harr*  
*Principal*





## March Elementary Breakfast



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Mar 4</b> Fudge Pop-Tart Choice of Cereal, Yogurt, or String Cheese Cinnamon Applesauce Choice of Juice Choice of Milk	<b>Mar 5</b> Mini Powdered Donut Holes OR Choice of 2: Cereal, Yogurt, String Cheese Dried Cranberries Choice of Juice Choice of Milk	<b>Mar 6</b> Cocoa Cherry Bar Choice of Cereal, Yogurt, or String Cheese Blueberries Choice of Juice Choice of Milk	<b>Mar 7</b> Banana Muffin Choice of Cereal, Yogurt, or String Cheese Strawberry Applesauce Choice of Juice Choice of Milk	<b>Mar 8</b> Strawberry Cream Cheese Filled Bagel OR Choice of 2: Cereal, Yogurt, String Cheese Banana Choice of Juice Choice of Milk
<b>Mar 11</b> Cinnamon Pop Tart Choice of Cereal, Yogurt, or String Cheese Grapes Choice of Juice Choice of Milk	<b>Mar 12</b> Mini Chocolate Donut Holes OR Choice of 2: Cereal, Yogurt, String Cheese Orange Wedges Choice of Juice Choice of Milk	<b>Mar 13</b> Strawberry NutriGrain Bar Choice of Cereal, Yogurt, or String Cheese Cinnamon Applesauce Choice of Juice Choice of Milk	<b>Mar 14</b> Double Chocolate Muffin Choice of Cereal, Yogurt, or String Cheese Pineapple Choice of Juice Choice of Milk	<b>Mar 15</b> Apple Frudel OR Choice of 2: Cereal, Yogurt, String Cheese Banana Choice of Juice Choice of Milk
<b>Mar 18</b> Strawberry Pop-Tart Choice of Cereal, Yogurt, or String Cheese Pear Cup Choice of Juice Choice of Milk	<b>Mar 19</b> Glazed Pull-a-part Donut OR Choice of 2: Cereal, Yogurt, String Cheese Clementines Choice of Juice Choice of Milk	<b>Mar 20</b> Choc Chip Oatmeal Bar Choice of Cereal, Yogurt, or String Cheese Peach Cup Choice of Juice Choice of Milk	<b>Mar 21</b> Blueberry Muffin Choice of Cereal, Yogurt, or String Cheese Pineapple Choice of Juice Choice of Milk	<b>Mar 22</b> Soft Filled Cinnamon Toast Crunch Bar OR Choice of 2: Cereal, Yogurt, String Cheese Banana Choice of Juice Choice of Milk
<b>Mar 25</b> Spring Break No School	<b>Mar 26</b> Spring Break No School	<b>Mar 27</b> Spring Break No School	<b>Mar 28</b> Spring Break No School	<b>Mar 29</b> Spring Break No School

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

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### Registration is open!

Registration is now open for next School Year (24-25), including Kindergarten Registration. Please click [HERE](#) for additional registration information.

There are no fees due at this time for any students. Fees will be available to pay over the summer. Additional information will be made available at a later date.

If you have questions please contact the office, 309-557-4420.



## March Elementary Lunch



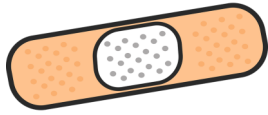
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Mar 4</b> Half-day Student Attendance  <u>Pre-order Sack Lunch</u> Hummus Bean Dip Cheese Sauce Cup Tortilla Chips Baby Carrots Banana Choice of Milk	<b>Mar 5</b> Cheese Pizza Bagel Bites or Hard Boiled Egg with String Cheese & Baked Cheetos or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds & Cheddar Goldfish Corn Cucumber Slices Blueberries or Apple Slices Choice of Milk	<b>Mar 6</b> Chicken Nuggets with Sweet & Sour Sauce or Roasted Ranch Chickpeas with String Cheese & Baked Doritos or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds Edamame Grape Tomatoes Strawberry Applesauce or Apple Slices Chow Mein Noodles Choice of Milk	<b>Mar 7</b> 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	<b>Mar 8</b> 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
<b>Mar 11</b> Mini Chicken Corn Dogs or Hard Boiled Egg with String Cheese & Baked Cheetos or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds Broccoli with Cheese Sauce Celery Sticks Orange Wedges or Apple Slices Cheddar Goldfish Choice of Milk	<b>Mar 12</b> Chicken Tenders or Salad w/Grilled Chicken Cheese & Dressing with Tortilla Chips or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Grape Tomatoes Cinnamon Applesauce or Apple Slices Dinner Roll Choice of Milk	<b>Mar 13</b> Deep Dish Cheese Pizza or Roasted Ranch Chickpeas with String Cheese & Baked Doritos or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds Green Beans Baby Carrots Pineapple or Apple Slices Choice of Milk	<b>Mar 14</b> Soft Shell Beef Taco with 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	<b>Mar 15</b> Cinn French Toast Sticks with Egg Patty or Nacho Lunch Kit or Cheese Pizza Lunch Kit Glazed Carrots Fresh Broccoli w/Ranch Pear Cup or Apple Slices Choice of Milk
<b>Mar 18</b> All Beef Hot Dog w/Bun or Hard Boiled Egg with String Cheese & Baked Cheetos or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds Baked Beans Cucumber Slices Clementines or Apple Slices Chat Snax Vanilla Grahams Choice of Milk	<b>Mar 19</b> Homemade Mac & Cheese with Sunflower Seeds 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 Soft Mini Pretzel Choice of Milk	<b>Mar 20</b> Chicken & Waffles 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	<b>Mar 21</b> Cheeseburger or Vanilla Yogurt with Sunflower Seeds & Cheerios Cereal or EZ Jammer Sandwich with Sunflower Seeds Tater Tots Green Pepper Strips Banana or Apple Slices Cheddar Goldfish Choice of Milk	<b>Mar 22</b> 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
<b>Mar 25</b> Spring Break No School	<b>Mar 26</b> Spring Break No School	<b>Mar 27</b> Spring Break No School	<b>Mar 28</b> Spring Break No School	<b>Mar 29</b> Spring Break No School

Student lunch price: \$2.65

Adult lunch price: \$3.15

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## Nurse notes



### **Kindergarten and 2nd Grade Dental Exams**

Reminder that Kindergarten and 2nd grade students should turn in a dental exam form by May 1st. If you have not already scheduled your exam, now would be a great time to call so it is completed and turned into the nurse before May 1st. Exams must be dated after 11-15-2022. Please feel free to contact the school nurse with any questions or concerns.

### **Registration Information**

Registration began February 1st, if you have your required health forms completed please upload them during online registration (you can not go back into registration and download after you have submitted your information). If you do not have them completed yet, please send a copy to the school when done so we can update your students health file.

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 8-16-2023) 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 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)

\*\*\* 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.

#### **Going into Kindergarten:**

- Physical Exam (must be dated after 8-16-2023)
- 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 either online during online registration, bring copies to Kindergarten preview (March 6th ) or submit paperwork to the school by May 22nd if possible. If unable to complete before then, please contact the school nurse at [brandtp@unit5.org](mailto:brandtp@unit5.org) so your information can be updated (and you won't get lots of emails and phone calls)\*\*\*\*





## 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 6: Synergize\*

**Swimmy** by Leo Lionni. Swimmy is a little fish swimming alone in the ocean. He finds a school of fish like him and encourages them to come with him to see the other amazing ocean animals—but they are too scared. Swimmy uses synergy and leadership to come up with a plan.

**Ox-Cart Man** by Donald Hall. Ox-Cart Man is the story of how one family used synergy to survive in the early 1800s.

**A Chair for My Mother** by Vera B. Williams. Although a fire destroys all of their furniture, the family slowly fills a large jar with coins—enough to buy a comfortable, wonderful chair. Synergy and persistence are at the heart of the story, teaching children that working together and sometimes having to wait for things makes them even more special.

**Clifford's Spring Clean-Up** by Norman Bridwell. Clifford and Emily Elizabeth use synergy to clean the house and yard in preparation for Earth Day. Clifford takes a leadership role by shaking out rugs and digging up weeds.

**How the 2nd Grade Got \$8205.50 to Visit the Statue of Liberty** by Nathan Zimelman. The children in the second-grade class have lots of ideas and energy for how to make enough money to visit the Statue of Liberty. They take on leadership roles by synergizing on collaborative projects, earning plenty of money to cover their trip.

Month:	March
Habit:	#6 ~ Synergize
What it means:	<p>Synergize is when two or more people work together to create a better solution that neither would have thought of alone. It's not your way or my way, but a better way. Talk about the equation: <math>1 + 1 = 3</math> (or more). How is that possible? 1 person + another person = 2 ideas + many more than either of them would have thought of alone.</p> <p>Synergy is taking good ideas and making them better by working together. Discussions can focus on other examples of synergy in nature, history, literature, and personal experiences. For example, synergy happens in nature when a flock of geese heads south for the winter. They fly in a V formation because due to the updraft, the entire flock can fly farther than if each bird flew alone.</p>
Ideas for home:	<p>*With your children, choose a problem you may have (like curfew or completing chores/schoolwork). Use the Synergy Action Plan to summarize your child's solution and your solution: (1) Define the problem. (2) Share your views. (3) Think of solutions. (4) Choose the best solution together. See if you can reach a better solution than either of you would have come up with alone.</p> <p>*Institute a "15-minute program" where everyone drops what they are doing and pitches in to work as a team to clean the kitchen, pull weeds in the garden, wash the dishes, sweep the front porch, etc. Cutting out a small block of time where everyone helps makes the work go quicker.</p> <p>*If your child has siblings, ask each to identify what they think their brother or sister is really good at, then share the lists with each other and discuss how they could Synergize on homework, chores, playing games, sports, etc. If your child does not have siblings, you can do the same exercise using his or her best friends—or you.</p>

Alone we can  
do so little;  
together we can  
do so much.  
Helen Keller

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## News from the Northpoint PTO

Hello Northpoint families!

We had a terrific February and are looking forward to an exciting March! Our monthly teacher & staff luncheon committee supplied the famous heart-shaped pizzas for the teachers and staff in February. 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 Panda Express dine-to-donate fundraiser! These funds benefit Northpoint in a variety of ways, including purchasing supplies for our teachers and students.

The Northpoint Spirit Wear store will open at the beginning of March with new & fun Northpoint items! Emails and links to order will be coming soon.

Our first ever Trivia Night on February 9th at BloNo Pizza was a success! Our Northpoint Families had a fun night raising funds to benefit Northpoint. Thank you to the Trivia Night committee for working hard to make it a successful & fun night and Mr. Harr & Mr. Scott for emceeding the event! We look forward to next year's Trivia Night!

Speaking of fun, our annual Karnival night is just a few weeks away. Karnival night is our biggest fundraiser raising funds for Northpoint, but also provides Northpoint families a fun night of games, raffle prizes, a silent auction and food! The next few weeks leading up to the big day will be exciting for Northpoint students!

2024-2026 Secretary & Treasurer PTO board positions are up for election and candidates will be announced at the March meeting. If you are interested, please email me before the March meeting. Candidates will be elected at the PTO meeting in April.

Our next PTO meeting will be held virtually on **Tuesday, March 5th 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

### **Karnival Knight 2024 March 15th 5 - 8 PM**

We hope to see many of our Knight families at Karnival for a night of FUN!! We have lots of exciting things planned for this year! Returning favorites include inflatables, games, DJ Andy, raffle baskets, silent auction, face painting, and balloon art! Last year's Knight Pull will also return along with a new version for the kids, Jr. Knight Pull!

Some new activities include a temporary tattoo station, digital Photo Booth, and a twist on the game prize raffles! We want the Karnival excitement to last all the way till Spring Break!

Our Pre-Order site is open until Tuesday, March 5th. It is recommended to preorder. Preordering your wristbands allows you to skip the line at the door and use our "Lightning Lane" to head straight into the fun! Purchasing raffle tickets in advance gives you the chance to write the student's name and room code on the back ahead of time. Preordering is the only way to get a Jimmy John's Boxed Meal. Visit our Pre-Order site [HERE](#).

We still have a variety of volunteer opportunities available to help during Karnival to make this night a success. Please take a look and consider signing up for a shift or two! [Karnival Knight Volunteers](#)

We can't wait to see you at Karnival!





**Missing something?**



**Our lost and found has so many items in it!! If your students are missing items, please have them check cafeteria lost and found receptacles for any items they may be missing!**

### **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.

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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  
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