



North Elementary School

North Notes

815-899-8209

April 28, 2010

From the Principal

Dear North School Parents,

Wow, the last two months have been very busy! Our students worked diligently preparing and taking the ISAT's in grades third through fifth. The Fun Fair, Clothing Sale and Family Dance were huge successes. We appreciate the time and effort given by our parents!

Fifth grade parents please remember that physicals will be needed for your child to enter into the sixth grade. We will begin working on class lists for next year with the input of our teachers. Please keep in mind that class placement is an internal planning process that uses the following criteria:

- Classroom progress and performance
- Use of assessments, observations, and artifacts
- Instructional heterogeneous groupings
- Gender equity
- Class size
- Consideration of supported education students and related services

Preliminary class lists will be created during May. Final lists will not be formulated until summer due to changes that may occur in enrollment and teaching staff. If a parent feels the need to make a particular request, inquiry, or comment regarding class placement, the deadline will be Friday, May 7th.

We are very fortunate to have a talented staff with varying teaching styles but with one common goal of educating your child. Together parents and teachers can help to shape our future to come! We are very lucky to have you!

—Kathy Spiewak

Music Notes

"It's Bring Your Parent to Music Day! Parents of students in grades K-2 are invited to attend their child's music class during its regularly scheduled time May 12-14. The students will be demonstrating the different things they have been learning throughout the year. Please watch your child's folder for more information."



"The 5th Grade/6th Grade band concert is on Thursday, May 20th, at 7 p.m. in the Sycamore High School auditorium. Call time for 5th grade band students is 6 p.m., as this is the only opportunity they will have to rehearse with the 5th graders from the other elementary schools. The students have been working hard all year long, and they are excited to share their progress with you!"

The Orchestra concert is Monday, May 24th at 7:00pm. Students need to arrive at 6:20 in the band room to tune and warm-up.

PE NOTES

Spring has sprung and the nice weather is here. We will be going outside from time to time so sweat shirts and PE shoes will be needed. June 4th will be our all school field day. Letters and volunteer forms will be going home around the end of April.

OPEN HOUSE

Please join our North School family at a retirement open house to honor Mrs. Metcalf. Yes, after 36 years teaching 1st grade at North, our dear Mrs. Metcalf is retiring! Cake and punch will be combined with fun and fond memories on Friday, May 21, 3:30–5pm in the North School multi-purpose room.



Congratulations to the following students who placed in the veterans poster contest:

4th grade—Ally Versluys, 2nd place

Kenny Brown, 1st place

5th grade—Lauren Wisdom, 3rd place

Paige Tatroe, 1st place

AQUARIUM NEEDED FOR LEARNING CENTER

Do you have an aquarium that you would like to donate to the Learning Center? We are looking for an aquarium at least 40 gallons or bigger. If you can help us please call 815-899-8209 and ask to speak with Mrs. Windelborn or Mr. Winterland.

Also, we would like to thank the Stover family for their very generous donation of a 55 gallon aquarium and stand to the Learning Center. We plan to set the aquarium up in the fall.



Character Counts!

Message to Our Parents

The North stars will be concluding the school year with learning about of final pillar of character, Fairness. Words of the week will include: *Justice, Being Open-Minded, Sharing, and Cooperation.*

Modeling Fairness at Home

- Give your child the opportunity to have a voice in family decisions whenever possible. For example, family members could take turns choosing leisure time activities.
- Be sure that your expectations were clear before disciplining your child.
- Help your children understand the complexities of fairness. For example, in a family game of softball, it may be fair for the pitcher to move closer to home plate when a young child is at bat.
- Make an effort to treat all your children equitably. This will have a lasting impact on their relationships with you and one another.

The following students have been nominated for exhibiting these very important character traits. Congratulations to all of you for practicing good character everywhere all the time!

Respecting Authority

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Faith F
Abhi T
Hunter A
Keegan M
Gavin A
Maggie D
Kameron H
Jaash T
Trent T
Ben B
Molly I
Sydney K

Doing Your Share

Sarah C
Kate P
Morgan K
Zoe Z
Colton B
Stephanie A
Andrew R
Taylor B
Stevie C
Jon O
Hunter A
Benjamin H
Candace C
Tim L

Good Neighbors

Michael K
Scott L
Lynsey V
Miles K
Brandon B
Tara G
Hannah V
Garrett C
Olivia W
Susanna K
Lauren S
Calvin B
Ashley K
Sean B
Katie P

Voting

Mrs. Berg's *Entire 2nd*
Grade Class!
Justin G
Kendell
Miles K
Jared C
Josie R
Bryce S
Matthew T
Nathan D
Roan F
Maegan S

