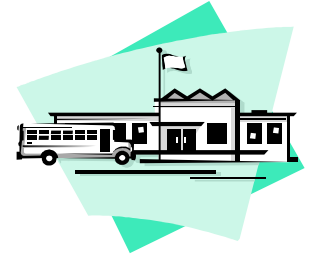


# Northeast News

## The News and Notes of the Northeast Primary School

### Principal's Message

2011



#### “Raising Responsible Children”

Raising a child means more than helping him or her grow up healthy and happy. It's important that, by the time they're ready to leave home, children have learned to be self-sufficient and responsible. Those kinds of lessons take an entire childhood to learn, but they're among the most important legacies you can pass on to your children. Here are some ways to start:

##### **Make them Calendar Girls (and Boys).**

Give your child his or her own calendar. Have children mark when a test or project due, or when a sports or group activity is scheduled. Each child's calendar should be posted in a visible spot, and get them in the habit of checking it every day —either adding new events and deadlines or crossing off things they've completed.

##### **Helping Others.**

No matter what your child's situation in life, there always are others in greater need. Get your child involved in helping those less fortunate by working through community, school, or religious groups that focus on community service. Show that you believe it too by volunteering yourself.

##### **Keeping Track.**

As tempting as it is to bail out your children if they forget their lunch or homework or put off an assignment until too late, those mistakes can be excellent tools to teach responsibility. If your child needs to borrow lunch money, make sure it is paid back from his or her own savings. If the project is due the next day, fight the urge to step in and help get it done. Children only need a few such lessons, and some serious follow-up discussions from their families and teachers, to realize that it's not worth it to be irresponsible.

##### **Pet Smarts.**

Taking care of the family pet is an excellent way to learn responsibility. Children quickly learn the consequences if they forget to take the dog out, forget to feed the cat or let a caged pet stay out unattended. Your children need to know that their pets depend on them.

##### **Get to work.**

Assign weekly chores to everyone in the house, rotating them so that, eventually, everyone has a turn at doing the dishes, putting away laundry and taking out the trash. Divide the jobs by age, with older children doing harder jobs and make sure to never list anything as a “girl” job or a “boy” job. This is still an ongoing nostalgic topic among the three “Johnson” children, the youngest of which is 25!

##### **Save for the future.**

Financial responsibility is easy to teach if you start when your children are young. From their very first birthday money, teach them to set aside a certain amount for the future. A good rule of thumb is to put half away for savings and save half for spending, either on things they want right away or things they'd like to buy in the future.

##### **Consider Matching Funds.**

If your children are saving for something that's a big-ticket item, consider setting up a matching fund, where, if they earn the first half, you'll chip in the second. Even though it sounds like the same concept as saying you'll split the cost with them, it's actually more effective to have them demonstrate to you first that they've worked and saved enough to pay for their share.

**Finally, always remember that the only way to teach your children responsibility is to model the behavior yourself.**

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## Positive Paws



December 2, 2010



December 13, 2010



December 17, 2010



January 7, 2011 ^



Students who receive a Positive Paw are now able to choose a book to add to their home collection thanks to RIF (via coordinator, Meighan Rice).

## News from the School Nurse

### SOME SCHOOL VISITORS AREN'T WELCOME...

**Treating and eliminating a case of lice on a child would be a simple matter if caught quickly and handled effectively.** In the real world, however, lice usually go undetected. Additionally, because children and parents are unaware of how lice move, they can spread to other children before the problem is identified, resulting in a class-wide problem. The innocent sharing of a hat, comb or hair ribbon with a classmate is often the culprit, because lice spread through contact. And because of this lack of awareness, a child can be treated and unintentionally re-infested numerous times, much to their discomfort and to the frustration of their parents. But armed with the correct information, lice can be effectively treated and eliminated using the proper medication (shampoo), and following a few simple, but important rules. **FIRST, the only way to ensure the elimination of a class-wide infestation is through constant examination of the children's hair by parents, teachers, and school nurses.**

Families should be educated that lice only spread through contact. Be specific about potential vehicles, explaining that combs, brushes, hats, scarves, and hair clasps, even though they look clean, can be carriers of lice. Additionally, lice can hide on pillows, upholstery, and car headrests, waiting for the next person to make contact!

**SECOND, school nurses should recommend that parents use proven treatments, such as special head lice shampoo or cream rinse that can be purchased in any local drug store.** Follow the product directions carefully! No product is 100% effective so after treatment it is important to **remove any and all nits**. The hair should be closely examined daily for two weeks after treatment, removing any nits missed the first time and newly hatched lice. All family members and close friends of your child should be examined and treated if necessary.

**THIRD, to reduce the chances of re-infestation and to protect other members of the family, every item that has come in contact with the child and the child's head must be cleaned thoroughly.** Make sure to treat bedding, carpets and upholstery to stop the spread within the home. If a valid case of lice is detected, whether by the school nurse, teacher, or at home, **the course of treatment must be thorough and prompt.**

**FINALLY, It is important for parents and children to understand that having lice does not mean they are unclean or that they have done anything wrong.** In fact, lice prefer to live on clean heads! **Remember, contacting lice can happen to anyone, anywhere, anytime. Be proactive and check your child's hair regularly.**

# Grade Level Curriculum Updates for January 2011

## Kindergarten

January is a busy time for our Kindergarteners! Our themes will include mittens, Winter and the five senses.

Writing skills include finishing lower case letters and beginning capital letter formation. In reading, we will learn to tap out sounds to make and read words, and practice our sight words. The children are all very excited to read new words. A whole new world is opening up to them!

A few of the concepts that we will practice in math are addition, subtraction, and the concepts of time, measurement and money.

We will end the month with a Kindergarten Pajama Day on Monday, January 31. Kindergarten students are welcome to wear their favorite p.j.'s and slippers!

## Grade One

Happy 2011! We start off the New Year in first grade with lots of new learning. In Social Studies/Science, first graders will be learning about the solar system and Martin Luther King Jr.. In Math, we are starting Unit 5. The students will be learning the following concepts:

- place value
- greater than, less than and equal to
- weights
- solving number stories
- determining the rule and applying the rule
- learning about turn-around facts
- mastering addition facts up to 10
- number sense

During our Guided Reading Block, students are continuing to learn and apply taught strategies to help them become better readers and comprehend what they have read. Please listen for them to use their strategies while reading to you at home.

In Self-Selected Reading, the children are building up their stamina to sustain their quiet reading skills for extended periods of time! If you have any grade-level appropriate books that you are no longer reading, we would be happy to add them to our classroom book box collections!

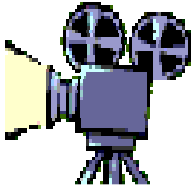
In working with words, you will see continued practice with base words and the suffix s; as well as introduction to the blends -ng and -nk. PLEASE encourage your child to spell those sight words correctly and look for them while reading.

The children's writing skills are coming along nicely. Through teacher modeling, the children are getting better and better at expanding basic sentences, using capital letters and appropriate end marks. We also insist that the sight words (Word Wall Words) are spelled correctly when they are writing in class. The children will begin to write basic narrative stories that include a beginning, middle and end. You can help at home by having your child verbally tell you a simple story that includes a beginning (introduction of characters), a middle (with a problem, or situation), and end (solution to the problem or situation.)

First grade teachers will be assessing both math and language arts skills to help determine students abilities for the January Progress Reports that will go home at the end of January.

## Grade Two

Northeast Second Graders are as busy as usual after returning to school in January 2011! Our math program will focus on explorations of attributes, geoboards, clocks, arrays, and working with money. We will also learn about line segments, quadrangles, three-dimensional shapes, and line symmetry. Our second grade will continue to work on addition, subtraction, and even begin a little multiplication and division. In language arts, we will continue to explore and implement different aspects of the Four Blocks Model. All classrooms are continuing to build a word wall and everyone is addressing the working with words block in the way that best fits the needs of the students. Sustained Silent Reading seems to be a favorite of many, students and teachers alike. The writing block is being fulfilled in many ways. Each of our second grade teachers uses journal writing, narratives, procedures, poetry, descriptive, and thematic response as a way to help our students feel successful as writers. Some of the second grade classrooms will begin our unit on pioneers, to be followed by a grade level, hands-on experience that focuses on pioneer life. Sounds like a lot of learning coming to Northeast Second Grade in the New Year!



## **PTC Movie Night at Northeast**

The first of two school-wide movie nights is scheduled for **Friday, January 21st at 5:30 PM in the gym.** At press time, the students had not yet voted on their choice for the movie. Notice of their pick and other details will go home in your child's homework folder. There will also be refreshments and a raffle.

## **100th Day of School Jump for American Heart Association**



**On Monday, February 7 as part of our 100th Day of School celebrations, Northeast School will be 'jumping' to benefit the American Heart Association.** Students, teachers and staff donate one cent per jump with the goal of jumping one hundred times. In years past, we have raised over \$250 that day to contribute to the

## **Holiday Meal at Northeast**



**On December 14th, the Holidays were celebrated with a special school-wide meal.** Foster Grandparents and several staff members worked hard to set-up the festive tables. Faculty and staff were able to get everyone served in a timely manner. Thanks to Cheryl and Missy for their great work in the kitchen! Mrs. Patrick (the super cleaner-upper) and other teachers got the room back to normal in no time! A great time was had by all. Our next special holiday meal will be served in the spring.

## Another Red Ribbon Essay

This is another essay that was selected as one of the top essays completed as part of Northeast's Red Ribbon Week Poster and Essay Contest in October.

This piece was written by **Skylar Linker in Mrs. Campbell's class.**

Treat others the way you want to be treated. Take care of yourself, eat right and exercise. NO bullying others, it's mean. Always do what's best for you. Think before you act. When someone gets hurt, you should care for them. If you smoke, it will damage your lungs and you could stop breathing. Safety always comes first. Always do your best.



**The PTC Box Tops collection project is going strong – we recently received a check for over \$200 to be used to support Northeast activities!** Thank you to all who have contributed Box Tops which, by now you know, get turned into cash. *Way to go everyone!!*

A reminder that expired Box Top coupons are NOT accepted. Also, if you use the collection sheets, please be sure to attach ONLY Box Tops coupons to them.

If you run out of collection sheets, please stop by school and see Mrs. Coleman in the office, or email me at [bsr809@yahoo.com](mailto:bsr809@yahoo.com) and I can email one to you. You can also send Box Tops to school in baggies or envelopes with your child's homework folder.

We'll return to announcing the high collector in the next newsletter, so keep clipping!

-Ann Dages

**PS—Remember to register online at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) for store coupons, special discounts and a percentage your online purchases made through the site will automatically go to NE! There are many popular re-**

## Walking Club Update



**Walking club has resumed!** January 6th was our first day of walking since the holiday break, and the students were all ready to go. So far we have walked 571.5 miles and are approaching Disney World. Attention parents if anyone has any Disney memorabilia we could borrow or wishes to help plan the walking club year end party (Disney Theme) please contact either Lexi Moore @ 786-1724 or Erin at (802) 345-3913. Thank you as always to the parents and teachers who continue to brave the weather and volunteer for Walking Club. Above are some images from January 6th.

Reminder: 4 Laps = 1 Miles which equals 1 Toe Token. Tokens will go to the classrooms very soon!

## Reminder...

### Mathematics Session of the Principal's Tea, Thursday, January 13th



**Our next Principal's Tea will be this Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00-2:45 in the Northeast Library.** This gathering will bring a discussion about our Everyday Mathematics program and laying the foundations for mathematics skills, concepts, and problem solving. **Dana Johnson** (pictured), Math Coach will be presenting. **Come get a sense of your child's daily routine in their math instruction and learn about some activities you could be doing at home to help support your child's learning.** *Coffee, tea and treats will be served.*



### "Tardies' & Absences Can Lead to Academic Problems"

The first rule for doing well in school is a simple one: **Your child needs to be here and on time!**

Learning and instruction are incremental; that is, it is built successfully piece by piece and day by day! Missing a day of school means missing a day of learning. When these absences mount, "catching up" can be an overwhelming task.

'Tardies' are just as serious. It is your child's responsibility to arrive at school on time and prepared every day. Classroom activities begin at 9:00AM and children are considered late if they arrive at 9:05AM. Missing the bus is no excuse. Arriving late to class affects not only your child, but disrupts classmates' learning. What is the best way to eliminate 'tardies'? **Establish a routine-----and stick to it!**

To help your child arrive at school on time and ready to benefit from classroom instruction:

1. **Start mornings the night before.**
2. **Have him/her lay out his/her school clothes and help you prepare his/her lunch**
3. **Make sure you child has his/her backpack ready to go by the front door----with completed homework, library books, signed papers, etc.**
4. **Enforce a regular bedtime. Consider an earlier bedtime if your child has trouble getting up.**
5. **Give your child his/her own alarm clock-and the responsibility for getting to school on time!**

## Caring Canines Come to Northeast

Once a month The Reading Therapy Dogs visit Northeast School. Each student at Northeast will get an opportunity to read to a dog once or twice throughout the year. The kids go in pairs and bring their favorite book to read to the dog. While one student reads to the dog, the other pets the dog. The dogs are all very well behaved and calm. The kids love reading to the dogs and look forward to seeing them in the halls each month!



# Tapestry News

We all hope the holiday break was a great one for your family! **Our first request is for the children to come to Tapestry with ALL their winter gear!** We did pretty well however some were missing ski pants and boots! This is especially important as we go out everyday and we will be skating on Friday's the 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> (kindergarten will slide). Our sing-a-long at the Maples will be Wednesday Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>. We hope to get an outing to the bowling alley & will keep you informed of dates. Our swimming lessons are on hold as the schedule has changed. We are also planning a winter carnival for all the Tapestry programs in February.

Please check those homework folders!




















**Have emergency numbers changed?** Let us know as soon as it happens, as well as the NE office!

We were featured in THE MAPLES newsletter! As one little guy told a resident, "this is the best day ever!" We sang holiday songs, played our hand bells to Jingle Bells and were treated to ice cream and cupcakes, thanks to Mrs. Skuba and all of the residents for always welcoming us!

I will be meeting with Cindi Wight of the Rutland Recreation Department for our upcoming basketball clinics to be held at NE & NW with us coming together for a final game! This is a new & exciting collaboration between the two programs for our little ones! We will extend an invitation to watch us compete when the time comes ~stay tuned!

**Remember you are always welcomed to visit and let us know if you would like to share a special talent!**

**Diana Pfenning 786-1935 / Deborah Sanborn 770-1114 @RHS / NE School 773-1940 #0 / NE Gym 773-1940 #228**

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<b>Remember EVERYDAY to send your little one with:</b>	3 Welcome Back! Thank-you notes! 	4 Friendship group 	5 Arts & Crafts 	6 Music time 	7 Giant Toy Box! 	
<b>HAT MITTENS SKI PANTS JACKET</b>	10 Giant Toy Box! 	11 Friendship group 	12 Arts & Crafts 	13 Music time 	14 Ice Skating lessons 	<b>Have you Checked Your child's Folder?</b>
<b>BOOTS SWEAT-SHIRT EXTRA SOCKS!</b>	17 No School No Tapestry Martin Luther King day!	18 Friendship group 	19 Arts & Crafts 	20 Music time 	21 Ice Skating lessons 	
<b>RECESS IS FUN WHEN WE ARE WARM &amp; DRY!</b>	24 Giant Toy Box! 	25 Friendship group 	26 To The Maples 	27 Music time 	28 Ice Skating lessons 	<b>Do we have current phone numbers?</b>

## Reading is Fundamental



Northeast's first RIF distribution of books for the *new year* will be on **Monday, January 31st**. The theme will be "Friendship." Be sure to ask your child to share the book that he or she chose.



RIF's Books for Ownership service (formerly known as the National Book Program) motivates children, families, and community members to read together through a triad of principles basic to the entire RIF organization: book ownership, motivational activities, and family involvement in children's reading.



## PTC News

### Happy new year, and welcome back everyone!

The first of two ~FREE~ school-wide movie nights is scheduled for **Friday, January 21st at 5:30 PM in the gym**. Wear your PJs, bring the sleeping bag and pillow and have a snack (provided by the Northeast PTC) as you and your family watch an age-appropriate movie together. At press time, the students had not yet voted on their choice for the movie. Notice of their pick and other details will go home in your child's homework folder. Please contact any of the PTC board members if you'd like to assist.

**Next PTC meeting** – Monday, Jan. 10, 5:30pm

**PTC Meetings for 2011:** Feb. 7, 5:30pm, Mar. 7, 5:30pm, Apr. 4, (6pm), May 2, (6pm), June 6 (6pm)

Reminder that there is FREE childcare during the meetings at Northeast!

Please feel free to contact the PTC board at any time if you'd like to help with an event, or if you have any questions.

--Northeast PTC

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# January 2011

## Schedule of Events

- ♦ **January 10**, 5:30 PTC Meeting, NE Library
- ♦ **January 6, 13, 20, 27**—Mileage Club / Walking Club—during recreation
- ♦ **January 13**—Principal’s Tea with Math Coach, Dana Johnson
- ♦ **January 14**—School Spirit Day, “Mismatch Day”
- ♦ **January 17**—Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday—no school
- ♦ **January 21**—Movie Night 5:30
- ♦ **January 31**—RIF Book Distribution / January Birthday Celebration at lunch

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# February 2011

## Schedule of Events

- ♦ **February 7**—100th Day of School - Jump for the heart
- ♦ **February 7**, PTC Meeting, 5:30— including a Special School Budget presentation first at 5:00
- ♦ **February 3, 10, 24**—Mileage Club / Walking Club—during recreation
- ♦ **February 11**—School Spirit Day, “Red & White Day”
- ♦ **February 14– 18**—Winter Recess

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