

North Fork Elementary School Newsletter



September 2019

A Note From Mrs. Pearl



Welcome North Fork Families,

We are off to a great school year here at North Fork! Our hope is that every student and their families feel welcomed and part of our school. Please consider volunteering and being part of our family. You can get a volunteer packet in the school office.

I want to thank each and every family for your patience and support as we complete this journey of reconfiguring our schools. As I see students walk their younger brothers and sisters to class and watch our fourth-grade students supporting our kindergartners to the buses, I know the work and change was the right decision for our students and community. What a privilege it will be to watch our students grow and progress through their elementary years!

We would like to invite you to our Open House on September 26th 5 – 6:30 pm. Teachers will be sharing the curriculum for the year as well as classroom expectations. Students will have the opportunity to showcase their classroom work and what their day looks like. We will have two sessions, 5 – 5:25 pm and 5:30 – 5:55 pm. That way if you have multiple students you can attend more than one classroom. If your child is in a special program such as BOOST, Resource room, Highly Capable or our English Language Learners programs there will be presentations from 6:00 – 6:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you at Open House!

Here are a few things you can do to support your student and school:

- ✚ Please make sure any changes to transportation for your student occurs before 1:45 pm. We are unable to ensure students can get notes when the office is called at the very end of the day. Exceptions will be made for emergencies.
- ✚ We collect Box Tops! These little buggers really do bring in money for our school. We have a wonderful volunteer that sends them in for us.
- ✚ If any of your contact information changes, please let us know as soon as possible.
- ✚ If you haven't already signed up for ClassDojo or liked our Facebook page, you will want to do that. We share all sorts of information, pictures and events that are happening at North Folk!

I look forward to another year of growing and learning with our students. If you have any questions or concerns please, feel free to call, email or make an appointment for a visit. I would love to meet you.

Sincerely,
Denise Pearl
Principal

Upcoming Events

September 19

PTSA Mtg.
The first meeting will be at Columbia Elementary School at 6:00pm Thursday September 19th; in Jill Thoney's classroom.

September 20

Spirit Day

September 26

Open House
5:00pm to 6:30pm
Break Out Sessions: Lap, Hi-Cap, SPED, ELL

Picture Day

October 11 from 8:00am to 10:30am



A Note From The Nurse.....

Medications

School personnel are not allowed to give student any medicine, including over-the-counter medication or treatments (cough drops, lotion, etc.). When a medicine or treatment is needed at school the following rules must be observed:

1. Written permission by parent/guardian AND a doctor's order is required when medicine is needed at school.
2. Medication must be transported to school by parent and picked up by parent.
3. Prescription medication must be in the original container with a pharmacy label. Over-the-counter medicine must be in a new, unopened bottle or container.

Immunizations

If your child is not current on their immunizations, you will be contacted by the nurse. The student will have 30 days to receive the required immunizations. Please remember to turn in any shot records to the nurse as your child receives their immunizations.

Please feel free to give me a call if you have any questions or health concerns regarding your student. I am here to help and to keep your students safe and well!

Beth Robbins, RN
School Nurse
North Fork Elementary
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News from PTSA

Welcome back to school North Fork Elementary! We are excited for the upcoming school year and hope you are too. We want to invite you to our first meeting of the year on Thursday, September 19th at 6:00 PM at Columbia Elementary in Jill Thoney's classroom. We will be asking for volunteers for the annual Walk-a-Thon on Friday October 4th. If you have any questions, feel free to email us at woodlandptsa@gmail.com or find us on Facebook at Woodland PTSA.

Alexis Black - President



We Need YOU!

Would you like to make a difference in your child's school? Well, here's how!

Encourage them to try out the School Breakfast Program! Mornings can be hectic and making sure your kids eat a healthy breakfast can be difficult in the thick of the A.M. rush. Fortunately, a nutritious, balanced meal is offered in school at the start of each day! It's fun, easy, and provides your children with the fuel they need to energize their day and perform their very best. So don't let them run on empty...give school breakfast a try today!



Happy New School Year!

This year we are focusing on the theme of Hope. Our desire is to find the best in all students and encourage them to succeed in all of their life goals, both academically, career, and personally. To do this, we are teaching our students the Kids At Hope Pledge. Every morning, students will say the pledge to remind themselves that they are capable of **success NO EXCEPTIONS**. After the students state the pledge every teacher will say a pledge back to them.

Teachers and staff are pledging to find the "hidden treasures" in each and every student. We are calling staff "Treasure Hunters," and every staff member is on a mission to find the special and unique qualities of every single student at North Fork, then teaching students to use those qualities to reach their fullest potential.

So, parents and guardians, we invite YOU to join us in being Treasure Hunters! We encourage you to identify those special and unique qualities that make your student awesome, then teach your students to love those special things about themselves. You can even say the Treasure Hunter pledge to your students at home - whether in the morning getting ready for the day, or even just in the car!

Creating a mindset to look for the best will lead us to find such joy in ourselves and others! Too often we compare ourselves to others - kids and adults alike. We look at others and say "they are smarter, they are faster, their life is better." Then we start to listen to those thoughts, and lose our self-worth and confidence. Those things aren't true! We are each unique in our own and special way, and each person makes up a different piece of the puzzle. The world would be incomplete without you (kids and adults included)! Let's strive to remind ourselves of this, and teach and model this confidence for our children.

Let's remind our North Fork students to "be yourself - because everyone else is taken." Let's find those special things that make our students special, and teach them to love that part of themselves. Let's teach our students and ourselves to use those special qualities to reach goals and dreams and make the impossible possible! We are ALL capable of success - parents, guardians, students, teachers - NO EXCEPTIONS

Pledges (Said each morning as a school)

Kids At Hope Pledge -

"I am a kid at hope. I am talented, smart and capable of success. I have dreams for the future, and I will climb to reach those goals and dreams every day... no exceptions!"

Treasure Hunters Pledge -

"As an adult and a Treasure Hunter, I am committed to search for all the talents, skills and intelligence that exist in all children and youth. I believe that all children are capable of success... no exceptions!"

Focus for the Month:

Getting Plugged In

- ✚ Getting help is a strength, not a weakness challenges become easier when you have a positive support system to help you overcome them.
- ✚ You have the power to create a support system if you don't have one.
- ✚ You have the power to strengthen a support system if yours is weak.

~Teamwork ~ Support System ~ Heroes ~ Role Models ~ Inspire ~ Connections~

Color Wars! is a school wide competition where students can earn points for their team by showing the Woodland Way, dressing up for Spirit Days, and by helping their teams win different competitions on campus. Below are the teams for this year:

(Blue): Huwe, Craig, M.Long, Salmon, Leavens (Black): Sparkowich, O'Flynn, Carmen, Cutler, ELL, Resource (White) Canby, Anderson, Austin, Degroot, Heckman (Yellow): Gromes, Churchman, C.Long, Peterson, Kamel (Green) Rebstock, Miller, Manning, Volk, Boost, DSP

We conform to all the laws, statutes, and regulations concerning equal employment opportunities and affirmative action. We strongly encourage women, minorities, individuals with disabilities and veterans to apply to all of our job openings. We are an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin, age, disability status, Genetic Information & Testing, Family & Medical Leave, protected veteran status, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal or any other characteristic protected by law and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. We prohibit retaliation against individuals who bring forth any complaint, orally or in writing, to the employer or the government, or against any individuals who assist or participate in the investigation of any complaint or otherwise oppose discrimination. Inquiries regarding compliance procedures may be directed to the School District's Title IX Coordinator, Discrimination Officer and Affirmative Action Officer, Vicky Barnes, 800 Second St. Woodland, WA 98674, barnesv@woodlandschools.org, (360) 841-2702, or 504 Coordinator, Jake Hall, 800second St. Woodland, WA 98674, hallj@woodlandschools.org, (360) 841-2720