

Hello Northside Families!

I would like to announce that our annual Fall Scholastic Book Fair WILL be held Nov. 2, 2020-Nov. 6, 2020! While we still plan to hold the fair, I would like to explain how the fair will work, as it will be much different than it has been in the past.

First, our students will be unable to browse the fair prior to shopping. With our students divided into a hybrid schedule, all students will simply not be present for a browsing opportunity. However, each student will receive the fair flyer and the opportunity to shop! **Students will be shopping DURING THEIR LIBRARY CLASS PERIOD ONLY !** Families may also shop the fair online, using the link provided on the eWallet section of the back side of this sheet.

Second, because of COVID regulations in our district, parents and other family members will be unable to visit the fair to shop with their students during the regular school day. I know this is difficult, but it is an extra step to lessen student contacts. In order to keep our schools a safe place for all, we must abide by safety regulations as they are provided to us. **We will however have one evening for families to shop. This will be WEDNESDAY Nov. 4, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.. Everyone will need a temperature check, wash their hands before entering, and must wear a mask. This is for everyone's safety.**

Third, **due to the above restrictions on outside family members, I would like to HEAVILY ENCOURAGE that families create an eWallet for their student(s) to shop!** While our fair will still accept checks and cash, my hope is to largely decrease physical money brought into the fair. While a small step, this will also help with preventing COVID spread as staff will not be handling as much money from multiple households.

The eWallet is very easy, and works as follows:

1. Adults can visit the book fair website (on the back of this page), create an account for their student, and load money from any credit card into the account.
2. This will be easier if each student has their own separate account, so families with more than one child will need to create multiple accounts. I know this is an extra step, but will make it much easier to keep track of each student's spending money.
3. After money is loaded onto the student's account, they will simply visit the fair, choose their purchases, and the teacher at check-out will select their eWallet to pay for their purchases. You will only be charged for what your child spends, so any extra money put in their account comes back to you automatically.

Northside appreciates our families and their flexibility during this time! None of us have ever lived through a pandemic before, and our students are doing an excellent job of adapting to our new-for-now school setting.

Thank you so much for adapting along with them to help make this fair a success for our school! Our hope is to return to the normal fair operation as soon as it is safe to do so.

Please contact me if you have any questions or difficulty creating your eWallet accounts!

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Book Fair is coming SOON!! Make sure to set spending limit for your student. Check out our homepage TODAY and scroll to eWallet (**book fair account**) the new exciting way to pay at the fair and a great way to allow your child an easier way to shop when you can't be at school:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/northsideelementaryschool17>