



## NORTH FORK SCHOOL OF INTEGRATED STUDIES

November 13th, 2018

### Christi's Corner:

#### Calendar:

#### This week:

- Celebrate the Beat continues
- 1/12 1st and 2nd grade field trip to Thistle Whistle Farm 1:30-3:00.
- 11/15 - Thanksgiving Feast. If you would like to eat a Thanksgiving lunch with your child at the cafeteria, please come for their lunchtime. Be sure to RSVP to the front office for this event. 527-3639
- 11/15 - 3rd through 6th to Paradise Mountain Film Festival
- 11/16 - Celebrate the Beat Performance at VoTech Gym 4:30PM, please come and watch what the kids have learned.

#### Next week and Upcoming

- 11/21 - Thanksgiving Break
- 2nd and 5th and 6th grade field trips to Delta Library Health exhibit
- 11/30 - Strings concert at School
- 12/1 - Soup at the Blue Sage Holiday Fair
- 12/2 - Spiral Garden
- 12/15 - Winterfaire from 10-2, wonderful seasonal fun.

Gratitudes: Thanks to Sami and Thesa and the Lantern Walk team for organizing a gorgeous fall evening of festivities. The shadow puppet play was a lovely addition to the fire, gentle singing and quiet appreciation of the darkening time of year.

Thanks to the families who made it out to help with garden bed prep. There will be another opportunity to help out with the NFSIS beds soon.

Volunteers: We will soon be asking for donations of crock pots of soup and homemade bread for the Holiday Fair at the Blue Sage. It is a wonderful fundraiser for our school and a way to be seen in the community. Think up your favorite recipes and share them. Soon we will ask families for something specific.



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### Announcements:

3rd - 6th grade parents, be sure to come and watch your child perform in Celebrate the Beat on Friday of this week at 4:30 at the VoTech Gym. It will be a memorable performance.

Please fill out grandparent address that are enclosed.

### Orchestra Announcements

#### Dear Families:

Thank YOU for renting/obtaining violins for all the students! It's wonderful to have an instrument now for all students in class.

Mark your calendars! Our holiday concert will be held during the winter fair on Saturday, December 15 (time to be determined).

In the meantime- all students need to practice at home 4 times per week at least, to progress and become competent on their instruments.

Look for practice slips to come home on Wednesdays with instruments; these slips need to be signed and returned on Mondays.. Kay may also be sending home practice slips.

- Side note: Students should be practicing every day. If students keep their instruments in the classroom between Monday- Wednesday, they will need to practice extra over the weekend.

Beginning orchestra students ("Level 1") are playing on open strings and working through music on pages 15-18 in the "All for Strings" book. Holding the instrument and especially the bow is important to making a good tone on open strings. We are in the process of mastering this skill, and working on playing together/bowing together as a group. By December we should be able to add fingerings and play more songs.

\*If you don't have a book yet, please send in \$5.00 for a book and I'll provide one within a few weeks. In the meantime, I am copying pages for the students to take home and practice.



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**\*Stands are encouraged for all students. Stands can be purchased for \$13/ea. If you would like a stand, let me know and I will order them from Roper Music to be delivered to the classroom.**

**Intermediate orchestra students ("Level 2") with Kay are working on basic note and rhythm reading. They should be practicing their two songs on their warm-up page, in addition to "I'm a Little Tea Pot" melody and full arrangement. Later this month, they will have holiday songs to learn/practice.**

Colleen's Chronicles:

We made little snacks for the birds today with seeds and peanut butter. The kids got so messy. It was great!!



Please remind your children that they WILL have to wear a coat as it gets cold out. I require coats for temps below 40 degrees.

Last week we painted using blue and red to make purple. The paintings all turned out with different shades of purple. They are learning about mixing primary colors.

### **Jenica's Journal:**

The children have been busy writing full stories this week with a beginning, a middle, and an ending. This is the first graders first complete story. Sarah Sadler has begun to help our class one morning a week. She has been teaching kindergarten and first grade for many years and is a great asset.



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**Reading:** 1st graders will begin to bring home photocopies reading books. They can keep them, color them in and practice reading them to you. Please continue to read to your children nights and have the 2nd-grade children read to you a few times a week. If you need a book you can get them from the school.

**2nd-grade spelling list is: ant, elephant, bird, island, turtle, get, came, asked, there, here.** We practice these spelling words at school daily and feel free to help your students study.

**Math:** 2nd graders have also been working on the 4 times tables and should be close to knowing them.

**Afternoon snack:** I love to have extra snacks on hand in the afternoon. If you have an extra bag of rice cakes or box of fruit please send it to the class.

**Volunteers:** Thank you to all the parents who are in the classrooms and meetings on a regular basis. I would love to have backup reading and handwork volunteers for when someone cannot make it. If you are willing to be a backup, please fill out the form by my classroom door and let me know.

**MeBag Show-and-Tell: Please mark your child's date on your calendar!** I have created a schedule for their MeBag show-and-tell. The children can bring a wrapper from their favorite food, drawn or real pictures of their family, and their favorite toy or book.

**Aesha - 11/16**

**Bonhymn - 11/28 Charlie - 11/30**

### **Tricia's Tales:**

We started our next math block learning about money and time. We will continue this block through next week and finish up the week after we get back from Thanksgiving Break. This week students are learning about the history of money as well as currency from other countries. We will learn to estimate and calculate costs and change received when purchasing items. We will also learn about using the least amount of coins to purchase items.



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Next week we will learn about time. Students will learn about the history of clocks and time as well as how to tell time down to the minute on a clock. After Thanksgiving break we will learn all about how to calculate elapsed time and estimating how long it will take to get somewhere if we start at a certain time. This should be a fun and engaging block!

On top of all this Math learning, we have also started learning our lines for the play! **Our play will be on December 19th and 20th** so please let me know if you have any conflicts with those dates!

**Spelling words for the week** (money and time and a few homophones!):  
quarter, half, seconds, minute, our, hour, cents, since

### *Lauren's Ledger:*

In our new block, we will be constructing aesthetically pleasing designs in geometry for the next two weeks. We will apply our knowledge to find the areas of different shapes and learn many new geometric formulas.