



NORTH FORK SCHOOL OF INTEGRATED STUDIES

September 3rd, 2019

Christi's Corner:

Calendar:

Upcoming important dates

- 9/3 and 9/10 - Health and Vitality classes for K - 6
- 9/6 - Forest school for K, 1st and 4/5/6
- 9/11 - Community Council - 4:30 - 6 PM at school
- 9/12 - Kindergarten parent meeting 4 - 5:30PM
- 9/27 - Festival of Courage Play in Paonia Park
- 9/30 - Parent teacher conferences

Gratitudes: Thanks to all parents and families who came to the Back to School night.

Peach Pickin!!

Please Participate in our fundraiser. Pick peaches this Thursday from 4 to 5:30, or Saturday morning from 9 to noon Moon River Farms. See the enclosed flyer, and share with friends. This is such a great way to bring funds into our school early in the year. It's a win-win situation!

Volunteer Forms

Please read and fill out the enclosed volunteer form. We would love to have your participation and help in our school this year. There are many opportunities for this. Please circle at least three events you can participate in, and if you can lead any put a star next to that event. Please return to your classroom teacher or Christi as soon as you can.

Important Dates

Please post the important dates sheet somewhere in your house! It will be a great reference for large school events as well as Community Council meetings. There will be reminders about these events as well.

Back to School Notes

For those of you who were unable to attend back to school night, there is a back-to-school night notes sheet with details of what was covered.



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Forest School

Classes will be doing outdoor for school on alternating Fridays, so that bus use can be maximized. Your child's teacher will be checking in with you about when their class will be going outside. Please see the enclosed prepared list so that your child can be ready for these outdoor days. Remember, this is a great time to volunteer and enjoy getting to know your child's classmates and teacher.

T-shirts

NFSIS shirts are for sale. We are putting together an order for fall. Please see Christi or email her if you would like to order a t-shirt for your child.

Continue to use side entrance

Please continue to use the side entrance for entry and exit for NFSIS. Our doors will close at 8:15, and be locked. After that time, please go to the front of the building, check in with Desi, and get a late slip before coming to the classroom. Please be very aware of parking, and you can always choose to park in the Vo-Tech area for safety, especially if you plan to stay and help, or your child wants to play for longer at pick up. Remember, teachers dismiss students, and are only required to stay outside until 3:40. So be sure to pick up your child on time, at 3:25.



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Highlights:

Kindergarten:

The Kindergarten loved going to Julietta's this past Friday to learn about and ride horses. It was a great outside day. This Friday for Forest School we will go to the town park to find materials we can use for upcoming projects. We will begin our Michaelmas circle tomorrow.

1st grade

First grade is loving learning and developing great friendships. We performed our beanbag poem for the school this morning full of pride. We are in the last week of our Form Drawing block before we begin our Language Arts block. We have begun writing sight words and practicing memory reading.

Please make sure your children have tennis shoes on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Please send a pair of slippers or indoor shoes.

2nd/3rd grade

We have been moving along in our studies on time. Children are learning to read clocks and tell time. We have been focused on our Michaelmas songs and children are excited about remembering old songs and learning new ones as well.

4th grade

Fourth Grade is continuing their Geography study of the Self and their surroundings. We will be learning about the founding of Paonia and the North Fork Valley along with our official town song. We will also practice our grammar skills with our writing from last week's homework.

5th/6th grade

The 5th and 6th grade continue to make beautiful and colorful geometric shapes this week. We were introduced to the compass and used it to make precise circles and shapes. Students learned that ratio is important when making shapes of different sizes. This Friday, the 4th, 5th and 6th grade will start our first Friday Forest School venturing to Erickson Springs Campground to hike on Dark Canyon trail into the Raggeds Wilderness area. We will learn how to make a nature journal and also learn more about "Leave no trace" practices and how we can take care of our public lands while enjoying them.