



## NORTH FORK SCHOOL OF INTEGRATED STUDIES

September 10th, 2019

### Christi's Corner:

#### Calendar:

#### Upcoming important dates

##### This week:

- 9/9 - Gardening enrichment starts
- 9/11 - Community Council - 4:30 - 6 PM at school
- 9/12 - 2nd/3rd cooking/lunch at Trading Post
- 9/12 - Kindergarten parent meeting 4 - 5:30PM

##### Later on:

- 9/19 - Picture Day!
- 9/20 - 6th grade Cottonwood Days
- 9/27 - Festival of Courage Play in Paonia Park
- 9/30 - Parent teacher conferences

*Gratitudes: Thanks to Sami Akert and Ana Kampe for co-leading the festivals group this year. We are so excited to have them both.*

*Thanks to Moriah Whoolilurie for volunteering to be our Parent Coordinator. Thanks to Ann Marie for running the Pick a Peach fundraiser, we raised about \$1400 and yum!!*

*Thanks to Grandma Pat for teaching gardening this enrichment block.*

*Thanks to all who have filled out and returned volunteer sheets.*

#### Community Council

Please join us for Community Council, tomorrow, Wednesday September 11th, from 4:30 to 6. We will be discussing various agenda items that will affect school policy. Your input and discussion is appreciated and encouraged. All are welcome.



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### Volunteer Forms

Please fill out the yellow volunteer form from last week. 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.

### 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.

### Highlights:

#### Kindergarten:

Kindergarten is in full swing now! We have enjoyed a trip to Julietta's farm and a walk to the town park. We painted with yellow last week and will use blue this week. We are loving our Autumn circle. Please ask your children to sing it for you, they are memorizing it more each day.

**Please remember we have parents night this week on Thursday. We will be sewing little ones for your children. If you might need child care please let me know. I will see if I can arrange it. We will be here from 4-5:30.**

#### 1st grade

The first grade began their Language Art's block this week. They will hear anchor stories for the letters D, B and M. The first grade loved their first gardening class where they thrashed the wheat. They will also have their first mindfulness lesson with Mrs. Janice.

The class is excited about being starts in the Michaelmas play. For our Forest Friday field trip we will be going to Pat Frazier's Peace and Plenty Farm on Redlands Mesa with the 2nd and 3rd grade classes. Students will learn about seed saving, animal husbandry, making bird feeders, stream ecology, and potato picking.



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### 2nd/3rd grade

In math, children are learning the value of coins and money and adding and subtracting amounts. In writing, we are hearing the story of Stalking Wolf and reviewing the story each day so that we can accompany our pictures with descriptive captions. Thanks to all the reading helpers, we have established reading groups this week and I will assign chapter books next week. Looking forward to two field trips this week. We are cooking at the Trading Post this Thursday and visiting Pat's farm for a full day on Friday. I think we are covered for help on Friday, but need a driver and helper for cooking. Let me know if you can help.

### 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 be visiting the Paonia museum to look at realia from the history of town. We are also working on grammar and writing integrated with this local history topic.

### 5th/6th grade

The 5th and 6th Grade class is continuing our Geometry Block this week. We are using the compass and ruler as our primary tools to create our shapes. This week we are learning about the parts of a circle, how to make a 6-pointed star mandala, an impossible pentagon, and a 12-pointed star. On Friday, the 4th, 5th and 6th Grade had a successful first Friday Forest School learning about the 7 principles of Leave No Trace and also creating our first Nature Journal Entry to document our year out in nature.