



NORTH FORK SCHOOL OF INTEGRATED STUDIES

***Due to small enrollment, Lauren is cancelling her Parent Night this Wednesday ***

February 11th, 2020

Christi's Corner:

Calendar:

Upcoming important dates

This week:

- 2/10 - Celebrate the Beat starts for 2nd - 6th grade
- 2/12 - Community Council 4:30 - 6
- 2/13 - Cooking for 4th at Trading Post
- 2/13 - Hula Hoops performance at 2:30

Later on:

- 2/17 - 2/22 - Winter Break
- 2/24 - Celebrate the Beat continues
- 3/2 - Parent teacher conferences AFTER SCHOOL (see below for details)
- % - CTB performance for 2 - 6th grade
- 3/6 - Powderhorn Day for NFSIS
- 3/12 - 6th grade Knowledge Bowl
- 3/16 - Marimba residency begins
- 3/16 - Parent Education Night with Tim and Patti Conolly - the child from age 6 - 13
- 3/18 and 19 - 5th and 6th grade class play - Odysseus
- 3/26 - Marimba performace
- 4/6 - STATE TESTING begins for 3 - 6th grade

Gratitudes:

Great thanks to all of our reading helpers! It is so wonderful to watch the children grow as readers with your guidance.

A HUGE gratitude to Miss Taylor, who has helped and subbed so much in the first grade classroom so that Ms. Schevene can go through her grieving process.

Aide position at NFSIS open NOW!



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NFSIS has a current opening for a part time (20 hours per week) aide position. We are so sad to lose Ashia Miller, but an opportunity opened up for her through her other job, and she will no longer be working for NFSIS once we find a replacement for her. One of our best sources for quality staff comes right from our community of dedicated parents. If you are interested in joining our staff, or know someone who would be excellent, please talk to Christi and/or apply on the Delta County School district website.

Community Council

Pat Frazier has kindly put together a google doc of last month's minutes. You can find it at:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Jd10tKOc6mNFIC6V388cAhtgt3KOJR4FioFhd56ym-A/edit?usp=sharing>

Community Council will be held this week from 4:30 - 6 at school. It is a great place to voice your opinions, affirmations and concerns on many topics. Feel free to add topics to the agenda as well. The agenda for Wednesday will include:

Debrief Candelmas

Update on Conversation and craft activity

Further parent education topics throughout rest of year

Update on Pedagogy position

Open conversation about scheduling desires

Parent Teacher Conferences

Spring semester parent teacher conferences are upon us - March 2nd, after school. Children DO have school that day. These conferences are either by invite or request. If your child's teacher feels that a conference is in order, she will be emailing you directly with an invitation time for March 2nd, after school.

If you would like to have a conference about your child, please email your child's teacher directly, and they will schedule one for you after school on 3/2.

In House Art Opportunity

CRAFT and CONVERSATION. "Bringing Waldorf Methods into the Home.

WHO: YOU are invited to join Alima and Barbara Rose

WHEN: THURSDAYS before Valentine's Day 2:15pm---till dismissal.

WHERE: NFSIS parent corner

WHAT TO BRING: YOURSELF---Sorry No Kiddos----any art supplies you are willing to share.(We will bring lots of ours)

Celebrate the Beat

Celebrate the Beat is IN Paonia to work with our K-6th graders.



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DREAM TEAM will be held on Tuesdays, and Wednesdays after school in the Gym from 3:30 pm-4:45 pm open to **6th Graders who want to take their dance to the next level.**

- *Tuesday Feb. 11th & *Wednesday Feb. 12th
- *Tuesday Feb. 25th & *Wednesday Feb. 26th
- *Tuesday Mar. 3rd & *Wednesday Mar. 4th

TEACHER & PARENT DANCE will be held on Wednesdays after DREAM team in the Gym from 4:45-5:20pm.

- *Wednesday Feb. 12th
 - *Wednesday Feb 26th
 - *Wednesday Mar. 4th
- Performances *Thursday March 5th - all school rehearsal during school hours and evening performance.

Being involved with Celebrate the Beat is a great opportunity to get your body moving and take advantage of a super-cool program that helps to teach grit, stamina, and teamwork. All NFSIS parents are invited to participate, even if you have a younger child - let's show up and support this program!

Testing

State testing for 3rd - 6th grade will be during the week of April 6th - 17th.
Please see Christi with any questions.



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Highlights

Kindergarten

Please send your kids with Valentines this Friday. Please try to make the time to create 19 handmade valentines each with the names of the children in our class. Ideas could be - cutting hearts out of a beautiful drawing or painting, classic construction paper and doilies, cutting and sewing felt. *We are making heart envelopes to put valentines in.*

We encourage you to enjoy this time with your child and fully focus on their project with them. You will likely enjoy as much as they do and it will be a wonderful memory for you to make together.

We will have a Valentine's Day celebration on Friday. We will plan to go to the town park Friday and return at 2:15 for Music and to deliver Valentines. If you would like to help or join please let me know.

We are finishing up our gnomes circle this week. We will also be telling our Evergreen story as a puppet show this week and finishing it up as a play when we return from break. We have enjoyed a few walks together looking for the type of trees from our story and children can pick them out easily.

First Grade

Miss Taylor has taken the First grade for their week before break. She is introducing a Russian fairy tale and also the story of Snow White. The class is doing both writing and drawing around these topics. The class is acting out Snow White and playing theater games to deepen their comprehension of the stories. Children are creating beeswax work of Snow White - many kids made poisonous combs, and poisonous apples - it was pretty fun!

The class is getting excited about the hula hoop performance on Thursday. They are also happy to be continuing with CTB for one day this week.

Second/Third Grade

The kids have enjoyed our science block the last couple weeks. We have explored how solids, liquids, and gases change when they are heated or cooled. Our most tasty experiment was ice cream, and we will make bath bombs for Valentines Day later this week.

Due to small enrollment, I am cancelling our Parent Night this Wednesday. We will resume parent evenings when Tim and Patty Connolly return to the valley for a night of education. The kids had a lot of academic growth the last six weeks and I look forward to our Math Measurement block when we return from break.



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Fourth Grade

We are developing as narrative writers and storytellers this week! Students will also be participating as an audience to support their peers as they make their writing come to life. We hope to be ready to present by the end of this week...Please stay tuned, and I will be in touch!

4th graders will be dancing and grooving every morning with *Celebrate the Beat*...even Mrs. Haines joined in-- lots of fun!

We will be cooking at the Trading Post this Thursday, starting at 10am--you are welcome to join us and support our fun with food!

Fifth/Sixth Grade

The 4th, 5th and 6th-grade had a great time cooking at the Trading Post last week. We celebrated Bob Marley's 75th birthday by making a delicious Jamaican feast! We are also delighted to welcome Taydin Petitt into our 5th grade.

This week we are finishing up our Astronomy block as we make our way to Winter Break.

We started *Celebrate the Beat* this week and will continue that after we get back from Winter Break. We continue to practice for our upcoming play everyday. Please make sure your kids practice their parts over break so they are ready to perform a few weeks after we get back.

This Friday, we will have another Forest Friday with cross country skiing this time. We will probably go to the Smith Fork area in Crawford. Thanks again to our drivers and chaperones. Have a great break!



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