



NORTH FORK SCHOOL OF INTEGRATED STUDIES

February 25th, 2020

Christi's Corner:

Calendar:

Upcoming important dates

This week:

- 2/24 - Celebrate the Beat continues
- Clay enrichment starts for all students

Later on:

- 3/2 - Parent teacher conferences **AFTER SCHOOL** (see below for details)
- 3/2 - CTB performance for 2 - 6th grade
- 3/6 - Powderhorn Day for NFSIS
- 3/11 - Community Council and Conversation 4:30 - 6
- 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 - **PLEASE MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR**
- 3/18 and 19 - 5th and 6th grade class play - Odysseus
- 3/26 - Marimba performance
- 4/6 - **STATE TESTING** begins for 3 - 6th grade

Gratitudes:

Thanks to parents who are getting kids to school on time! Our classes are full and ready to go at 8:05.

Aide position at NFSIS open NOW!

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.



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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.

Community Council

Our next Community Council is Wednesday, March 11th from 4:30 - 6.

We will put out a short agenda for the meeting.

We want to remind you that Community Council is an opportunity for anyone in our school community to bring forward concerns and growth opportunities for our school. It is a forum to welcome all voices to share in the positive growth of our school.

Celebrate the Beat

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

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

Welcome back from break! I hope everyone had a great time.

This week we created drawings about our break, mixed colors to reveal a beautiful sunrise and will continue the rest of the week with yarn work, baking and stone soup.

If you have some vegetables or broth for soup that you could bring on Friday that would be great. We love our stone soup!

We started our new circle today. The 3 Little Pigs. I think the children will enjoy it as we learn it together.

We will finish up our Evergreen story this week by acting it out and will begin 3 Little Pigs next week.

Parent teacher conferences are on Monday 3/2. Thanks to all of you who are meeting with me. I appreciate it very much.

First Grade

Ms. Schevene is back!

Students are diving into math and writing as the academics ramp up for 1st semester. Kids are ready to learn and absorb.

See Ms. Schevene's letter for more details.

Second/Third Grade

We have begun our Measurement Block. We are measuring all things and learning the history of how linear measurement came to be. Many practical and inspiring mathematical concepts exist in this block, like estimating lengths, using measuring tools, comparing lengths, and using addition and subtraction to relate lengths. Kids enjoy scavenger hunts while measuring all things, and today they will find the average foot length in our class.

I have put an email out to all those who will meet with me during conferences on March 2nd. If you did not receive a message and you would like to request a meeting, please let me know. Thank you all for a wonderful break, the children seem ready for intentional learning and joyful times!



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Fourth Grade

4th graders are becoming great storytellers and really working on descriptive language! We would love for you to come and see our presentation this Thursday at 10 am on the landing (our classroom).

We are also focusing on the responsibility of our learning from school to home and back...thank you for supporting us with our homework schedule and folder! We will be transitioning to the final stage of our human and animal unit with the current issue of wolf reintroduction. Guest speakers, mock town council meeting, clay projects, poetry, songs, and more to come with this unit.

Fifth/Sixth Grade

The 5th and 6th-grade finished up our Astronomy block and we are now starting our Drama block that includes our Class Play. The Class Play is on March 18th and 19th. The kids are getting excited to perform in front of the school and family. Please continue to help them practice their lines and make sure their voices are clear when they say their lines. We will need some parents to help with the sets next week. We have a boat that is missing stands to hold it up that we need to remake as well as stands for the pillars. Please let me know if you can help out with this.

Next Monday is Parent/Teacher conferences after school. These conferences are by request of either the teacher or parent so not everyone will get a time slot. In today's Tuesday express you will see a time I scheduled for you. If you do not see a request, I haven't scheduled a conference with you. If you would like a conference scheduled, please let me know.

Next Friday, we will go to Powderhorn for our Friday Forest School. If you want to drive and join us, please let me know if you can and how many students you can drive. The students are finishing up their Constellation essays this week. They will bring their drafts home to transfer into a final draft in cursive into their Main Lesson books. They will also be drawing the constellation into their books to go along with their essay.

The Medieval Games for 6th-Grade and the Pentathlon for 5th-Grade are coming up in May. We need a parent coordinator from each grade, for each event. Please let me know if you can be there to help out. It is a fun event and a great way to show your support is by attending and also helping out!

Thanks again for the support and please continue to encourage the students to work hard on their lines!



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