



# NORTH FORK SCHOOL OF INTEGRATED STUDIES

February 25th, 2020

## Christi's Corner:

### Calendar:

### Upcoming important dates

#### This week:

- 3/2 - Parent teacher conferences AFTER SCHOOL (see below for details)
- 3/3 - Tricia and Christi spend the day at Roaring Fork Waldorf School
- 3/4 - CTB performance for 2 - 6th grade at 4 PM at the VoTech gym
- 3/6 - Powderhorn Day for NFSIS

#### Later on:

- 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 teachers for burning the midnight oil this week with Parent Teacher conferences and CTB practices!*

### Powderhorn

The 3 - 6 graders will be going to Powderhorn this winter on 3/6. You can purchase a reduced lift ticket as a parent, it is a lot of fun.

PLEASE get Powderhorn checks to us by WEDNESDAY for the trip on the 3/6. Make checks out to NFSIS, \$60 FOR rental/lift/lesson, \$55 FOR rental/lift/lesson, \$48 FOR lesson only.

### Fees

Please take a look at your fee letter. Please talk to Christi with questions or concerns.



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### 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

#### **PERFORMANCE TIME!!**

**When?** This Thursday March 5th @ 4:00pm.

**Where?** The Votech Gym (Old Middle School in Paonia)

Your child will stay at school **this Thursday March 5th**, after school till the show at **4:00pm** supervised by CTB, PES & NFSIS Staff. PLEASE SEND AN EXTRA SNACK FOR THEM TO EAT AFTER SCHOOL.

**Please pick up your child no later than 4:45pm from the VoTech.**

This performance is free and open to the community.

### Upcoming Parent Night - 3/16

Parent Night with Patti and Tim Connolly Monday March 16th 5:30pm-7pm  
NFSIS stage area.

Babysitting provided by PELA students. Please only bring your child if you NEED babysitting, a smaller number of kids makes it a more successful night for all involved.

**Topic: Looking at the whole child through the 6-12yr old stage...**

What are the unique ways in which the Waldorf approach educates the "Whole Child" through this heartstage of childhood?

How does the Waldorf Approach not only prepare a child to meet the future but support the child's life long curiosity and ethical engagement in the world?

Please bring your questions...



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### Orchestra

Please see the enclosed orchestra letter for grades 4 - 6.

### March Conference - Indigenous Voices in Education

DATES: FRIDAY, MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup> AND 28<sup>TH</sup> 2020

LOCATION: NORTH FORK SCHOOL of INTEGRATED STUDIES  
430 BOX ELDER AVE, PAONIA CO 81428

TIMES: 5:30pm FRIDAY,  
9:30am to 5pm SATURDAY

PRESENTERS: Tiokasin Ghosthorse, Thesa Callinicos, Jadina Lilien, , Dave Graber.

Tiokasin Ghosthorse has a long history with Indigenous activism and advocacy. He is the Founder, Host and Executive Producer of "First Voices Radio" (formerly "First Voices Indigenous Radio") for the last 27 years in New York City and Seattle/Olympia, Washington. Tiokasin speaks frequently at venues such as Yale University's School of Divinity, Ecology and Forestry focusing on the cosmology, diversity and perspectives on the relational/egalitarian vs. rational/hierarchical thinking processes of Western society. Add to his talents musicianship for which he had been recognized with a nomination for Indigenous Music Award.

A master musician and a teacher of magical, ancient and modern sounds, Tiokasin performs worldwide and has been featured at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine, Lincoln Center, Madison Square Garden, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Apollo Theatre, and the United Nations, and uncountable universities and concert venues. Tiokasin serves on boards of several charitable organizations dedicated to bringing non-western education to Native and non-Native children. In 2016, he was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize from the International Institute of Peace Studies and Global Philosophy. Tiokasin is "a perfectly flawed human being" and a Sundancer in the cosmology of the Lakota Nation.

### 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

Thank you to everyone who sent food for stone soup on Friday. It was our biggest batch yet! I really appreciate the donations.

Please ask your child about the picture they will bring home today. It is their interpretation of our Evergreen story. I find it so neat how different each picture is and how each child took something unique away from the story.

This week is Forest Friday. I would like a parent or 2 for our walk. We will go for a picnic in the park and play.

I will start telling the 3 Little Pigs story this week. It should be fun as it matches our circle as well.

Please remember to leave toys at home. Toys cause problems and get broken or lost. It is always better to keep them home.

#### First Grade

We love the warm weather. It was wonderful to meet with many of you last night. This week the class is beginning their Math Block and will start to learn the lines to their class play. Look in your folders for the spelling words. The children have been enjoying their clay enrichment and are excited for the warm weather.

Please remember to send your children with inside shoes, and tennis shoes for games on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Also, please remember to send snacks to school every day.

#### Second/Third Grade

Thank you for putting in the time to discuss your children at parent conferences this week. It's amazing to see the academic and social/emotional growth of all your kids. We have been very busy learning new math concepts. Not only have we been studying standard measure but third graders have learned how to find the area and perimeter of quadrilaterals. Second grade is reviewing time, as well. The class looks forward to showing you *celebrate the beat* performances, see you on Thursday at 4:00.

*Please remember to study spelling and send the 3rd grade math homework back to school on Friday. Double check the math work so that the kids are reminded on how to carry and borrow with multiple digit subtraction and addition.*



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### Fourth Grade

The number 5 is important this week: Did you know that a wolf's howl can be heard 5 miles away...its print can be as large as a 5x5 inch print...and it can have about 5 pups in a litter per year? We are learning more in depth about wolves and the issues around them as we prepare ourselves to write persuasive statements and develop arguments for and against wolf reintroduction. Thank you, Adam Gall, for your expertise and presenting and guiding class discussion on this topic as our guest!

Thank you, parents, for all meeting with me for conferences--your support and continued communication is so valuable! Please help your child with developing a routine of the daily practices written in their red folder.

### Fifth/Sixth Grade

The 5th and 6th grade completed our constellation projects including essays and drawings. The students worked hard and the completed projects were impressive. We learned a lot about the different constellations tied to our astrological signs and the different myths that tie back to our Greek Mythology learning. We continued our Adventures of Odysseus play practice last week, perfecting our lines and even using props as we get ready for our performances on March 18th and 19th. I will need some parents to help with costumes and set work in the coming weeks.

We also have been enjoying the Celebrate the Beat dance program the past few weeks. This Thursday afternoon at 4 pm, we will perform for parents and family. Please join us for this amazing production at the Vo-Tec building across the playground from our school. Also, this Friday, we have our last Powderhorn Snowsports day. Please make sure to send in your money if your child will be participating again. We are also looking for a few parents to help drive and chaperone the kids. It looks like a great sunny day to ski so far! Have a great week and please keep practicing the play lines with your kids. It's going to be a great play!



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