



NORTH FORK SCHOOL OF INTEGRATED STUDIES

March 11th, 2020

Christi's Corner:

Calendar:

Upcoming important dates

This week:

- 3/11 - Community Council and Conversation 4:30 - 6
- 3/12 - 6th grade Knowledge Bowl
- 3/12 - Concert - New Morse code 2:15 - 3:15 at school

Later on:

- 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
- 3/16 - Afterschool "extra" marimbas group for 4 -6th grade begins, Mondays and Wednesdays until 3/26
- 3/18 and 19 - 5th and 6th grade class play - Odysseus
- 3/19 and 3/24 - Parent Marimba practices for PARENTS/TEACHERS (hint, this is FUN?)
- 3/26 - Marimba performance
- 3/27 - March Conference - Indigenous Voices in Education
- 4/6 - STATE TESTING begins for 3 - 6th grade

Gratitudes:

Thanks to Emma and crew with CTB - the dance was uplifting and so well put together.

Thank you to the amazing reading helpers for 1st - 3rd grade who show up weekly and help us differentiate reading instruction for the kids!

Fees

Please take a look at your fee letter. Please talk to Christi with questions or concerns. We very much need to know your plan for fees so that we can be confident in our budget.



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Community Council

Our next Community Council is THIS 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.

Creamery Delta County Schools Art Show

THIRD ANNUAL CREAMERY ARTS CENTER STUDENT ART SHOW

OPENING; FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH

TIME: 6PM UNTIL 8PM

ADDRESS: 165 Bridge St. Hotchkiss CO

The show will run from March 13th until March 28th

Featuring student's work from;

- * Surface Creek, Delta and North Fork Vision Charter Academy
- * Creamery "Art from the Heart"
- * Creamery Kids Clay Studio
- * North Fork Montessori @ Crawford
- * North Fork School of Integrated Studies

Please join us in celebrating our talented students.

Refreshments and music will be provided.



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Upcoming Marimba Residency - see attachments in your folder

Marimba details

- 3/16 - 3:30- 4:45pm: Afterschool marimba group begins. Open to all 4th-6th graders who want to play more marimba rehearses Mondays and Wednesdays of the residency in the Vo-Tech.
- 3/19 - 3:50- 5pm Parent/teacher marimba group rehearsal open to all NFSIS parents and teachers.
- 3/24 - 3:50- 5pm Parent/teacher marimba group rehearsal.
- 3/26 - 2:30pm all school marimba concert at the Vo-Tech.
and 6pm marimba concert at the Vo-Tech for parents and community members.

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?



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March Conference - Indigenous Voices in Education

DATES: FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH AND 28TH 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

This week we are continuing our Three Little Pigs circle and story. I think the kids are enjoying them.

I asked the children their wish for spring. The pictures coming home today illustrate their answers. Such great work!!

This Friday is Stone Soup. I still have the fixings for broth (Thanks Tali's family), but could use some veggies. I really appreciate everything you all send in and how supportive you are of our learning.

Thanks to all who helped last week. It was a busy week and I am grateful for the extra hands!

It seems the weather is all over the place. On that note, please bring boots and tennis shoes if possible. We switch them out often during the day with this ever changing weather. Slippers are great for indoors too.

If you haven't looked in the display case by our room lately, I ask you to take a peek. We have a few of our projects in there and it's looking quite springy. See if your child can show you their work!

First Grade

The 1st grade had a wonderful hike to Jumbo mountain on Friday. Last week we reviewed addition, subtraction, and doubling. This week we will work on multiplication of 2's, 3's and 10s. In the mornings it is important for the children to stay outside until 8:00 am when school starts.

This Week

SPELLING: Please continue to practice the spelling words with your children for our spelling test on Friday. See attached list.

SNACK: The children are often hungry at 2:10 and only some of them have leftover snacks or lunch. I am collecting snacks in the room to share with the children at this time. If you would like to contribute some healthy snack ingredients please do. The class enjoys food like rice cakes and peanut butter, fruit, nuts, etc...

READING: The children are working hard at reading. The children should be bringing phonics books home once a week. Please have them practice reading to you.

- I am looking for one more reading volunteer once or twice a week. Reading is from 12:30 to 1:10 Monday and Wednesday.



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PET SHOW-AND-TELL will begin on Wednesday and Friday morning beginning next week. Please bring a pet, a stuffed animal or a favorite toy to share first thing in the morning at 8:15. We will continue from youngest to oldest. Mareyna on Wednesday and Sharkey on Friday.

CLASS PLAY: Also, please remember that our class play will be April 15th and 16th so please plan your spring break accordingly.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Second/Third Grade

We had a busy week last week with conferences, the dance performance, and Forest Friday trips to Powderhorn and Jumbo.

This week, we dive further into measurement, studying liquid, weight, and dry measure. At the end of next week, I would like to celebrate our block by baking a big cake. If anyone can help us cook in the classroom on the 19th, let me know.

Our third grade, guest math teacher, Ms. Kim, is making huge progress with the students' skill level in math. Third graders are beginning to practice for their first State Math tests, hence the math word problems sent home for homework. Let me know if anyone has questions about the state testing.

Fourth Grade

Powderhorn was sunny and relaxing as we cruised the slopes last Friday! We will be cross country skiing on the Grand Mesa next Friday, and this will be our last snow day before we get back into our hiking boots for Forest Fridays.

Next Wednesday and Thursday is the play, and your child may be in it with the 5th and 6th graders--please be sure they are practicing with expression aloud at home every day!

This is our last week of the Human & Animal unit. We are preparing statements and arguments for a "mock town meeting" where we each will take a different position to support our viewpoints on wolf reintroduction. Students are learning about persuasive and opinion writing through this focus and are thoroughly enjoying the complexity and excitement of this current issue soon to be on the actual ballot this fall.



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Fifth/Sixth Grade

The 5th and 6th Graders enjoyed our snowsports day at Powderhorn on Friday. There were many smiling faces going down the mountain!

We are in the final stretches of our *Adventures of Odysseus* play rehearsals. Please make sure your student is practicing their lines every evening after school. We need to show more emotion in our performances. Please ask your students to practice out loud with you so they can hear their voices. Pay attention to the emotion in their voices and if you see it looks like they are excited in the scripts, make sure the kids are showing that emotion in their body and voice.

I need parents to help do some costume sewing this week as well as set preparation. We need a new stand for our ship as our original one went missing. Please stop by to see what we need and help us out. Also, on Friday after school, we need to put up all the backdrops and get the stage ready for our play. **IT IS NEXT WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY!!!**

5th Grade parents, please check your email about the Pentathlon. The event is on May 7, so check your calendar and get your student registered. You need to register your child to go this week or we will not be able to go. I also need parent volunteers and coordinators. It is so fun to watch the kids at this event so please help out.

Next Friday will probably be our last cross country ski day for the year. I hope to go to the Grand Mesa to County line because there should be plenty of snow and it is our last day. Please let me know if you would like to come along. We have to turn the skis in by the end of March and then we will start hiking again. Have a great week!



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