



# NORTH FORK SCHOOL OF INTEGRATED STUDIES

May 5th, 2020

## **Christi's Corner:**

Hello all,

The warm weather is starting to melt our snowpack and feed our streams to help grow our trees, grasses and gardens. I hope that you are all taking advantage of this beautiful time, when it is not too hot and not too cool - just right!

With two more weeks of distance learning ahead, we encourage you to help your children finish strong, and complete as much work as they can, while maintaining the rhythm of the family life you have created during this safe at home time.

As we head from the Equinox, toward the Solstice, may we all open our hearts to offer love and generosity to each other in whatever way we can.

Best,  
Christi G.

## Calendar:

### Upcoming important dates

#### **This week:**

- 5/4 - Packet/work supplies pick up at school
- Teacher office hours daily

#### **Upcoming:**

- 5/4 - Packet/work supplies pick up at school
- 5/11 - Last week of planned Distance Learning
- 5/18 - Times for Kinder through 5th grade students to say goodbye to teachers - see more below.
- 5/20 - *Community Council meeting 4:30 - 6PM - Date changed. This will be a "Change, Keep, Add" reflection for the year.*
- 5/18 - 5/29 - Students will complete all work and do make up work if needed
- 5/26 - *Kindergarten Fly Away - this is MOVED to 5/18*
- 5/27 - 6th grade graduation 1:30 - 3. This will be a Zoom graduation. Details to follow.



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### Gratitudes:

*Thanks to all of you who sent in beautiful notes of appreciation for Principals Day and for teacher appreciation week. All of us were extremely touched by the love in this community.*

### Saying goodbye to teachers

We want all students to have the opportunity to say "Goodbye" to their teachers for the summer and also to meet their new teacher for next year if they have one! Your child's teacher will be sending out a Google Doc for you to sign up to say "Goodbye" on 5/18. This will be the Kinder Fly Away and Grades 1 - 5. 6th graders will have this opportunity on Graduation Day, 5/27. Have your child think of a few highlights from the year that they can share with their teacher.

### New staff for next year

We are pleased to announce our staff for next year:

Kindergarten - Jenica Schevene

1st Grade - Chelsea Bookout

2nd Grade - Andrea Thompson

3rd/4th Grade - Lauren Ziccardi

5th/6th Grade - Tricia Tittle

Theater Specialist - Natalie Haines

We will be saying goodbye and sending well wishes to Colleen Dolan and she forges a new path for herself and her family.

### NFSIS Specials Portal

Check out the NFSIS Specials Portal at this website:

<https://sites.google.com/deltaschools.com/nfsis-specials-portal/home>

**New this week - all "new" additions are at the top of each page.**

- **New Spanish, Handwork, Art and Music lesson plans.**



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### NFSIS Survey

Thank you so much to Candice Orlando, who helped put together the NFSIS end of year survey! Please take a few minutes to let us know how you feel this year has been for your child. This year, the survey is NOT anonymous, so that we can directly contact you if there is an applicable question. If you do not feel comfortable putting your name in, feel free to leave it out and remember, Christi's doors are always open to talk if you have any questions, comments or concerns. NFSIS would love to see at least a 75% return on this survey.

<https://forms.gle/Ln3dGBLAK5htbzAq6>

### Fees

A final fee letter will be mailed to your house this week. Please contribute what you can at this uncertain time.

### Distance Learning

Keep up the good work everyone! We love seeing people on Monday to collect resources and check it. Thank you for partnering with us in teaching your child. Please give feedback! We would like to know what is working and what is not. **If for some reason you are not able to get your packets on Monday, we are partnering with PES, and your packet will be available at the front of the building between 10 - 2 PM on Tuesday - Friday.**

### Highlights

#### Kindergarten

This week we are sewing a caterpillar body (even though that's not what it looks like!). We will stuff it and add wings next week. That will be our final project for Kindergarten. This year flew by so fast!!!

Next week is our last week of instruction. After that, the children can make up work if they choose. See Christi's details about closure on 5/18 and be sure to sign up for a time slot so that I can say goodbye and they can meet their new teacher! It was great to see you all at pick up. Happy Mother's Day to the Moms out there!!!!



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### 1st grade

Happy Mother's Day Happy Spring! This week the children are completing their science block. They spent the week looking at sound and vibrations. They also worked on the last few pages in their pop-up books and math worksheets. Next week the children will finish up any incomplete work.

We are coming to the end of the school year and what an unusual school year it has been. Despite all of the upheaval the children have bonded strongly as a class and care deeply about each other. This year has been filled with loving connections, new friendships, huge academic growth and so many wonderful moments as a class. They are each such lights in the world and find so much delight in seeing each other, even when it is just on our virtual check in. I know that distance learning has been a new challenge for not only the children but also for you as parents. I have been impressed by how well you have all worked with your children to meet their needs. I hope you get to enjoy this warm weather together and I look forward to seeing each of you again soon.

### 2nd/3rd grade

We are wrapping up the year, I hope these next two weeks are full of reflection. Everyone should be proud of what they have accomplished this year. I am so impressed with how well our community is handling and adjusting to these circumstances. I was interviewed by our local radio station, KVNF, about distance learning. You can listen to my briefing on their website, <https://www.kvnf.org/post/local-motion-distance-learning-mid-pandemic>

We are wrapping up the year with our online play rehearsal. We are attempting to record a run through of our play this **Thursday on ZOOM** (please join us). Kids can pick out costumes they want to wear for the call, think 'Bible Fashion'. Thanks to all the parents who downloaded zoom so that I can record the conference call and for kids practicing their lines at home.

I really loved the words of validation that came through this week. Your messages mean a lot to me. I feel appreciated and grateful for you all.

### 4th grade

I hope you all had a wonderful May Day and enjoyed this beautiful weather we've been having! I so look forward each week to seeing your child's warm and sunny smiles during our classroom meetings-- thank you for keeping them connected! This week's Main Lesson focus of Ute history is on the Meeker Massacre...a heart-wrenching, but captivating time of Colorado's history! I hope this week stimulates some great conversations with you and your child. Keep up the Multiplication facts--as we are nearing the end of the school year, it would be great for them to truly "master" the facts 0-12 to bring solid closure on that step towards 5th grade. Thanks again for all your support and efforts during this time. Your communication is key, and I really appreciate it!



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### 5th/6th grade

The 5th and 6th graders finished up our Mineralogy block and we now are starting our end-of-year projects. The Mineralogy main lesson books are so well done and colorful with lots of information. I love reading the resumes and cover letters the students created and also seeing the rewrites of Queen's "We Will Rock You" song!

The 6th grade is starting our Knighting project. At the end of the year, the 6th graders will go from a page to a full knight, ready to go into the world with confidence and valor. We are also working on a 6th-grade yearbook. Please keep sending me pictures from all the years you have been at the school!

The 5th grade is working on our Pentathlon project. We are learning about modern-day pentathlons and pentathlons in Ancient Greece. Students are also preparing odes to the gods and goddesses and also learning a verse they will recite.

We have been meeting 4 days a week on Google Meetups to see each other and also, as Kalia always says, "to about talk bikes and biking!" I miss seeing all of you at school and hope to see you all soon. Keep up the good work. We only have a few more weeks!