



NORTH FORK SCHOOL OF INTEGRATED STUDIES

May 12th, 2020

Christi's Corner:

Hello all,

The rain was so lovely yesterday and the past few nights. Last year this time, it rained and snowed non-stop and we could barely pull off end of year activities due to weather. This year, our end of year has shifted completely due to Covid 19 and all of its implications. Thank you all for your understanding through this.

2019 - 2020 has been one unusual year. With the loss of three beloved parents within 6 months of each other, the unanticipated and spectacular 60% percent growth of the NFSIS student body, and our incredible community supporting one another along the way all the way through the ups and downs of it all.

This is our final Tuesday News for the year. Thanks to all for staying engaged, participating and stepping forward as a unique member of the NFSIS family. I look forward to whatever the summer and fall hold, and feel thankful to be here in the North Fork Valley, sharing this piece of history with all of you.

Feel free to email me this summer with questions or concerns, and if there is any news from Delta County, I will share it with you. For right now, we plan to start school with the Rose Ceremony, in person, in the building on Wednesday, August 19th. We look forward to it!

Please recruit more wonderful children for K - 6 for next year and send them my way. Your positive experience at NFSIS is our very best marketing.

Best,
Christi G.



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Calendar:

Upcoming important dates

This week:

- 5/11 - Last week of planned Distance Learning

Upcoming:

- 5/18 - Times for 1st through 5th grade students to say goodbye to teachers - see more below.
- CHANGED: 5/20 - Times for Kinder students to say goodbye to Ms. Dolan and meet Ms. Bookout! This will be the Fly Away.
- 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 - 6th grade will come to say Goodbye to Mrs. T. Sign up from 8:30 - 12.
- 5/27 - 6th grade graduation 1:30 - 3. This will be a Zoom graduation. Details to follow.

Gratitudes:

Thanks to all of you parents who became teachers these past few months. It has been a wild ride. NFSIS staff is so pleased to have partnered with you on this unusual learning journey.

NFSIS Survey

Have you filled out the survey yet? Please do at:

<https://forms.gle/Ln3dGBLAK5htbzAq6>



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Saying goodbye to teachers

We want all students - 1st through 5th - to have the opportunity to say "Goodbye" to their teachers (and 2nd grade will meet their new teacher) 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 document for you to sign up to say "Goodbye" on 5/18.

CHANGED: Kinder Fly Away/ saying goodbye will be Wednesday, 5/20. Make sure you have signed up with Ms. Dolan.

Goodbye with Mrs. T on 5/20 - sign up during the 8:30 - 12 window.

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

Roving aide - Jenna Bradford

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

Library Program this summer

Registration for the 2020 Summer Reading Program Opens May 16!

Delta County Libraries presents the 2020 Summer Reading Program "Imagine Your Story." Children, teens, and adults are invited to join us for a summer of stories, take-home activities, virtual programs, and a reading challenge. Track your reading to win a t-shirt, gift certificate, book or another prize. All kids who complete the program will receive a free t-shirt. Registration opens Saturday, May 16. Register online at www.deltalibraries.org. Thanks to our major sponsors, Kiwanis International and Bank of Colorado, along with our Friends and Foundation, no registration fees apply.



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Fees

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

Highlights

Kindergarten

Hello to all the Kindergarten parents. There were a few of you who didn't make it to pick up yesterday. I will be at the school quite a bit this week if you want to reach out to me and meet me there. I fixed Google Hangout time - no 10 - 11 PM hangout.

Our "fly away" is scheduled for next Wednesday. 5/20. I have a sign up sheet at the school and can attempt to get it online for people to sign up. It will be from 10-3:30. Please, please make time to come and get the last of your child's things and come say bye to me and meet Ms.

Bookout. We would love to see all of you!

Thank you all for this amazing year. I will never forget this class. They made me laugh and cry happy tears often. I will miss them so much!!

1st grade

Congratulations on completing 1st grade! You have all done an amazing job of supporting your children in their academic learning and I know that everyone is ready for summer.

We will have one final class zoom on Thursday at 10am. I hope that all the children can be on to appreciate each other and reflect on the school year. I look forward to seeing each child on Monday and say congratulations and support them in moving to 2nd grade. Please make sure that you bring all the Main Lesson work and handwork back to the school on Monday for report writing.

I am filled with such appreciation and gratitude for all the children in this class and in our NFSIS community. It has been quite a year and I am inspired by the way you have all supported me and each other through all of these changes. This is a truly special class and I look forward to watching how they grow together.

Thursday @ 10am Class Zoom call

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93436716627?pwd=K0xrYld6UkhNNTFXQIVDcWhMQIJIQT09>

Meeting ID: 934 3671 6627

Password: 037592

Monday, May 18th from 9-1 pm

Please look for the other email with the link or let me know a time that works for you.

I am honored to have been your children's 1st grade teacher.



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2nd/3rd grade

I have enjoyed searching for silver linings. The children have transferred a lot of skills, including time management, life experience, and utilizing new technology. They have been allowed more flexibility to complete coursework. With that flexibility, they have memorized MATH FACTS, become more engaged in READING, practiced HANDWRITING, and perfected their artistic rendering.

Some of my highlights have been, watching the kids find the perfect virtual backdrop for our play and seeing Silas come out of left field with his pharaoh costume, witnessing gardens being built all over our families yards, getting pictures of satisfied students completing handwork projects, the intrigue during packet pick up, and the validation of kids missing our school environment, their community, and realizing how special NFSIS is during these extraordinary times.

I will send confirmation of our good-bye meetings for next Monday, and a sign-up list for families that still need a time later today. Much LOVE!

4th grade

This week will be the last week of new assignments and I will be checking in with you individually about any "loose ends" that need to be finalized before the end of the school year. I so look forward to seeing your child on May 18th, and I hope to keep in touch over the summer and into the new school year. This year has truly been one of "highlights," and those that stand out to me most are their happy and excited faces full of energy...not in any particular order...

**Armani's face lit up as Utgardsloki in "Thor's Challenge," grabbing everyone's attention by slamming a chalice on the table of our play set

**Hazel pouncing on top of her prey as she does an intense storytelling of a tiger

**Jack using all his energy to keep up with me as we touch our knees to elbows, etc., and shout out our math facts

**Ali dancing for Celebrate the Beat in front of a huge audience with her gigantic smile spread from ear to ear

**Hazy pretending to chew on bamboo with her jaw twisting from side to side and then curling into a ball, rolling around the "forest floor."

I will miss these incredible 4th graders, as they have truly filled my heart this year!



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5th/6th grade

The 5th and 6th graders are working on our end-of-year projects. The Mineralogy Main Lesson books that have been returned are looking great and I can tell everyone has been working hard on them. If you haven't turned in the Main Lesson books, I need those ASAP so I can get the end of year reports written.

The 6th grade is working on our Knighting project. I have been meeting with the students individually to help out. It is great to see all the projects coming together and I have enjoyed hearing about who the students have interviewed. 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. They will be presenting their project at our Graduation. 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. I have a poster board at the school if anyone needs one to use for their project. We have been meeting 4 days a week on Google Meetups to see each other. We will continue having our meetings through next Friday and also individual meetings throughout the next few weeks to help all the students complete their projects on time. I miss seeing all of you at school and hope to see you all soon. I have shared a Google Doc with each of you with times to sign up to meet with me in person to say goodbye for the summer. Keep up the good work. We only have a few more weeks! If your kids need any help finishing up their projects, please don't hesitate to call or message me. We can meet to help get to the finish line!