



# NORTH FORK SCHOOL OF INTEGRATED STUDIES

October 27th, 2020

## Christi's Corner:

### Calendar:

#### Upcoming important dates

##### This week:

- 10/29 - All School Halloween field trip to Orchard Valley Farm: 12 - 2
- 10/29 - Parent Meetings for 1st grade and 3rd/4th grade families - 4:30 - 5:45
- 10/30 - Teacher Inservice, no school

##### Later on:

- 11/2 - Parent Meetings for 5th and 6th grade families - 4:30 -5:45
- 11/5 - Parent Meetings for Kindergarten and 2nd grade families - 4:30 - 5:45
- 11/11 - Community Council
- 11/12 - Lantern Walk (Date is subject to change)
- 12/9 - 12/10 - 2nd grade play - THIS DATE HAS CHANGED!!
- 11/23 - 11/27 - Thanksgiving Break

### Gratitudes:

*Thanks to Amber Trout for providing a delicious healthy Friday treat for NFSIS and PES staff on Friday. Thank you to our Wednesday food angels for meetings - Carlyn, Ana, Franco, Meghann and Gwen.*

### Halloween

Believe It or Not, Halloween is approaching. Students are welcome to wear costumes on 10/29, which will be our last school day before Hallowe'en. We encourage storybook type costumes that relate to something that children have read. However, children can wear the costume they choose, as long as faces are not covered, there is no blood or gore, and absolutely no weapons. We will have an all school field trip to Orchard Valley Farm that day to frolick, enjoy the fall and pick a pumpkin. Please plan to send \$2 with your child for a pumpkin. We would love parent volunteers to join us 12 - 2 at Orchard Valley.



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### **Parent Meetings**

Please mark your calendars for parent meetings coming up over these next few weeks. Please see above for your meeting time. All meetings will take place from 4:30 to 5:45. These meetings are an opportunity for you to learn more about what is going on in your child's classroom and why it is appropriate developmentally for your child's age. These parent nights are very enjoyable and an excellent learning experience for all. Please mark the dates and times on your calendar and plan to attend!

Some meetings will be in person, some on ZOOM - please see your individual teachers desires in their highlight section.

### **Fee Letters**

You will notice a personalized fee letter in this week's Tuesday folder. Please fill out your plan for paying fees so that we can know what to expect this year. Please remember, if paying fees is a challenge for you it is so helpful for us to have communication around this matter. Thank you!

### **NFSIS gear**

Many of you have noticed the bright yellow, light blue and grey T-shirts and sweatshirts that students and teachers are wearing. If you are interested in purchasing some NFSIS gear - Tshirts/Sweatshirt/Baseball style shirts - Christi will have a sign up sheet for your orders at drop off and pick up in these next few weeks or email Christi with the style, color and size that you would like.

Tshirts are \$12, Hoodies are \$25 and Baseball shirts are \$18 - money is due when the item is received.

### **Orchestra for 3rd/4th grade**

3rd and 4th grade - Thanks to most of you for getting your kids outfitted with violins. Their classes will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please make sure their instrument comes with them to each of these sessions.



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### Highlights

#### Kindergarten

In the Kindergarten this past week we all finished our acorn necklaces. Hopefully they all made it home safely! The children worked hard patiently rolling their wet felted wool balls until they became the perfect size and shape for their acorn caps. We then drilled tiny holes in the caps and strung our string through and made necklaces.

We are continuing our "Little Round Bun" circle this week. The children are learning the verses and gestures quickly. You might ask your child what happens when the fox asks the little round bun to "sit upon his head and sing his song one more time." Last week I also began telling the children the story, "The Naughty Little Hobgoblin." This week I will add a table-puppet play to the story. By the end of the week, your child might want to tell the story to you at home. You could ask the children "how the farmers and townspeople teach the hobgoblin to mind his manners." We are also practicing our lantern walk songs each day.

I sent an email over the weekend and heard from about half of you that you "got it." If you did not receive it, please let me know so I can update my email list. Also, if there are any other caregivers you would like me to add to our email list please let me know.

And fantastic job outfitting your children for our snowy day! Everyone was bundled beautifully and the children were all so happy making snow-angels and snowballs. Thank you for rocking it with the gear today!

#### First Grade

Thank you to everyone for the kind and loving thoughts about the passing of my grandfather. The first grade has been in the incredibly capable hands of Natalie Haines and Jenna Bradford while I was away, I would like to thank them both for being willing to support the children in this important way!

We are moving into a nature studies block where we are going to make paper, work with leaves, make our lanterns for Lantern Walk with Sami in the coming week and work on seed saving. We will be finishing our calendula salve that we started many weeks ago so watch out for those little tins of magic coming home.

Lantern walk is coming soon, please stay tuned for the details and ask your children to sing the lantern songs for you.



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We will be spending the afternoon this Thursday at Orchard Valley, thank you to the volunteers that will be there to support the trip. Remember that children can dress up on Thursday, read the details from Miss Christi in the Tuesday news.

Finally, please be sure to attend on Thursday night for our parent night with Miss Thesa from 430-530 on Zoom/Google hangouts. Thesa will share her incredible knowledge of the importance of the methods we work with at NFSIS. I hope to see you all there - you will receive an invite via email soon.

### Second Grade

This is an eventful week. It began with a lot of snow, we may go biking today at the Nature Connection, we will have Halloween celebrations on Thursday, and no school on Friday! Also, with Halloween happening please read the details about our Thursday activities. Please dress your children appropriately for the weather. We spend a fair amount of time outside each day. Please send tennis shoes for games on Monday and Wednesday when the weather is cold. It will also be great to have "inside shoes" when the weather is cold.

Last week many children did not get a chance to practice the spelling words, so those children will have the same spelling list this week.

We are entering our second week to our L.A. block of Golden Legends and Remarkable People. This will roll into my favorite block of the year, our Class Play block. The play is called *Everyone Knows What A Dragon Looks Like* and the children have already heard the story. When we perform our class play we learn it from the whole to the part. Therefore, the whole class learns all of the lines before they get their individual parts.

I look forward to our November 5th Parent Meeting. Please plan to come. If you will not be attending, I will need to know in advance so I can plan appropriately. Thank you for all you do for your children each day. I hope you enjoy the snow while it lasts!

### Third/Fourth Grade

Starting the week off with a snowstorm was great fun. This is a perfect reminder to bring cold weather clothes to school every day. We spend a lot of time outside and my philosophy is, "There is no bad weather, just inadequate clothing."



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As we move forward in our math block, I need your help! I need kids to return their homework. Please be aware that homework is due every FRIDAY. One of the only reasons I value math homework is because children have an opportunity to work one-on-one with an adult. Please, at the least, check the math and go over answers with your child. Their homework is your homework too :)

I look forward to seeing everyone this Thursday night from 4:30-5:30 for Parent Night on ZOOM. I only have two-parent nights every year, and I would love to have 100 % participation. We will discuss the developmental and academic prowess of your third and fourth graders. My mentor and parent educator, Barbara Rose, will join us and lead the riveting conversation. Parent Meetings help us come together so that we can support your children. I hope to see you there ! I will send the link for the meeting to your emails soon.

### Fifth/Sixth Grade

The 5th and 6th Graders finished up our Business Math Block. We had a very successful pop-up store on Thursday and Friday. The students were very creative and did a great job of selling their goods and services. It was so much fun to see their sales and marketing skills and the rest of the school loved the products the students offered.

Last week, we also enjoyed mountain biking at the Nature Connection trails in Hotchkiss. Hopefully, we will get to do this again before it gets too cold.

This week we will start our North American History and Geography Block. This block includes learning about the history of our election system and democracy and also learning about our current election including how the Electoral College works and how we elect our officials.

Next week, we will participate in the voting just like the adults do each election. After the election, we will go into the history of other democracies in the world, then on to the history and geography of North America. This should be a fun and very engaging block.

We would like to welcome (back) two "new" students this week: Zohar and Enok. The students are very excited to have their friends back in the classroom. Have a great week and try to stay warm!