



# NORTH FORK SCHOOL OF INTEGRATED STUDIES

March 9th, 2021

## Christi's Corner:

### Calendar:

#### This week

- 3/10 - Community Council - 5 - 6 PM, email Christi for the link
- 3/11 - Knowledge Bowl 6th grade
- 3/12 - Powderhorn for 2nd through 6th grade

#### And beyond

- 3/18 - Class Pictures - order forms coming home next week
- 3/29 - Parent Teacher conferences by invitation or request
- 4/12 - 4/16 - NFSIS - CMAS testing
- 4/14 - 4/15 - 1st grade play
- 4/19 - 4/23 - Spring Break
- 4/30 - May Day celebration, weather permitting
- 5/1 - Wine and Watercolor, 2-5PM - Outdoors

***Gratitudes:** Thank you to The Experiential Healing Institute for providing some scholarships for students skiing at Powderhorn.*

### Powderhorn is COMING UP!!

2nd through 6th grade:

#### **3 quick reminders:**

1. Your check made out to NFSIS - we cut a big check from the school. We need the check by Wednesday of the day you are going.
2. Rentals will be included in the link to register and it will be so easy and sweet this year because of that.
3. Prices are:
  - Lesson/Ticket/Rental (\$50)
  - Lesson/Ticket (\$45)
  - Lesson/Rental (\$45)
  - Lesson Only (\$42)
  - Parent Ticket (\$36)
  - Parent Rental (\$20)



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### ***ALL FAMILIES - 2nd - 6th***

**You may register NOW for 3/12 skiing. Remember that you need one registration per child and per chaperone. The deadline for registration is Tuesday 3/9. If you do not register online, your child or you (if you are a chaperone), will not be able to go.**

To register for SKIING please use this link:

<https://forms.gle/qASVVnHWxxKzzDrw9>

To register for SNOWBOARDING please use this link:

<https://forms.gle/8d89WcNvgAcAUbos5>

### **Fee Letters**

Fee letters are in your Tuesday folders this week. Please bring what you can to contribute to your child's fees this year. This money is critical for keeping our excellent programs going.

### **Intent to Enroll**

We hope all of your children are planning to re-enroll at NFSIS next year! Please fill out the intent to enroll form and send it back with your child. Also, if you know anyone else in our community who is interested in our school, please let your classroom teacher or Christi know.

### **Candice's Plant Starts**

Tomatoes, Eggplant and Peppers... Oh MY!

This year, students at NFSIS will be planting seeds for a fundraiser for the school. Once planted, they will be loved and taken care of in a warm greenhouse until they make it to your garden. There will be a wide array of heirloom tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, sweet and hot peppers and eggplant. An order form will be coming out in the next few weeks. They will be \$5 each and pick up will be on May 24th at the school or anytime at Rock 'n Roots Farm. Contact Candice with any questions.

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Parent-teacher conferences for Spring are coming up on March 29th. These conferences are by request or invitation. If you would like to conference with your teacher about your child, please email them directly. Teachers will also reach out to families who need a conference in the spring. More details to come.



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### **CMAS testing**

NFSIS will hold CMAS testing starting on April 12th. These are for 3rd - 6th grade students. Please talk with your child's teacher or Christi if you have any questions.

### **Highlights**

#### **Kindergarten**

I am happy to welcome Anduin to our class this week! Welcome to Anduin, Arlyn, and David to our awesome class community!

This week there are several upcoming events I would like to tell you about. First grade readiness observations, parent/teacher conferences, and a field trip are all coming up in the next month or so.

(PS: If you haven't yet, please send bedding back to school tomorrow. :) )

#### **Upcoming:**

##### **First Grade Readiness Observations:**

As we move into spring, I am beginning to see developmental shifts in the children that show me that they are approaching first grade readiness. I informally observe them each day, and I strive to notice these subtle changes that are taking place in their emotional, social, and physical development. To deepen and bring clarity to these informal daily observations, I will formally observe each child starting in late March and spanning through mid-April. I will work with each child, one one one, and we will play "first grade games" intended to give me a snap shot of each child's unfolding school readiness. Through these "games," I observe their dominant eye/hand/ear/foot, eye tracking, their primitive reflexes, midline integration, spatial awareness, and more. This is all done through imaginative games and we have so much fun during this special experience. It is a gift for me to have this one on one time with each child.

Ms. Heather will be supporting us (Again! She is so awesome.) by being with the rest of the class as I work with each child individually. This means that scheduling is important, and I will be sending out a schedule to you all, just to ensure that your child will be there on their scheduled day.



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### Parent ~ Teacher Conferences:

I will offer all families a spring conference after these observations are complete, so I can tell you all about them. I will be sending out a sign up for these conferences soon. **We will not have conferences on the evening of March 29.**

### Field Trip to Western Culture ~ Friday, April 2 ~ 11:30-1:00

The only thing cuter than a baby goat is a Kindergartener holding a baby goat. We are scheduled to visit the Paonia goat farm, Western Culture, to have a picnic and to visit with all of the baby goats. We will need a few drivers/chaperones for that day; please let me know if you are able and willing to join us. Prepare for a massive dose of cuteness! Please let me know if you have any questions about any of these things.

### First Grade

First Grade is continuing to work on our play with Mrs. Haines, this week we will start working on elements of the chorus as we work with the story of the Seven Ravens in our main lesson books as well.

We had an amazing hike to Eagle Rock Shelter last Friday, thanks again to all the drivers that made that happen. The children had such a great time exploring that spectacular landscape!

This week we will have gardening on Friday and then likely take a trip over to the park for the afternoon. We are going to create some more offerings to the birds in the form of nesting balls that we will hang in the trees at school. We will fill them with straw, feathers, grass and small sticks.

We will also be diving back into some math work as well as continuing to move forward with our reading groups. It is a busy time for the First Grade class, the children continue to grow and learn so much each week. Thank you to all of the volunteers that show up each week to support reading groups. Look out for emails about parent education opportunities, I will be scheduling some slots for parents to come in and share their gifts with the class.

### Second Grade

The warm weather is bringing excitement and playfulness to the classroom. We had a wonderful trip to Eagle Rock on Friday with the 1st-grade class. Thank you parents who drove and helped make that possible. We are all also very excited about our ski trip on Friday. Please make sure you have signed up online tonight!

We are in the middle of our math block. The second-grade class has been learning about carrying with addition and as well as working on their 6 times tables. Next week they will be introduced to borrowing and their 7 times tables. It is delightful to have Amelia and Alaster back. The fullness of the class is heartwarming.



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### Third and Fourth Grade

We had an amazing tour at the Ute Museum in Montrose last Thursday. Understanding the mountain people that lived here led to inspiring conversations about our place on the western slope today. Thanks to Ann Marie for chaperoning

We have a few more trips approaching to conclude our Colorado Geography block.

- Paonia Historical museum on March 10th (walking)
- Powderhorn March 12th (register to be a parent chaperone by Tuesday night)
- Eureka! science museum, to study the Colorado watershed, in Grand Junction on March 17th (we are taking a big bus)

I would like to remind you of some upcoming goals that your child is engaged in. Every week, in math class, we practice our **times tables** (in addition to new lessons). The children are quizzed on the memorization of their math multiplication facts. Once they know all twelve tables, they will become *knights of the multiplication table*. So when you can, interject random math problems into your daily routines at home or make flashcards. *I will be offering after-school help from March 15th- April 9th, every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30- 4:30. Please return the permission slip if your child is able to join us for increasing math fluency.*

Have you read through the birthday poems your child is working to memorize? See the attached poems so that each child can get their poems **memorized a.s.a.p** Kids will recite their birthday verse once a week. Once memorized, we will work on the public speaking part. Children of the nine and ten year age begin to ask, "Who am I and how can I be good and competent in a larger world?" I give them ample opportunities to present or perform in front of their peers for this reason. They are seeking more independence and with independence comes responsibility. We are working on expression, memorization, and stage presence.

Thank you all for helping your children succeed. We have had such a positive few weeks. The classroom community is strong and we are all taking Spring in stride!

### Fifth and Sixth Grade

We are finishing up our Acoustics block this next week. The students have performed many fun experiments on Sound using many of their senses.

Next week, we are going to start a Greek Gods Creative Narrative Writing block. Students will create a narrative writing project including using the dialogue of characters from Greek Mythology.

This Friday, we will be going on our final Powderhorn Winter Sports trip. Please make sure you have registered your student on the Powderhorn site just like last time. We do not need a new waiver filled out; just a registration. If you can drive, please let me know how many students your car can fit.



## **NORTH FORK SCHOOL OF INTEGRATED STUDIES**

On Thursday, a group of 6th graders will head to the Knowledge Bowl in Delta to represent NFSIS. They have been working hard every day to hone their skills. Please cheer them on! Have a great week.