

NORTHPOINT NEWS

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Principal Points

By – Mike Callahan

This past week demonstrated the Northpoint community commitment to our school. Conference attendance was once again affirming as we had **96%** of students represented. If you were unable to attend, please call to reschedule or discuss your child's progress over the phone. While I did not talk to everyone, I was fortunate to have many constructive conversations with parents and staff regarding student learning, challenges, and support necessary for students' academic and social growth. We also had many families who prepared and/or donated items for the dinners that were provided each evening of conferences for staff. The meals were fantastic! Finally, many volunteers were present for coordinating and running our Fall Scholastic book fair. It was a great opportunity to not only support your young readers at home, but to build the collection of books in our classrooms and our library. THANKS FOR ALL YOU DID!

This Friday is a BIG night for our NP community as we have the opportunity to gather for a Fall Family Fun Night right here. It'll be a great chance for all of us to interact and enjoy one another's company with food, games, and great entertainment from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

With the end of October just around the corner, classroom Fall Celebrations are scheduled for Friday, Oct. 30. All parties will be held in the afternoon with the exception of morning kindergarten classes. Classroom celebrations will not entail students wearing costumes, but will be filled with fall festive activities that all students can enjoy.

To conclude, tomorrow morning I'll be having my first "Coffee with the Principal". So come and join me at 9:30 a.m. in the blue pod - room C5. Hope to see you there!

Thank you to Shaun Olson for coordinating staff meals during conferences and to every one of you that brought something for us! The meals were FABULOUS and we at Northpoint are so grateful to each of you!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday, October 23
Coffee with the Principal

Friday, October 23
FALL PARTY
6 - 8 p.m.

Friday, October 30
Classroom Fall Parties

Thursday, November 5
Picture Retakes

Friday, November 6
NO SCHOOL

How can I learn more about the upcoming levy?

There are numerous meetings and informational sessions scheduled before the November 3 election.

- View the list of scheduled meetings and informational sessions on the website.
- Call the Levy Hotline at 763-795-5195 or email at LevyForLearning@district16.org.

Music Notes

Our school year is off to a great start in the music room! In unit one, grade 3 students have been practicing two ways to clap a song: BEAT and RHYTHM. (You can ask them to demonstrate each at home!) We have reviewed rhythms using quarter notes, eighth notes, and quarter rests. We have discovered three directions that a melody can go, and we will be practicing by sight and sound DO, RE, MI. This year we will be adding to a list of famous tunes and their composers by memory, starting with "Sabre Dance" by Khachaturian, and "Surprise Symphony" by Haydn (pronounced Hi-den). These are tunes that students could check out at Anoka County libraries or purchase for their own, if they are interested, at a CD store.

Second graders have been studying music with steady beat and music with no beat. They have reviewed rhythms with quarter notes and eighth notes, and the pitches SO, MI, and LA.

First grade students have been singing, listening, and moving to loud and soft in music class. We have practiced echo-clapping rhythms and steady beat. Because it is an important part of learning any subject, we have been paying close attention to the skill of listening, which involves more than just ears: Eyes on speaker, mouth quiet, ears open, feet facing front, raising hands and waiting to speak.

Our Northpoint School Song will be included in our all-school meetings this year. Check how your child is doing on remembering the words:

Be a star, You'll go far,
Northpoint El-e-men-ta-ry,
We belong here with STAR attitude!
Panther Pride, Colors true,
Our own red-, white, and blue,
We belong here with STAR attitude!

We are stars of RESPECT, TEAMWORK, ATTITUDE,
Rah, rah, RESPONSIBILITY, Rah, rah!
But the key to our school...Is the LEARNING that we do.
We belong here with STAR attitude, GO NORTHPOINT!
We BELONG here with STAR attitude. NORTHPOINT,
NORTHPOINT, GO ----- NORTHPOINT!

Keep singing! Mrs. VanBurkleo & Mrs. Flaten

Free Northpoint Family Fun Night sponsored by the Northpoint PTO

When: TOMORROW Friday, Oct. 23

Time: 6-8pm

Where: Northpoint Elementary

*D.J. / Kids Dance, crafts, food available for purchase, and HAYRIDES!



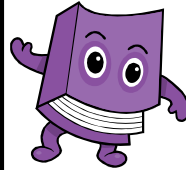
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MEETING CHANGE IN DATE:

*Next meeting is Monday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m.

The **BOOK FAIR** was a **HUGE** success this year, raising even more money than last year!

Thank you to Rachelle Hart for doing an **amazing job** coordinating this year's fair! We are so grateful for your hard work and appreciate you and the following volunteers that also helped to make this the most successful book fair yet! Thank you to:



Jen Beams, Sara Bourgoin-Rader, Jeanne Calabrese, Julie Comer, Ann Corrigan, Allison Flaiani, Hattie Hilukka, Renee Hiel, Wendy Horvath, Amy Jaramillo, Julie Jeppson, Christy Larson, Jolene Levahn, Connie Ngene, Linda Omoruyi, Michelle Page, Tracy Potratz, Amy Privratsky, Marcia Rosa, Lynn Schonrock, Molly Sheedlo, Kieu Stueve, Julie Sylvester, Tiffany Talbert, Roxanne Walczak, Kelly Wennerberg, Shaun Olson and Gina Wenholz.

Miracles for Madelyn

Madelyn is a first grader here at Northpoint battling her second round of a rare childhood cancer. She is currently doing weekly chemotherapy treatments to last for 46 weeks!

Please come to her benefit at Sidewinders Bar in North Saint Paul (651-773-8867) on Sunday, October 25 at noon.

There will be a spaghetti dinner with cake (1-3 p.m.), and silent auction (12- 4 p.m.), raffles, pink/purple hair extensions, and Vikings football.

The money raised for Madelyn will go directly to her and her family to help with medical bills and to give Madelyn a day of fun! Please come and support our courageous little Northpoint first grader!

Please call the office with your email address if we do not have it already. We will be sending out future newsletters to your email only if we have it. Those who do not have an email on file will continue to receive a paper copy.