



# NORTHPOINT NEWS

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November 5, 2009

Northpoint Elementary  
School  
2350 124th Court NE  
Blaine, MN 55449

Principal  
Mike Callahan

Main Office  
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Attendance  
763-230-0304

Transportation  
763-785-5512

Bus Company  
763-786-2510

Food Service  
763-785-5529

District Office  
763-786-5570

Community  
Services  
763-786-1338

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday, November 6  
NO SCHOOL

Friday, November 20  
Staff Follzee  
7 p.m.

November 23 - 25  
Coat, Hat and Mitten Drive

November 26 - 27  
Thanksgiving  
No School

## Principal Points

By Mike Callahan

At Northpoint we support students in *learning to read*, while also setting the tone for our students to *read to learn*. That element of reading is comprehension; understanding what is being read. Comprehension is the reason for reading. If a child doesn't understand what is being read, they are not really reading. Good readers have a purpose for reading and read to satisfy a need. Good readers are also active readers. They try to make sense of what they read and monitor their understanding while they are reading.

This past Monday at our PTO meeting parents asked if I could kick out some tips that they could use to support their child/ren in learning to read and reading to learn. Here are a couple suggestions as it relates to comprehension and reading to learn:

Encourage your child to share what they are reading. Ask for important details and facts related to the reading. Make sure that your child can tell you the main idea of the text. Praise your child for discussing text with you!

Read a book, or a chapter of a book together and question each other about the text. If a question is asked, and an answer can't be given, make sure to reread the text and find the answer.

Thanks and have a GREAT weekend!



**Reminder: There is NO SCHOOL  
tomorrow, November 6.**

**Congratulations to our October  
STAR STUDENTS**

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Maya Dempsey     | Aimee Jimenez     |
| Erin Olson       | Zach Zemlicka     |
| Mallory Minet    | Samantha Hasbrouk |
| Deji Omodara     | Naomi Hollen      |
| Allie Bach       | Lance Hart        |
| Kennedi Bryant   | Kevin Tran        |
| Sophy West       | Jada Richardson   |
| Nicole Hoffmeyer | Aya Wazwaz        |
| Eli Schonrock    | Jesse Sills       |



Our Northpoint PTO will be sponsoring a  
Coat, Hat and Mitten Drive  
November 23 thru the 25th.  
Please watch for more information  
to come home next week!  
\*\*\*Our next PTO Meeting will be  
Tuesday, Dec. 1st at 6:30 p.m.\*\*\*

**Save the Date! Staff Follleez returns on November 20**

**Spring Lake Park School District staff members will organize and participate in their annual fundraiser for the Panther Foundation on Friday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m. The Staff Follleez will feature a little talent, a great deal of folly, and numerous attempts at humor by faculty and staff, administrators, and school board members. Watch for ticket information next week!**

**Physical Education News**

The Physical Education program is off to a great start! Students have had the opportunity to work on football skills, team building/cooperation activities, and a throwing & catching unit. Currently, students are participating in a soccer skills unit and learning a variety of fun fitness activities that involve soccer skills. In the upcoming weeks, we will begin our volleyball skills unit.

Along with each unit, we are working on increasing our fitness levels, cooperating with others, and being a good sport.

Please remind your child to bring his/her P.E. shoes to the gym for their own safety. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call or e-mail.

Thank You!

Ben Antony and Emily Flaten  
Physical Education Teachers