

NORTHPOINT NEWS

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Principal Points

By Mike Callahan



There is one thing successful people have in common. They learn from their mistakes. They may have just as many setbacks as others, but they don't see their mistakes as a reason to quit. Instead, they always try to learn something from them.

Kids develop that same attitude. When I taught first grade it was inevitable that my students were going to be challenged academically throughout the day because many skills, concepts and strategies were new. Patience was important, but allowing them to take risks and be fine with mistakes on their daily work was imperative too. This was how they found that mistakes were actually opportunities to IMPROVE!

Here are some ways to help kids turn mistakes into learning opportunities.

- **Make it a challenge.** If your child misses a math problem, help him see it as a puzzle to figure out. "Let's go back through the problem. Show me how you got the answer."
- **Give your child permission** to make a mistake. Some kids need everything to be perfect. Choose small things at first. "Let's see what happens if we add some peaches to this recipe." Maybe it'll taste great. If it doesn't, you have something to laugh about.
- **Praise your child** for a good effort. Help kids see that over time, hard work does lead to success.

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Remember to Dress for the Weather

With snow now on the ground recess time can be wet and cold. Please remember to send students to school with warm coats, hats, boots, and mittens. Students that do not have boots will be asked to stay on the concrete or pavement during recess to keep shoes dry.



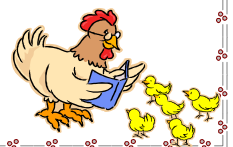
From the Media Center...

Congratulations to our first Lovelace voter: Sayan Das! How amazing to have a student who has read at least three books already! I hear third graders are really excited about the Lovelace Award program this year.

Some of our beginning readers are asking for "chapter books." Here are some favorite beginning chapter book series. You can find them at the public library, and they would make wonderful choices for holiday gifts.

Nate the Great books by Donald Sobol
Frog and Toad books by Arnold Lobel
Amelia Bedelia books by Peggy Parish
Henry and Mudge books by Cynthia Rylant

Happy reading!
Ms. King



Dates to Remember

Thurs., Nov. 20
Fundraiser Pick up
and Fall Festival

Fri., Nov. 21
1st grade to Old Log
Theater

Tues., Nov. 25
End of Tri I

Wed., Nov. 26
NO SCHOOL
Staff Workshop

Thurs., Nov. 27—Fri.,
Nov. 28
NO SCHOOL

Mon., Dec. 8
NP PTO Meeting
6:30 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 23
NP Winter Parties

Wed., Dec. 24—Fri.,
Jan. 2
NO SCHOOL
WINTER BREAK

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Student safety is one of our top priorities at Northpoint. As the school year is under way, we felt that it was important to review the district bus safety rules and consequences with all students. Last week Mr. Callahan and I visited with students on each bus and discussed the importance of the bus rules and consequences for misbehavior on the bus. We feel that the home to school connection is important when it comes to the safety of our students. Please take some time to review the following bus rules and consequences with your child.

Bus safety rules include:

- Obey the driver's instructions.
- Be verbally considerate.
- Keep your hands, feet and belongings to yourself.
- Sit in your seat and face forward.

No eating, drinking, tobacco or chemicals on the bus.

The consequences for misbehavior on the bus may include:

- Principal conference/ Mrs.Blom Conference
- Report home

Temporary or permanent suspension

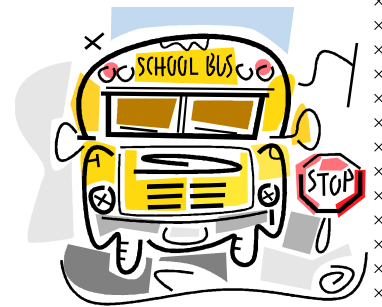
We appreciate your support, time and influence on bus safety with your child. Our goal is to make sure students arrive at school and home each day safe. We want riding the bus to be safe and positive for each child at Northpoint!

If at any time throughout the year you have questions regarding bus safety please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your support!

Alesha Blom

Student Support/Teacher



PTO Corner

We are partnered with Verizon stores to earn money for our school. Verizon will donate \$25 to Northpoint for each new one or two year activation. In addition, they will donate \$10 for each contract renewal. More details can be found on the flyer coming home today. Simply bring the flyer to a Verizon location to ensure that your service activation counts toward Northpoint's earnings.



Thank you friends and family members for getting involved with our PTO fundraiser. Through Chippe Shop sales and cash donations, we raised over \$17,000 to help enrich the experience of students and staff at Northpoint Elementary. We appreciate your efforts! Because we reached the goals set for our school, students will have opportunity to celebrate with inflatables and ice cream treats in the near future. In addition, we will soon announce which class won a pizza party! Stay tuned.