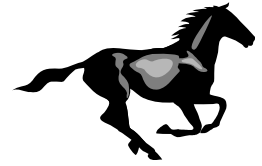


Northampton Elementary

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November, 2009



MISSION STATEMENT: Northampton Elementary School is dedicated to providing a safe, nurturing environment and seeks to educate, challenge, and inspire students to develop their full potential and become life-long learners and responsible citizens through a well-balanced curriculum and the cooperative efforts of students, staff, parents, and community.

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

October has come and gone...what a fast month! We just finished our first-nine week grading period, and our students are doing an excellent job. We are very proud of their efforts!

The last week of October is designated as *Red Ribbon Week*. Teaching our students about the dangers of illegal drugs is a very important component of our curriculum. Please talk about this at home, too. Our fifth grade students have been participating in the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program, and DARE graduation is scheduled for November 10th at 9 a.m.

We continually emphasize good character traits, and during the month of November we will focus on gratitude. We want our students to be grateful for all the blessings they have. We are especially grateful for our students and parents, and appreciate all the support from you! Our school will be closed during Thanksgiving week, November 23 through 27. On behalf of everyone at Northampton, I wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

Your partner in education,
Jane McKetta, Principal



Congratulations to our 1st Nine Weeks Good Sport Award Winners!



Kindergarten

Grace Mack
Luke Henson

First Grade

Angela Vogel
Jake Moes

Second Grade

Gabriel St. Michel
Faith Martin

Third Grade

Skye Palmer
John Shank

Fourth Grade

Jack Nielson
Nadia Arenas-Purvinis

Fifth Grade

Joseph Miller
Bethany Gwin



Important Reminders

Please notify the office regarding any changes in phone numbers and/or email addresses. It is very important that we are able to quickly contact parents in the event of an emergency.



When your child has an early dismissal it is important to send a note or call the school. It is just as important to notify after school care providers. Please make sure day care providers are notified if they will not be picking up your child after school.

Student Safety

- Please remember to always drive slowly and cautiously in our school zone area and in the school parking lots. We have students walking and playing on our grounds at all times of the day and cars speeding through our campus are very dangerous. Please help us to keep our children safe.



Secrets for Making Children Want to Read

You as the parent set the example. Children who see their parents reading usually grow up to be readers themselves. This is one of those times when actions really do speak louder than words.

Talk with your child about why you are reading—for information, —or just for fun. If the TV is easy to reach, but books are on a high shelf, you can guess how your kids will spend their time. Make sure books, magazines, and newspapers are easy to get. Reading in unusual places also adds to the fun. Look for or set up unusual places children can read. You might consider:

Outside under a shady tree, at a nearby park on a park bench, under a tent made by tossing a sheet over chairs or a clothesline, in the car during road trips, or sitting on a blanket spread on the floor for an indoor reading picnic.



Outstanding Bus Riders



- Bus 153** Yoanna Romero, Monica Mejia, Roxana Garcia, Moises Alarcon
- Bus 191** Shelbie Mayer, Google Ghosh, Michael Luker, Collin Martin
- Bus 294** Elijah Tocabens, Juliana Sanchez, Brandon McCranie, Norma Ramos
- Bus 298** Victoria Ward, Jonathan Breaux, Candice Steemer, Sophie McDowell
- Bus 305** Miranda Pich, Jake Perry, Jade Beason, Alex Wright
- Bus 328** Jade Bodin, Mollie Sedlacek, Jonathan Hall, Reina Banes

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