

The Falcon Flyer



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Oct. –Nov. Newsletter

"The Falcon Four"

- Be Safe
- Be Healthy
- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful

Northeast is a united community of dedicated educators and families focused on educating the whole child through high expectations, rigor, and healthy decision-making to last a lifetime.

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Mrs. Truex's thoughts.....

We had a wonderful fall break, and we are back and going strong here at Northeast! The students are really working hard at our Chow Hall Challenge! Each lunch shift can receive Falcon tickets if they follow the Falcon Four. The class with the most tickets each week receives an extra 10 minutes of recess! Also, I have loved having lunch with perfect attendance winners. Students who have perfect attendance from each grade level are put into a basket, and one winner from each grade level eats lunch with the principal. I love getting to know the students! Also, the class with the best monthly attendance receives a trophy and reward of their choice!

Mark Your Calendars

- **FIT Club Begins at the YMCA Tuesdays & Thursdays**
- **Oct. 26-29 4th Grade to Outdoor School**
- **Oct. 28 Early Dismissal**
- **Oct. 29 5th grade to Connor Prairie**
- **Nov. 11 Veterans Day No School**
- **Nov. 18 Progress Reports**
- **Nov. 20 Basket Bingo**
- **Nov. 25-27 Thanksgiving Break**
- **Dec. 2 1st & 2nd Violin Concert 7:50-10:30**
- **Dec. 3 Winter Program 6:00 at DHS Auditorium**
- **Dec. 9 Early Dismissal**
- **Dec. 9 Reading Night 6:00**
- **Dec. 18 Early Dismissal**
- **Dec. 21-Jan 1 Winter Break**

Attending School Every Day Matters!

To report absences please call 444-3050. A Skylert message will go out to all families who have not reported an absence by 9:00.

Let's work together to reach our goal of 98.6% student attendance every day!



No School Nov. 11
Veteran's Day

Early Dismissal Oct. 28 1:30

No School Nov. 25-27
Thanksgiving Break



HEALTH AND WELLNESS NEWS

Volleyball for 4th and 5th grade students will start in November. It is an intramural activity provided by the district. All students get four days of introduction to the skills. I combine 4th and 5th grade girls together and 4th and 5th grade boys together. We focus on the rules, how to serve, bump and set the volleyball. Students learn how to keep track of the points scored for their team. At the end of the sessions, if the interest is there, we will schedule an hour when parents can come and play against your child and the students will demonstrate the skills they learned. This will be an evening activity and parents will be able to earn an hour of volunteer time. I look forward to seeing students interested in volleyball participate. Permission slips went home Monday, October 19th, and had to be returned by Friday, October 23rd. The girls' sessions are November 9, 10, 12, and 13. The boys' sessions are November 16, 17, 18, and 19.

Mrs. Caston, Volleyball Coach

NEWS FROM THE DATA ROOM

This year our students are being assessed using the Star 360 program in grades 2-5 in both Reading and Math. The program allows teachers to screen and group students for targeted instruction and make data driven decisions. Students will be taking the assessments at least once a month. Some students may be given the assessment more often to target skills not mastered.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



- The motto for volunteering at Northeast is being "active." To be a school of excellence everyone does their part to work together for all students.
- Also, remember to check with teachers ahead of time on how you can help in the classroom.
- Please see the October & November calendars for additional opportunities.
- Start early and volunteering will be a breeze! We want to work together with you. Please email truexk@danville118.org or phone 444-3051 if you have any questions.

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE FIT CLUB OPPORTUNITY AT THE YMCA! THERE ARE MULTIPLE TIMES AND DAYS TO EARN HOURS AND GET FIT DOING IT! THANKS TO THE YMCA FOR ALLOWING US TO USE THEIR FACILITY!



KINDERGARTEN

With Halloween around the corner the children are learning about having a skeleton inside of our bodies & how it gives us shape & helps us to move. We have a set of deer bones to examine as well as many books that show the different skeletal structures of many animals besides human skeletons. The class will observe me taking an owl pellet apart to see what creature's bones are left inside of it. A mouse? We'll see! Our small study will culminate with each student taking their own survey around the school asking friends "Do you like skeletons?"

FIRST GRADE

First grade students are anxiously anticipating Ag in the Classroom. They will be discussing worms this month. Some students are more excited than others about this subject! We are now moving from narrative to expository writing. This type of writing provides facts for the reader. We will continue to focus on listening and following directions. We look forward to a great quarter.

SECOND GRADE

We hope everyone enjoyed their Fall Break. We are busy settling back into our Second Grade routine. Please continue to make sure to check Home Folders each week and take out the spelling and vocabulary list that needs to be practiced at home. Please be sure your child completes all homework and returns it to school in their Home Folder. Also, please remember to read with your child and make sure they are ready for A.R. tests throughout the week.



Classroom News

THIRD GRADE

Our first quarter was a huge success in third grade. Hats off to our families for being supportive in our third grade educational journey! The second quarter will be filled with many new math and reading standards to master. In Reading we will begin summarizing, questioning and using context clues to determine the meaning of vocabulary words. In Math our main focus will be learning all multiplication facts through twelve. We will also be subtracting 3 digit numbers containing zeroes and estimating using rounding skills. In writing we will be mastering the process of editing writing pieces. Also be on the lookout for your child's new AR point goal for this new quarter. A few students did not meet their AR goal in the first quarter, be sure your child earns their AR points early this quarter because the holiday season tends to be very busy.

FOURTH GRADE

The 4th grade staff are excited to see all of the students refreshed smiling faces back at school! The 4th grade has a busy beginning to 2nd quarter with Outdoor School from October 26th – 29th. Students and staff are looking forward to all of the interesting science lessons they will be a part of that week. With that being said, this first week back has been a busy one helping students understand various vocabulary terms needed to know for Outdoor School. Please remember during these days that 4th grade students DO NOT have to wear school uniform, but should wear clothing items that you/they 1) do not mind getting muddy, wet, etc and 2) that are comfortable and weather friendly. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your classroom teacher.

FIFTH GRADE

Fall break is over and 5th grade students have an exciting second quarter ahead of them! On Thursday, October 29, the 5th grade will be traveling back in time at Conner Prairie in Fishers, Indiana. We will leave the world we know behind and discover a world of adventure at the nation's most innovative outdoor history museum. We'll experience 19th-century American culture in new and thrilling ways! This field trip goes along perfectly with our Social Studies curriculum which focuses on American History. This quarter we will be studying the Revolutionary War from; The Shot Heard Around the World to the Declaration of Independence! Our Novel this quarter is My Brother Sam is Dead. It's a moving story about the division within a family as they choose sides in one of our nation's greatest wars. We will then go from the division of families in the Revolutionary War to the division of numbers in our math lesson! We will be taking division to the next step and learn the strategies necessary to do long division. It will indeed be an exciting quarter for fifth graders.

SPANISH

Hola Northeast Families,

Spanish is off to a great start so far this quarter. Be sure and ask your child about our new marble system to encourage students to speak Spanish! New vocabulary lists went home this week, remember if you lose them they are always available in pdf form on my website:

http://northeast.danville.k12.il.us/staff_list/teacher_pages/ms_gremar

We will take a small break from the new vocabulary words in the coming weeks to do a mini unit on Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) which is celebrated on November 1st and 2nd in Mexico and some other parts of Latin America. A great question to ask your child is if Day of the Dead is the same as Halloween. Spoiler alert: it's not! We will be creating art projects that depict some of the festivities surrounding Day of the Dead. I may need volunteers during some of the classes so look for additional information to come home in the coming weeks. As always thanks for supporting your child's Spanish education here at Northeast!

MUSIC

We are beginning to work on music for our Winter Concert! The Winter Concert will be held in the Danville High School auditorium on Thursday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. All Northeast students are required to participate. It will be an evening of fun, so be sure to invite all your family and friends! Please be on the lookout for more information about what your child should wear and what time they should arrive. Information will be sent home with each student by the end of October.

Mrs. Fenoglio

PE

PE in the fall means many days outside taking in the last sunny days before winter. Please be sure to send your students with appropriate clothing to play outdoors on cool/cold days. Also, at the close of the quarter we will have a two week roller skating unit - a fun way to roll into winter break! More about that next month.