

NORTHEAST ELEMENTARY MAGNET SCHOOL

JAN/FEB 2025

A Note from the Principal...

Northeast Families,

We are halfway through a great school year. Our students are in a great rhythm of learning, and we are seeing a lot of progress this year educationally. Archery is underway and fourth grade basketball is coming up. Northeast is such a great place because of our families. Thanks for being part of what makes us great.

Mr. Thorlton, Principal

Important Dates

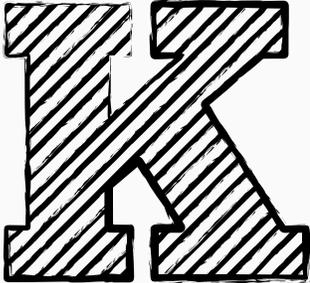
JANUARY

14th - Skate Night 5 - 7:00 pm
15th - Early Dismissal @ 1:15 pm
17th - No School - Semester Planning Day
20th - No School - MLK Day
24th - PTA Indoor Snowball Fight 6 - 7:30 pm
28th - Skate Night 5 - 7:00 pm

FEBRUARY

4th - PTA Meeting @ 6:00 pm
5th - Early Dismissal @ 1:15 pm
11th - Skate Night 5 - 7:00 pm
14th - PTA Dance for 5th & 6th Grade 6 - 7:30 pm
17th - No School - Presidents' Day
19th - Early Dismissal @ 1:15 pm
25th - Skate Night 5 - 7:00 pm

IN THE HALLWAYS



Welcome back! We are getting back in the groove of things. We are working hard to prepare for 1st grade. These next couple of months are so important! We will be discussing Kings and Queens, Seasons and Weather, and Columbus and the Pilgrams. We will also have discussions on Arctic Animals, Fairy Tales, Black History, Valentines, Presidents, and Dental Hygiene. In math, we will be talking about number pairs and addition/subtraction to 10. Recently, your student was tested in Fastbridge. This is a program that tracks students' progress throughout the year. We are proud of our students! Keep up the good work!

We are excited to kick off the new year focusing on student growth! In math, students will continue to master their math facts within 10 while building their skills to solve problems within 40. Your support at home, whether through flash cards, games, or real-world math practice, makes a huge difference! There will also be a major emphasis on reading fluency and comprehension as we progress forward. Reading both independently and with your help will strengthen understanding and foster a habit of joyful and confident reading. Looking ahead to February, we are excited to celebrate friendships and Black History Month with meaningful discussions that honor kindness, community, and the contributions of African Americans to our world. As always, we thank you for your partnership in your child's education!



Happy New Year!!

This school year is flying by so fast. We enjoyed the holiday fun and now we are back and working hard. We look forward to a great 2nd half of the year. These first two months will be learning about the War of 1812, Martin Luther King Jr. and some of our great past presidents. Computation of larger numbers is still our focus in math as well as mastering the basic facts. We will also be learning how to express our opinion in writing.

In February we will celebrate friendship on Valentine's Day!

Don't forget to bundle up during the cold months. Weather permitting, we will have outdoor recess.



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January and February will find third grade immersed in history. Through the Novel Study *White Bird* by R.J. Palacio, students will be learning about kindness and unrelenting courage during World War II. February will find them researching courageous and historical black and brown Americans for our Black History Month Living Museum. Using their knowledge of multiplication to find the area and perimeter of shapes keeps students busy in math class. Answering questions, finding evidence in texts and forming paragraphs is the writing focus. We are off to a wonderful start in 2025!

Third quarter is off to a fantastic start in 4th grade! We finished our FastBridge testing and showed some great growth. During math students are working on long division, keep practicing those steps! Students will start working on 2-digit by 2-digit multiplication soon, make sure your student is practicing their multiplication facts every night. During ELA we are continuing to work on summarizing, making inferences, and our RACE writing. Please check to make sure your student is charging their Chromebook every night, we use them daily and many computers aren't making it through the day.



5th grade just finished up our ELA unit on Don Quixote. We're starting our Italian Renaissance unit next. The students are really enjoying learning about famous Renaissance artists and architects.

In Science, we wrapped our unit on the Stars. We are moving on to learning about Matter. In math we finished Module 2 on multiplication, and we have begun adding and subtracting fractions with unlike denominators.

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Happy New Year!

It is hard to believe that we are already in the third quarter. Sixth Grade students will be learning all about chocolate! We will be reading several different stories from The Chocolate Collection and identifying the author's purpose. We are also focusing on informational writing-sharing information about an influential African American. In Science, we are finishing our Metabolism unit and will be moving on to Traits. Social Studies is taking students back to Ancient Greece and discovering the impact they have on our world today. In Math, we will finish module 3 by graphing rational numbers and move into module 4 of expressions and equations. Please be sure to have your student charge his/her chromebook every night. Thank you!



ATTENTION: 5TH GRADE PARENTS

Your student must have a new school physical and be up to date on his/her vaccinations PRIOR to the first day of 6th grade. Northeast's first day of school next year is scheduled for July 15, 2025. A physical must be dated within one year of that date (July 15, 2024-July 15, 2025). Mandatory vaccinations include Tdap, the first dose of the meningococcal vaccine and the completed Hep B series (most kids have this completed as young children). Students will not be allowed to attend school until completed. Please be sure to contact your student's physician ASAP to schedule appointments and have your student turn in any completed physicals and vaccination forms to me!

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Kasi Anderson RN, BSN

School Nurse

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JANUARY

2025

ACCESS TESTING

WHO:

**ANY STUDENT
WHO QUALIFIES
FOR EL SERVICES.**

**EACH DAY STUDENTS WILL TAKE
ONE DOMAIN- READING,
WRITING, LISTENING, AND
SPEAKING**

**01/27-
01/31**

**SUCCESS
TIPS**

**GO TO BED EARLY
EAT BREAKFAST
BE ON TIME**

**MRS. SPARLING
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MORE INFO:

