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NORTHSIDE NEWS

WELCOME

The Northside staff welcomes all of our students and parents. We know it is going to be a great school year! We look forward to all of the fun and exciting things that we have planned.

Parents, if you have any questions, please call the office at 903-655-5300. If you need to meet with a teacher, please make an appointment ahead of time.

PARENT POINTERS

Please help your child study the multiplication facts. Knowing the facts will enable your child to be more successful in learning new concepts.

Also, please encourage your child to read a minimum of 20 minutes each night. This will ensure that he/she will meet the Reading Counts half-goal and six weeks goal on time each grading period.

Furthermore, please ensure that your child studies for vocabulary tests in reading, math, and science.

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Fall pictures
- 15 -Student Council elections
- 29 Student council officer elections

OCTOBER

- 2 End of 1st 6 weeks
Early Dismissal
- 5 No school for students
- 12-16 Book Fair Week
- 19-23 Red Ribbon Week



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CLASSROOM CONNECTION

READING: Fourth grade students are studying context clues, synonyms, antonyms, prefixes and suffixes. They will begin a poetry unit and learn about figurative language and the structural elements of poetry. They will also be checking out library books so they can read, read, read!

Fifth grade students are reviewing prefixes, suffixes, context clues, and analogies. They will be discussing the structural elements in poetry and they will be concentrating on characterization, inferring, and summarizing in fiction stories.

SCIENCE: In science, fourth graders will be going over safety proce-

dures in a lab and they will be discussing physical properties of objects. Also, they will be concentrating on measurement, mass, temperature, volume, mixtures and solutions.

Fifth graders are learning about safety, physical properties, mixtures, solutions, force and motion. They will be working on journaling in their science notebooks.

MATH: – Fourth graders are focusing on place value, addition and subtraction, and multiplication. They will be having timed multiplication quizzes each day.

Fifth graders are studying place value of whole numbers and decimals, comparing and ordering decimals, rounding, adding, and subtracting of whole numbers and decimals, and multi-

plying whole numbers and decimals.

They will be having timed multiplication quizzes each day.

WRITING: Fourth graders are reviewing punctuation and complete sentences. They will be writing narratives and learning to “paint a picture” with words.

Fifth grade students will be focusing on parts of speech, punctuation, subject and predicates, and author’s purpose. They will also be writing individual stories.

SOCIAL STUDIES: Fourth grade students will be studying the regions of Texas in social studies. They will also begin a unit on Native Americans.

In social studies, fifth graders will be studying early European explorers, geography of U.S. regions, and the colonization of the United States.

NEW STAFF

We are excited to have 5 new staff members at Northside. Regina Sugg is a new 4th grade math teacher. She graduated from Texas A&M and has taught for 17 years. She is married to Rusk County Extension agent Jamie Sugg and has 2 children. She likes to play games and do crafts. Another new 4th grade math teacher is Kay-sie Sabella. She graduated from Texas Tech University and is married. She likes to read and write and she has one published work of non-fiction entitled Kermit. Nikki Weatherford is our new self-contained 5th grade teacher. She has 3 children. Her favorite hobbies are writing (she is working on her first novel) and restoring old things, like furniture, houses, etc. Our new 5th grade writing/social studies teacher is Teris Butler. She is married to Drew and has a son named Boston. She graduated from Letourneau University. She loves to travel, spend time with her family, and attend sporting events. Lisa Harned is our new counselor. She has been in education for 28 years, and has taught English, German, and chemistry. She has two step-children in college. Her hobbies include water and snow skiing, kayaking, decorating, and remodeling.

TRAFFIC THANK YOU

Thank you, parents, for remembering to form a single line in the morning when you drop off your child and for also remembering the correct place to go when dropping off and picking up. If you need to come inside the building in the morning, please park in the parking lot across the street.

ADVICE COLUMN FROM THE MAGIC 3

Dear Magic 3,

How do you keep your friends from talking about each other?

Curious

Dear Curious,

You should just get all your friends together to talk about it. Tell them that they should not be mean to each other because you are all friends. Tell them being mean to each other isn't cool. If it doesn't work, maybe you can tell a teacher. If that doesn't work, maybe they're just not your friends.

Best of luck,

Magic 3

Dear Magic 3,

How can I get people to feel happy?

Wondering

Dear Wondering,

You need to have a positive attitude that others will notice and want to have too. You can also be nice to them. Remember though, it is not your job to make others happy—you need to be sure to be happy yourself!

Magic 3

Magic 3,

Why are my friends mad at me? It's not all of them—really just one. Please help me!

Needs Help

Dear Needs Help,

We have had the same problem before and it hurts. You should talk with your friend and ask what is bothering him/her. If that doesn't help, then just try being nice to them and hope that things will get better. Sometimes people only pretend to be your friend. If that is the case, then you need to find another friend.

Magic 3

Thanks to everyone who donated money for West ISD! Northside collected over \$2000 to help the students there!

Dear Magic 3,

Why did people invent uniforms?

Student

Dear Student,

So people won't wear inappropriate things to school.

Magic 3

We hope everyone has a great last 6 weeks. Keep focused on your work! Remember, school is not over yet!

The Magic 3

