

# NORTON CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Thursday Tidbits - December 6, 2018

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## Lunch Schedule

Kindergarten 11:45—12:05  
1st Grade 11:20—11:40  
2nd Grade 11:45—12:05  
3rd Grade 11:20—11:40  
4th Grade 12:15—12:35  
5th Grade 12:15—12:35



WINTER BREAK DECEMBER 24TH —  
JANUARY 4TH

SCHOOL RESUMES JANUARY 7TH

## From the Principal.....Tony White

Just before Thanksgiving, the world lost one of the greatest creative minds of the 20th century when the iconic Stan Lee passed away at 95. Stan Lee created the superheroes many of us have enjoyed since our childhoods just as our own children are discovering them right now. Stan took the idea of the perfect superhero like Superman and turned it on its ear. He made them real people with faults and weaknesses who make mistakes...AND have these incredible powers. In an era that seems to expect perfection out of every man, woman, and child, Stan Lee gave us permission to be perfectly imperfect in the stories he told and lessons he taught through Spider-Man, Iron Man, and the Incredible Hulk. We can use these characters to teach our kids that perfection is never the goal - trying hard to be better than we were yesterday and not make the same mistakes over and over again is always our aim.

I should also tell you that when I talk to our Eagles, YOU are the people they cite as their heroes. They enjoy the Avengers for who and what they are, but they truly look up to their moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, aunts, uncles, and teachers. Like the characters Stan Lee has given the world, you also don't have to be perfect to be your child's hero. I often think adults believe they have to do these amazing, extraordinary things to be a hero to a child. Truly, it is the hugs good-bye as they leave for school in the morning, asking how their day was when you see them after school, and the nights you spend after long days helping your child with homework, taking them to practice, going to their games and competitions, and playing games and sports with them that are truly heroic. The ordinary, everyday "stuff of life" is what your children really appreciate, and I commend you for the hard work you put in with your kids. Awesome kids do not happen by accident - they happen because of awesome, dedicated parents.

Have a great weekend, Norton Creek!

## Norton Creek Odds and ends.....

### • **ALL DAY KINDERGARTEN TUITION REMINDER**

A reminder – December tuition for All Day Kindergarten is due December 15th.

Payments may be made at [www.pushcoin.com](http://www.pushcoin.com). If you would like to set up monthly auto payments, please contact Wendy Sedwick in our Business Office at (331) 228-4927.

### • **ARAMARK LUNCH MENUS** To view the December lunch menu click [HERE](#)



### • **IMPORTANT COLD WEATHER & OUTSIDE RECESS INFORMATION**

We will be going outside for recess as long as the temperature (with wind chill) is above 0 F and it is not raining. With that in mind, please make sure your child is dressed to go outside on days when it is cold, snowy or windy. Students should bring outerwear to school in a bag to put on before recess. Please make sure they have hats, gloves, scarves, snow pants and boots if they want to play in the snow. Don't forget to label your child's outerwear so it does not end up in the Lost and Found. Thank you!



## **Norton Creek Odds and ends.....**

### **STUDENT COUNCIL “FIVE DAYS OF GIVING”**

Norton Creek Student Council has had a service relationship with the Lazarus House for some time now and this holiday season we hope to bring some good tidings and spread some holiday cheer with our “Five Days of Giving” campaign. With your help, we plan to fill Holiday stockings for about 30 men, 20 women, and 25 children (newborn - high school) who call The Lazarus House home. Here is how we all can help- Each day we are collecting specific items that have been requested then, your Student Council will fill and deliver the stockings. Student Council representatives have met with classrooms and have left a collection box in each classroom. Please consider purchasing items and sending to school during this wonderful week of service.



#### Five Days of Giving Wish List

1st Day of Giving (Monday 12/10) Sweet Treat Day - packs of chewing gum, Breath Mints, Hershey candy bars, Chocolate Santa candy bars

2nd Day of Giving (Tuesday 12/11) Personal Grooming Day - tweezers, nail clippers, Chapstick, EOS, Carmex, Mascara

3rd Day of Giving (Wednesday 12/12) Socks Day - socks for men, women, girls and boys

4th Day of Giving (Thursday 12/13) Fun Day - holiday coloring books, crayons, playing cards, small baby toys (no plush toys)

5th Day of Giving (Friday, 12/14) Gift Card Day - \$5.00 Gift Cards for Starbucks, McDonalds, Target

Thank you for your generosity! Any questions- Ask a student Council Representative or contact Jenny Anderson or Sara Gilroy

## **DISTRICT 303 NEWS....SURVEY**

### **PARENT SATISFACTION SURVEY BEGINNING DECEMBER 3**



Every year, District 303 conducts a satisfaction survey that gives us meaningful feedback from our students, teachers and parents. For the last decade, we have administered a local survey that has provided us with comparable data.

This year, as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) we will now be participating in the statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about your child's school.

You should have received an email communication on December 3 with the link to the 5Essentials Survey. *We appreciate your participation in this anonymous tool used to gather information about our schools.*



# NORTON CREEK

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

## PTO Appreciation!

**Many thanks** to **Angie Miki** for all of her hard work keeping the database accurate for our website, helping committee chairs to get their events and sales published on the website, and for putting together the student directories this year!

## PTO News

### **WASTE FREE LUNCH DECEMBER 17-21st (K-5)** [mjwesner@ymail.com](mailto:mjwesner@ymail.com)

Earth Savers estimated that 50-100 bags of garbage and recycling leave the building each week. Items like baggies and paper lunch bags head straight to the landfill. Recyclable items like plastic water bottles and fruit cups still waste resources when being recycled. So, we decided to challenge the entire Norton Creek community to pack waste free lunches for an entire week (and then maybe forever). Imagine what a big impact Eagles will have on the Earth if they participate. See flyer below for more information on how to pack a waste free lunch!

### **THE GIVING TREE (K-5)** [meaghanbishop@hotmail.com](mailto:meaghanbishop@hotmail.com)

The Norton Creek Caring Eagles are partnering with the Tri-Cities Salvation Army to celebrate and support the 25th anniversary of the Jim Wheeler Toys for Kids Program. This program provides toys to tri-city area children to help ensure they have a joyful, memorable holiday season. This drive supports children of all ages, from newborn to teenagers. Let's all show our **Eagle Pride** and make these holidays special for as many children as possible. **We are collecting donations now until Monday, December 10th.** See flyer below.

### **FACEBOOK (K-5)** [nortoncreekpovicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:nortoncreekpovicepresident@gmail.com)

Check out our new Facebook Group for members of the Norton Creek Community to interact by discussing, asking questions and connecting. We still have our Facebook page for basic updates and more importantly, we will continue to use Membership Toolkit for our most important communications. We hope that you will use this group to help us build the NC Community: [Norton Creek PTO Discussion / Community Group](#)

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

The next PTO meeting will be held on **January 8th at 7 p.m.** in the LRC. Everyone is invited to attend. There is not a meeting held in December.



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### **The **WISH LIST** includes, but is not limited to:**

**Board games and Card games  
Books and Educational Toys  
Remote control cars/helicopters  
Monster jam cars or Hot wheels  
Lego sets, Mega Blocks, Lincoln Logs  
Art kits like jewelry making, paint sets, Crayola kits, weaving looms  
Disney Playsets, Kitchen Playsets  
American Girl Dolls or 18in style dolls  
STAR WARS playsets, games and clothing  
My Little Pony, Thomas the Train, Peppa Pig items  
Barbie dolls and accessories  
Melissa and Doug Items  
Jewelry and Jewelry boxes  
Radios, iPods, Headphones, earbuds, Wireless speakers  
Wallets, Purses, Grooming Items like hair dryers, curling irons  
Gift Cards and monetary donations  
New, unused warm weather gear: hats, scarves, mittens, etc.**

**New, unwrapped toys can be placed in the Salvation Army Toys for Kids Toy Box located near the main office beginning Monday, November 26th. The collection will continue until Monday, December 10th.**

**After December 10th**, donations can be dropped off at The Salvation Army, 1710 S. 7th Avenue, St. Charles through December 24th.

# CHALLENGE

@ Norton Creek Elementary School



## How do we pack a **WASTE FREE LUNCH?**

**START BY PACKING YOUR LUNCH IN A REUSABLE BAG OR LUNCH BOX** - avoid disposable paper or plastic bags.

**PACK YOUR FOOD IN REUSABLE CONTAINERS** - skip plastic baggies, aluminum foil, and prepackaged food.

**FILL A REUSABLE BOTTLE** with water or juice - skip juice boxes and pouches, disposable plastic bottles, and cans.

**BRING SILVERWARE FROM HOME** instead of throwing away plastic utensils at lunch. And pack a **CLOTH NAPKIN** from home instead of adding paper napkins to the garbage.

Every Norton Creek Eagle is invited to help  
save the Earth from our lunchtime waste

# December 17-21, 2018

**SAVE THE DATE!!**  
**Norton Creek's Variety Show 2019**



**Calling all 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders!!**  
**Come and Show your Talent**

**Show Date: Friday, March 15th, 2019**

- ❖ Are you a Talented singer or a Graceful dancer?
  - ❖ Are you a Stand-up comedian or create funny skits?
  - ❖ Is your speciality theatrical or Ballerina?
  - ❖ Jamming with your instruments?
  - ❖ Or maybe you're best when rocking it out with your besties!
- The Sky is the limit.....

**THEN THIS SHOW IS FOR YOU!**

**Everyone's act is welcome, and we encourage you to participate!**  
**Start thinking and planning now!**

**Registration will be open in January.**



**The Norton Creek Community wants to see you and your friends shine!**