

# NORTON CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Thursday Tidbits - March 14, 2019

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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



2ND TRIMESTER REPORT  
CARDS ON HAC—  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH

MARCH 25TH—MARCH 29TH  
SPRING BREAK—NO SCHOOL

Norton Creek Book Fair

## Tree House Tales

March 15–March 21st  
8:30 am–3:15 pm daily  
FAMILY NIGHT 3/20 at 5:30 pm



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

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

A reminder – All Day Kindergarten tuition will be due March 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 March lunch menu click [HERE](#).

#### • **NORTON CREEK FACEBOOK** Click on the following facebook icon to connect to the Norton Creek facebook page.



**SPIRIT WEEK AT THE CREEK 2019** Hey, Norton Creek Eagles. Are you ready for some fun? Help celebrate the arrival of Spring Break with Spirit Week (Monday 3/18 thru Friday 3/22)

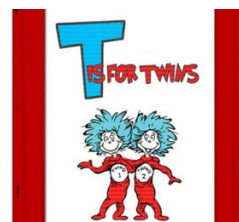
<u>Monday</u>	Pajama Day -Get comfy and stay comfy
<u>Tuesday</u>	Dream Job Day - dress for your dream job
<u>Wednesday</u>	Dress like Mr. White or Dress like a Teacher Day
<u>Thursday</u>	Twin/Multiple Day- find a friend or a group and dress alike and WEAR CRAZY SOCKS IN SUPPORT OF OUR FRIENDS IN RISE
<u>Friday</u>	Beach Day-dress like you are already on vacation (school dress code still applies)



ENJOY!



Teacher  
for a day



**The Norton Creek 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Grades proudly present:**



**AND WHERE IT ALL  
BEGAN!**

**Thursday, May 16th, 2019**

Norton Creek Elementary School  
6:00 pm  
Community Room

- 5:40pm—Students arrive at Norton Creek
  - Parents drop off students at front entrance
  - Students go directly to their classrooms
- 5:45—Audience may enter the CR
- 5:50—1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades enter the CR with their classroom teachers
- 6:00—SHOW TIME!

Please take a moment to read the note below about  
Concert Attire!

In honor of our concert theme this year,  
**Rock and Roll**, students are encouraged to dress in  
any rock style outfit from across the decades or a  
favorite band t-shirt!



Thank you so much for your support! During this concert unit we have been focusing on Concert Best behavior, best singing posture, using our healthy singing voices, and part independence! Also, we've talked about the history of rock and roll, some artists and bands who had a big impact on the genre, and how rock evolved through the decades! We are excited to share our learning with you!



If you have questions, please email me directly!

Thank you!  
Mrs. Beetstra  
K-5 Music



In the interest of going green, please check  
the Norton Creek e-newsletters for all music information!

Thanks!

-Mrs. Beetstra

[adrienne.gallaugher-beetstra@d303.org](mailto:adrienne.gallaugher-beetstra@d303.org)

## **D303 NEWS....continued**

### **ELEMENTARY INTRA-DISTRICT TRANSFERS**

An Elementary Intra-District Transfer Request must be submitted online no sooner than 8:00 AM on the first Tuesday following Spring Break (April 2, 2019) and no later than 4:00 PM on the third Monday following Spring Break (April 15, 2019). A link to the request form will be posted on the District 303 webpage by 8:00 AM on April 2. If you are requesting a transfer for more than one child, a separate request must be submitted for each. Due to fluctuating class sizes at each grade level, siblings are not guaranteed placement. Please note:

- A new request must be submitted each year beginning the week after spring break
- If granted, transportation is the responsibility of the parents
- The transfer is for one school year and will require re-application the following school year

### **ILLINOIS ASSESSMENT OF READINESS (IAR) AND ILLINOIS SCIENCE ASSESSMENT (ISA)**

Please see important District information below regarding upcoming testing.



## **Community Unit School District 303**

March 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Students in grades 3 through 8 will be taking state tests in English/Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics between April 1 and April 26. The test name has changed from PARCC to the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR). The underlying test, what it measures, and how it is scored is the same. Information about the change to the IAR can be found at: <https://district.d303.org/departments/assessment>.

Additionally, students in grades 5, 8, and in their first high school biology course will be taking the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) within the month of April. Please consult with your school for a more specific test schedule for the ISA. These assessments are designed to evaluate students' progress toward the more rigorous state standards.

Please encourage your child to give his or her best effort and, as always, preparing your child for a good day at school begins with a good night of sleep and a nutritional breakfast.

These state tests are one of several ways student achievement is measured in CUSD 303. Your child's daily school work, teacher comments, and report cards are also important when determining overall school achievement. If you have any questions regarding your child's performance, be sure to talk with your child's teacher or principal.

You will also receive information about your child's individual performance on these tests in the fall. School and district results will be reported on the Illinois School Report Cards.

Sincerely,

David Chiszar  
Executive Director of Assessment and Accountability

"Empowering and Inspiring ALL"



# Reading & Writing Club

is a supportive, joyful environment  
where we believe everyone has something  
important to say and deserves to be heard.



The coordinators are committed to providing:

- uninterrupted writing & reading time
- engaging literacy activities
- time dedicated to collaboration
- opportunities to celebrate reading and writing with an audience

So that students view themselves as readers and writers and improve literacy skills by:

- making choices
- building stamina for reading & writing
- sharing reading & writing
- recognizing growth

**Due to the high interest in RWC and limited space, we are only registering students for Session 3 that did not already participate in Session 1 or 2.** Hopefully in doing this, every student interested in attending RWC will have an opportunity. Session 2 will be capped at 50 participants and held on **Thursday mornings from 7:40 am-8:25 am**. Parents of Session 3 students will be welcome to celebrate with our readers and writers at the end of the session during the final meeting on May 16.. Mark your calendars now!

## Session 3- Registration is NOW OPEN

Apr 11  
Apr 18  
Apr 25  
May 2  
May 9  
May 16- Celebration!

If your child is interested in attending the **third session**, please complete and return the form at the bottom of this page. Once all the forms have been received on **4/2/19**, participants will be chosen randomly. Confirmation for session 2 will be sent out via backpacks on April 4th.

**RWC** Please return to Mrs. Jordahl by Thursday, April 4, 2019.

**\*\*One form per family** Family Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher 1/Grade. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email \_\_\_\_\_





## PTO Appreciation!

**A HUGE thanks** to **Margie Vardalos, Dani DeMoon, Rachel McCabe, Natalie Gjokaj, and alumni parent Tony DiGiulio** for putting together the Variety Show this year! The students are really excited and are going to be awesome!

Everyone is invited to attend the Variety Show! Come cheer on your brave teachers, students, friends, and neighbors.

## PTO News

### **VARIETY SHOW INFORMATION (K-5)** [vardalos6@gmail.com](mailto:vardalos6@gmail.com)

The Norton Creek Variety Show **TOMORROW at 6:00 pm!** Join us for a night of entertainment as we watch our Eagles shine. All students are welcome to come out and cheer on their classmates and friends! **Admission is FREE!** The PTO Board will be selling snacks (**Cash Only**)! Order the Variety Show DVD to relive each moment of this special show. Click [HERE](#) to order your DVD today. This is a family event, not a drop-off event. Adult supervision is required.

### **NORTON CREEK/ANDERSON BOOK FAIR (K-5)** [stephanie.caragher@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.caragher@gmail.com)

Come find a book to read at Norton Creek's Spring Book Fair. Mark your calendars for our Treehouse Tales Anderson Book Fair! The **fair begins TOMORROW** in the LRC (library) and ends Thursday, March 21st. Daily hours are 8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. daily for browsing or purchasing books. Also, **plan on visiting the Treehouse on March 20th** as we will be open during Science Night. The book fair will be open from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Parents, please feel free to come in with your students before or after the science activities to make a purchase.

### **ANDERSON BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED (K-5)** [jenniferhazlett@hotmail.com](mailto:jenniferhazlett@hotmail.com)

**We are looking for volunteers** to assist with the Book Fair. There are lots of opportunities to help and you might even get to see your kid! **All volunteers will receive 10% off book fair purchases.** You can sign up on Membership Toolkit: Click [HERE](#).

### **FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT (K-5)** [nortoncreekstem@gmail.com](mailto:nortoncreekstem@gmail.com)

The DuPage Children's Museum and Discovery Center Museum will be at Norton Creek on **March 20, 2019, from 6 pm to 8 pm**. Their extensive STEM Outreach program offers a variety of exciting hands-on demonstrations designed to engage and amaze students of all ages! **Registration is required** for this event, **please register by TOMORROW** at [NortonCreekPTO.org](http://NortonCreekPTO.org).

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SCIENCE NIGHT (K-5)** [nortoncreekstem@gmail.com](mailto:nortoncreekstem@gmail.com)

On **Wednesday, March 20th**, the Family Science Night is taking place. Several volunteer slots need to be filled to help support the event and ensure the safety of our students. We also need a photographer for the event! Please see [NortonCreekPTO.org](http://NortonCreekPTO.org) to volunteer.

### **FIFTH GRADE VIDEO (5)** [msemkiu@sbcglobal.net](mailto:msemkiu@sbcglobal.net)

Just a reminder for 5th Grade Parents - Please submit your student's **Kindergarten and 5th Grade individual pictures** for the 5th Grade End of Year Video **by next Thursday, March 21st**. Contact Marisa Burch with any questions. Additional information regarding the End of Year celebration will be coming home soon. Information will be posted on the website, please make sure your PTO Account is up to date. [nortoncreekpto.org](http://nortoncreekpto.org)

### **YEARBOOK 2018-2019 DEADLINE TO ORDER IS APRIL 1, 2019 (K-5)** [ncyearbook.shelly@gmail.com](mailto:ncyearbook.shelly@gmail.com)

Click [HERE](#) to order, or verify your order! If you've already ordered, you may customize 2 FREE pages with your child's personal memories of the year! Additional pages are available for purchase.

### **BASKET RAFFLE (K-5)** [Jdonald11@gmail.com](mailto:Jdonald11@gmail.com)

Mark your calendar for our biggest fundraising event of the year! **April 26th** will be a night of BINGO, pizza, ice cream, friends and raffle PRIZES! Watch for all of the details including ticket pre-orders and ways to get involved in early-April.

**Can you make a donation to one of the prize baskets?** We are collecting items with these themes: Legos, Unicorns, Board Games, and Chicago Sports Teams. A collection bin is located inside the vestibule at school until Spring Break. THANK YOU!

# NORTON CREEK

Free Family Event

## SCIENCE NIGHT

### COOL STEM EXPERIMENTS

DuPage Children's Museum &  
Discovery Center Museum  
will provide a variety of  
exciting hands-on  
experiments designed  
to engage and amaze  
students of all ages!



### EVENT DETAILS:

NORTON CREEK

3.20.2019

6PM TO 8PM

REGISTER YOUR  
FAMILY AT

[NortonCreekPTO.org](http://NortonCreekPTO.org)

BY 3.15.2019

Sponsored by:  
The Norton Creek PTO



Science Night  
is a **FREE** Family event!  
We do ask that you register your  
family in advance for the event and that  
all students are accompanied by an adult.  
Registration is via Membership Toolkit on  
the **NortonCreekPTO.org** website.  
If you DO NOT already have a Norton Creek  
Membership Toolkit account follow the steps  
below to create a **FREE** account.

1. Visit us at: **NortonCreekPTO.org**
2. Select the Register/Login icon on the right-hand side of the page
3. Create an account as a NEW USER
4. Complete the online form
5. Membership Toolkit sends you a verification e-mail
6. Click on the emailed link to verify your account
7. Verify your password
8. Scroll to the BOTTOM of the page and Click on the **BLUE** link to Complete the **Family/Personal/Student Information** (start [here!](#)), Continue on to complete the **Directory Preferences**
9. Register to have **FUN** with **FRIENDS** at all of the **AWESOME PTO EVENTS!**

### Volunteer Opportunities!

Please login to Membership Toolkit and access the open  
volunteer opportunities form to support this event!

If you know a HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT in  
need of VOLUNTEER HOURS contact

NortonCreekSTEM@gmail.com

This FUN event will earn 4 hours!



# **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

## **Baskets & Bingo Bash 2019!!**



**Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

**5pm to 8pm**

**More Details to come.**



### **Want to donate?**

We are seeking donations to help us build our baskets! All donations welcome but to make things simple we have set up 4 popular categories:

Legos, Unicorns, Board Games, & Chicago Sports (ie. Cubs, Blackhawks, etc.)

We will have a bin set up in the front vestibule starting Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> through Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Lindsay Hermann at [lindsay.hermann@zurichna.com](mailto:lindsay.hermann@zurichna.com)

Please help support the biggest fundraising event of the year!

### **Want to Volunteer??**

We will be setting up Volunteer opportunities in Membership Toolkit. Please watch for additional details and consider volunteering your time for this great event!!



# What Do You Mean You Haven't Purchased the Norton Creek Elementary Yearbook Yet?



## Customize Your 2 Free Pages

- Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.
- Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.
- The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$0.99.

## To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

- 1 Visit <https://nortoncreekppto.membershiptoolkit.com>
- 2 Select MemberShip Toolkit, Volunteer/Make a Purchase, Then, Select Yearbook under Purchases Menu

Regular Price: **\$19.00**

Deadline: **Apr 1**

# TreeRing