

NORTON CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Thursday Tidbits - February 7, 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

**PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY—
NO SCHOOL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH**

FEBRUARY

From the Principal.....Tony White

A wise person once said, "Worry is the greatest thief of joy." I will add to that (Although, I would hardly call myself wise.): Worry is also the greatest thief of the moment. It not only robs us of moments we could spend doing more positive, productive, enjoyable activities, but it also steals us away from the people we love the most when we should be sharing moments with them. Once we begin to worry about something (school, work, and so on and so forth) or someone (a kid who isn't nice to me, my boss...just to name a few), we are no longer "with" our people. We've mentally left the room and have headed to school, the office, etc. This is true no matter our age. Today, more children experience anxiety than any generation of children before. And, we all know too well about the statistics of stress, anxiety, and adults.

Stress is inevitable; therefore, worry is inevitable. So, what can we do? The key lies within mindfulness. According to the Foundation for a Mindful Society, mindfulness is defined as the basic human ability to be fully present, aware of where we are and what we're doing, and not overly reactive or overwhelmed by what's going on around us. This is a skill that does not come overnight nor is there only one way to acquire it. One way that I am practicing being mindful is keeping my cell phone and school laptop across the room from me as often as I can when I am spending time with my wife and kids. The people we love love us just as much and want and deserve "all of us." We also deserve the joy time fully spent with our loved ones brings us.

As it relates to our own kids, if we can limit distractions such as phones, tablets, and video games during family time (unless we are playing games with them), it is a good start to aiding them in their journeys to mindfulness. Mindfulness is a great way to help our kids de-stress as they focus on the beauty of the moment as opposed to all of the things they have to do (homework, sports, dance, theater). Those things will get done and are all important, but nothing is more important than those moments. It can be so easy to get pulled out of them, but when we remain mindful, we make memories that will last a lifetime filling us with joy, gratitude, and resilience for the journey ahead.

Have a wonderful weekend, Norton Creek! For everyone that came out to the PRO-Kids Show, on behalf of the PTO (who so generously ensured it was a free event for our community), thank you for coming and we hope you enjoyed the show. It was certainly one in a million!

Norton Creek Odds and ends.....

• **ALL DAY KINDERGARTEN TUITION REMINDER**

A reminder – All Day Kindergarten/Community Preschool tuition payment is due February 15th. Payments may be made at 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 February lunch menu click [HERE](#).

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



Norton Creek Odds and ends....

ATTENDANCE LINE: To ensure your child's safety, you must call the attendance line at (331) 228-2700, wait for the prompt and press 1 to leave a message for the following reason(s). PLEASE DO NOT EMAIL ATTENDANCE TO THE OFFICE OR TEACHER.

- Student will be late to school (due to an appointment, etc.). All students who are late coming to school need to check in with the office before they go to class.
- Student is ill
- Student will be absent, please leave the reason, or your student will be marked unexcused.

Information to include on the attendance line: Student name, grade, teacher, reason for absence, symptoms.

Please **do not request homework on the attendance line**. If you would like to request homework, you will need to **email your student's teacher**.



SAVE THE DATE!

Norton Creek Family Math Night 2019

Math Madness!

When: Thursday, March 7th, 6:00 pm—7:30 pm

Where: Norton Creek Elementary
2033 Smith Road, West Chicago, IL 60185

Featuring:

SWEET Mathematical Fluency and Games

ELITE Problem Solving Tasks

FINAL Work with Models and Manipulatives

More information and invites to follow...

DISTRICT 303 NEWS...

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRANSFER REQUESTS FOR 5TH, 6TH, AND 7TH GRADE STUDENTS

Families who wish to submit Middle School Transfer requests may do so beginning February 4. The request form will be available on the District 303 website through February 28. Families must complete a separate form for each student they want transferred. Requests are granted based on space available so siblings are not guaranteed placement.

Once the request is approved, a student may remain at that middle school throughout his or her middle school career, as long as the student resides in District 303.

Families of students granted permission to attend a school outside of their assigned attendance are responsible for their own transportation.

Students **will** return to their assigned attendance area high school regardless of the middle school attended.

BASIC TRAINING CHEER TRYOUT CLINIC

When: March 26—28, 2019 from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Where: Wredling Middle School

Who: Grades 5th—7th

Click [HERE](#) for more information

Kindergarten Registration Information



DISTRICT 303 NEWS:

IMPORTANT KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Kindergarten Registration was held yesterday. If you know of anyone who is new to our school district with a kindergarten age student and has not yet registered their Kindergarten student, please share this important information about Kindergarten Enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year. They will need to contact the office to set up a registration time. Thank you.



Kindergarten Enrollment February 6, 2019



If your child will be 5-years old on or before September 1, 2019
it's time to register for kindergarten.

DO NOT WAIT until summer to enroll your new kindergarten student. Kindergarten enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year will be at all Community Unit School District 303 elementary schools on **February 6**. Enroll at the elementary school where children in your area currently attend.

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.			
Bell-Graham Elementary	(331) 228-2100	Munhall Elementary	(331) 228-2600
Corron Elementary	(331) 228-6900	Norton Creek Elementary	(331) 228-2700
Ferson Creek Elementary	(331) 228-2300	Wasco Elementary	(331) 228-2900
Lincoln Elementary	(331) 228-2500	Wild Rose Elementary	(331) 228-3000
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.			
Anderson Elementary	(331) 228-3300	Davis Primary	(331) 228-2200

Community Unit School District 303 offers both Half Day and All Day Kindergarten programs. All Day Kindergarten is a fee-based program for the additional 1/2 day of instruction. Information regarding All Day Kindergarten fees can be found on the District website at district.d303.org in the Schools menu titled "Kindergarten Information".

The following information is **required** when enrolling for kindergarten*:

- Reliable proof of child's identity and age (birth certificate+, passport, visa, etc.)
- Verification of Parent/Guardian Identity
- Two documents as proof of residency
- Parcel Identification Number (PIN)

Birth Certificate must be the county issued certified copy.

*****See below for specific proofs**

*New student residency and enrollment information, including links to required notices and kindergarten enrollment forms, can be found on the District 303 web site (district.d303.org/registration)

+Required to comply with the Missing Children Records Act [325 ILCS 50/5]

Complete information about physical examinations, dental examinations and immunizations will be available at the February enrollment event. Students are expected to have all requirements completed by the first day of school. Student assignments will be available in August.

*****Preferred Proof of residency: Recent utility bill (gas, electric or water) and recent property tax bill**

Enroll on February 6.

Your cooperation will enable the school to better serve your child.



NORTON CREEK

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

PTO Appreciation!

Thank you to **Jody Wesner** and **Angela Pigoni** who head Earth Savers. Earth Savers is no longer a club, as everyone at Norton Creek is an Earth Saver! Jody and Angela run the special events, help to oversee the Outdoor Learning Center and the garden space, and remind us that small efforts (like packing a waste-free lunch) can add up to a HUGE impact.

PTO News

RANDOM ACTS MATTER (K-5) rotellakelly@gmail.com, alisonthoms@yahoo.com

We have a great Kindness Week planned for Random Acts Matter. There will be fun and simple things for your child all week and many ways for them to share kindness. Please see the flyer below outlining all of the details. Join us Monday morning in front of the school to cheer on the students as they begin their week with smiles and high-fives. There will be a surprise guest on Monday morning! Friday, we are collecting canned goods for the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Learn more about RAM, visit www.randomactsmatter.com #PaintTheTownOrange #caringeagles

CASA SUNSHINE BAGS AND PACKING PARTY (K-5) mmpihl@gmail.com

The Caring Eagles are ready to bring some sunshine into the lives of some children who need it the most! We will be collecting reusable bags, coloring books, fidgets, crosswords, etc. for children within the CASA program. To learn more about CASA and what they do for kids, please visit <https://www.casakaneconomy.org/about-casa/>. We will be assembling these "Sunshine Bags" and adding happy notes to them at our packing party on **Feb. 21st, 6:30 p.m.—8 p.m.** Please see Membership Toolkit for additional info. See you there!

JUST SHAVE IT EVENT - CAL'S ANGELS (K-5) angie.miki@yahoo.com

Has your student signed up to join the Norton Creek "Bald" Eagles in the Cal's Angels JUST SHAVE IT event yet? There are several ways to participate. They could shave their head, donate a portion of their hair (9 inches minimum) or just fundraise to help kids fight cancer. Family members are welcome to participate too! The event itself takes place on **March 9th** at 6:00 p.m. at St. Charles North High School. Visit <http://www.calsangels.org/shave> then scroll down and click "Norton Creek Sign Up" on the left side to register.

ALL NORTON CREEK EAGLES (K-5) mjwesner@ymail.com angpigoni@gmail.com

Earth Savers Event has been rescheduled for **Thursday, February 21st from 3-4 P. M.** in the gym. Come learn more about Shelly, the Blanding Turtle, Norton Creek has adopted! *Hickory Knolls Discovery Center* will be presenting and will be bringing some of their own Blanding Turtles! There is still time to **Sign-up now on** MTK, **registration closes on Thursday, February 14th.** See information below.

**Don't miss the next
Norton Creek Earth Savers Meeting
on Thursday, February 21**



The Hickory Knolls Discovery Center will be at Norton Creek on Thursday, February 21, 2019, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. for an EARTH SAVERS presentation on Shelly, Norton Creek's adopted Blanding Turtle. The Center will also be bringing some of their very own Blanding Turtles for Earth Savers to meet and interact with! All Eagles welcome!

Every Eagle is invited - register on MTK today!



Norton Creek is partnering with Random Acts Matter (a local St Charles Charity) to participate in Random Acts of Kindness Week.

Join in and help us spread kindness:

Friday:

Coming home in your student's backpack is a sheet they can fill out and share with their teacher, listing one or two acts of kindness they have performed. Turn sheets in throughout the week. All Random acts of kindness will be displayed in the NC hallway. No act is too small to be recognized.

Monday:

Students will be "kindly" welcomed in with cheering and High-fives from teachers & PTO.

Free viewing of the movie WONDER at the Arcada theater. Start time 7pm. Show your spirit and wear your Norton Creek gear!

Tuesday:

Say hello to someone you don't know.

Play with someone new at recess.

Wednesday:

Compliment a friend or teacher.

Thursday:

Share the love on Valentine's day. Students can take an encouraging sticky note from our wall of kindness in the main hallway.

Friday:

Be kind to our neighbors in need. Bring in a can of food for the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Collection boxes will be inside the first set of front doors.

Students will be "clapped out" at the end of the day, to cheer on the kindness they gave throughout the week.

Thanks for being a caring eagle and spreading kindness throughout the week!

Just Shave It!



REGISTER TO SHAVE YOUR HEAD, DONATE YOUR HAIR
OR JUST FUNDRAISE TO HELP KIDS FIGHT CANCER!

VISIT calsangels.org/shave

Let's create some BUZZ about pediatric cancer!



Chase Age 4



Ava Age 6



Talia Age 3



March 9th - 6pm

St. Charles North High School

255 Red Gate Rd, St. Charles, IL 60175



Proceeds benefit Cal's Angels' mission to help kids
fight cancer by granting wishes, raising awareness
and funding clinical trial research.