

NORTON CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Thursday Tidbits - January 17, 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



FRIDAY, JANUARY, 18TH—NO SCHOOL
TEACHER INSTITUTE DAY

MONDAY, JANUARY 21ST—NO SCHOOL MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY

From the Principal.....Tony White

Math being a challenge for students has been depicted in the media since "Leave it to Beaver." Math being a challenge for parents has been depicted in the media as recently as Mr. Incredible helping Dash with his math at the dinner table in last summer's "Incredibles 2." To that end, please, mark your calendars for MATH MADNESS the evening of March 7! We don't want math to be any more challenging for you or your Eagles than it should be.

Our aim is to show families more of the why and the how behind what we do in math class today. Certainly, math is taught differently than the way we were taught it as kids. However, I say this a lot, I wish I was taught math the way our kids are learning it today. When we were kids, many of us were taught math through rote memorization. We knew that $2 \times 4 = 8$, but didn't know why it was so and how to apply that conceptual knowledge to other multiplication, division, or even addition problems. Memorizing that is nice. It helps us quickly solve 2×4 ; however, know why $2 \times 4 = 8$ unlocks doors for our students as they learn about math.

We look forward to seeing you here at Norton Creek the evening of March 7 for Math Madness, and hope that it unlocks a few doors for you too. All you want to do is to help your sons and daughters at the kitchen table as they work through math homework, and then they tell you "you're doing it wrong." I'm here to tell you that you're not doing it wrong, and we're here to help.

Enjoy a nice, long, relaxing, fun weekend, Norton Creek! We look forward to our learning tomorrow as a teaching team and to seeing our Eagles bright and early Tuesday morning!

Norton Creek Odds and ends.....

• **ALL DAY KINDERGARTEN TUITION REMINDER**

A reminder – January 15th All Day tuition payment is now due. 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 January lunch menu click [HERE](#)



• **GROUP/CLUB PHOTOS FOR THE YEARBOOK** (K-5)

Color Portraits will be at Norton Creek on **Wednesday, January 23rd** to take group and club pictures for the year book. This includes band, orchestra, Student Council, science club, yearbook club, math club, wellness/running club, reading and writing club, and Earth savers. Please wear your group t-shirt (if applicable) for the picture.

Norton Creek Odds and ends....

DISTRICT 303

PREVENTING & ADDRESSING BULLYING: LESSONS LEARNED AND RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

Faculty from the Psychology Department at Northern Illinois University will present practical information from their research and their work as part of a U.S. Department of Education training grant "Project Prevent and Address Bullying." Thompson Middle School is partnering with NIU on this grant project, bringing resources that will be shared throughout the district. The faculty will present helpful knowledge, tips, and resources parents can use when navigating bullying situations. You may register by visiting the District 303 Parent University web page. <http://district.d303.org/parent-university>

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 2 that did not already participate in Session 1. 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 2 students will be welcome to celebrate with our readers and writers at the end of the session during the final meeting on March 14. Mark your calendars now!

Session 2- REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN	Session 3
February 7	Apr 11
February 14	Apr 18
February 21	Apr 25
February 28	May 2
March 7	May 9
March 14- Celebration!	May 16- Celebration!

If your child is interested in attending the second session, please complete and return the form at the bottom of this page. Once all the forms have been received on 1/24/19, participants will be chosen randomly. Confirmation for session 2 will be sent out via backpacks on January 31, 2019.

RWC Please return to Mrs. Jordahl by Thursday, January 24, 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 _____



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...

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

Dear 4th Grade Music Parents!

IT'S RECORDER TIME!

All Norton Creek and Lincoln 4th grade students will spend the next unit in music class learning recorder fundamentals! **We will begin the week of January 28th! Yahoo!**

Please order the following recorder from Quinlan & Fabish so your child may participate:

- Yamaha 3-piece Soprano Recorder product number – YRS24B
- Price – \$7.99
- Price with tax (FREE delivery!) – \$8.57

*(Students are also free to use a SCHOOL QUALITY recorder they already have!
Please send these with your child beginning the week of January 28th!!!
If you already have a recorder, you do not need to place an order!)*

***Ordering Instructions:**

These items must be ordered from Quinlan & Fabish Music Company. We get a special school discount with Q&F! Both items will be delivered by the sales rep directly to Norton Creek & Lincoln Schools!

1. Please **CALL 1-800-63-SOUSA (1-800-637-6872)** to reach Quinlan & Fabish customer service to place your order with a representative using a credit or debit card. Store hours are Monday through Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m./Friday and Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
2. Please place your order by **Monday, January 21st to ensure your child's recorder arrives by January 28th!**
3. **Please include in your order your child's: VERY IMPORTANT!!!**

a. FIRST AND LAST NAME

b. SCHOOL

c. CLASS SECTION (for example "4U" "4JH")

4. DELIVERY: Please let the customer service representative know which school your student attends (Norton Creek or Lincoln) and your materials will be delivered directly to your school! Awesome!

Mrs. Beetstra will then distribute the recorders during your child's music class!

****Please DO NOT send your child to school with a check or cash!**

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED VIA PHONE THROUGH QUINLAN & FABISH DIRECTLY!!!

If you have any questions, PLEASE **do not contact** your child's 4th grade teacher—contact me directly via e-mail!

Thank you so much!

Mrs. Beetstra

adrienne.gallaugh-beetstra@d303.org

Kindergarten Registration Information



DISTRICT 303 NEWS:

IMPORTANT KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

If you know of anyone who is new to our school district with a kindergarten age student, please share this important information about Kindergarten Enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year.



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
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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!

Thanks to **Laura Halpenny** for starting up our newest club, Wellness Club. The kids are enjoying both running and the fun culinary activities. As a group, the kids have run **OVER 100 miles!**

PTO News

PORTILLO'S FUNDRAISER IS TONIGHT! (K-5) mollymikebryant@gmail.com

Drive Thru or Dine In --Let's make this our biggest dining fundraiser yet -- join our Eagle families from **5:00-8:00 PM TONIGHT, January, 17th** at the St. Charles Portillo's location. Don't forget to let Portillo's know why you're there -- and our PTO will earn a percentage of the sales!

VARIETY SHOW (3-5) vardalos6@gmail.com

The Norton Creek Variety Show will be March 15, 2019. All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are welcome to participate. **Registration open through TOMORROW, January 18th!** See flyer below. We need a **minimum of 20 acts** for this event to happen, so register now. This is a great opportunity for students to share their talents in front of a very supportive audience of family, friends, and staff.

EARTH SAVERS (K-5) mjwesner@ymail.com

All Norton Creek Eagles K-5th. Earth Savers Meeting on **Thursday, January 31st from 3-4 PM** 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! Sign-up now on MTK, space is limited and **sign-up closes on Friday, 1/25/19**. See the attached flyer.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING (P-5) mjwesner@ymail.com

You can be an Earth Saver this holiday season by supporting the Holiday Lights Recycling drive. If you have holiday lights that no longer work or that you no longer want, save them up and have your student bring them to Norton Creek **now through February 1st** to be recycled! Watch for additional details.

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

Do you want to teach your children about helping others? The Norton Creek Caring Eagles has just the thing to help you do this. On March 9th, the Norton Creek "Bald" Eagles will be participating in the "Just Shave It" event for Cal's Angels. To learn more, visit <http://www.calsangels.org/shave>. Once there, scroll down and click "Norton Creek Sign Up" on the left side to register to shave your head, donate your hair or just raise funds to help kids fight cancer!

BASKET RAFFLE SUPPLIES NEEDED (P-5) xina72@sbcglobal.net

Do you have any baskets, containers, ribbons or filler shreds laying around that you are not using? The Basket Raffle Committee is in need of these items to start assembling baskets for the BIG fundraiser of the school. If so, please contact either Cristina Beltrame, (xina72@sbcglobal.net), Joseph Donaldson (Jdonald11@gmail.com) or Lindsay Hermann (Lindsay.Hermann@zurichna.com), or drop them off to the school office. A BIG thanks in advance!

BASKET RAFFLE DONATION REQUEST (P-5) Jdonald11@gmail.com

Did you receive a gift for the Holidays that you didn't like and/or can't return? Do you own or work for a business who would be willing to make a donation? Do you have season tickets for a sporting event that you would be willing to donate a game? The Norton Creek Basket Raffle Committee is busy planning for this wonderful event happening **April 26, 2019**. If you have any questions please contact either Joseph Donaldson (Jdonald11@gmail.com) or Lindsay Hermann (Lindsay.Hermann@zurichna.com) or Cristina Beltrame (xina72@sbcglobal.net) Many Thanks!

TONIGHT!

Portillo's **for GOOD**

FUNDRAISERS

Bring in this flyer or show it on your smartphone
and 20% of the proceeds will benefit

NORTON CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

January 17, 2019

5:00pm - 8:00pm

at the Portillo's located at:

**3895 E. Main Street
St. Charles, IL 60174**

We look forward to seeing you there!

To learn more about how you can partner with us
to serve up a better tomorrow, visit
portillos.com/good



Not valid with online orders. Promoting on Portillo's premises is strictly prohibited.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING



Drop off working or non-working Holiday Lights including:

- ☑ Traditional Holiday Lights
- ☑ LED Holiday Lights
- ☑ Italian Mini Holiday Lights
- ☑ Rope Lights
- ☑ Extension Cords

Not accepted:
prelit garland,
wreaths, trees, or
lighted lawn decora-
tions/ornaments

Drop Off Light Holiday Light Strands

Norton Creek School
During School Hours Only

Sponsored by:

America In Bloom - St. Charles, IL,
Elgin Recycling & the City of St. Charles

Check the City website for more locations

Questions?

630-377-4405 or alwaysrecycle@yahoo.com



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!

Don't miss the next
Norton Creek Earth Savers Meeting
on Thursday, January 31



The Hickory Knolls Discovery Center will be at Norton Creek on Thursday, January 31, 2019, from 3:00 to 4:00pm 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!

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.