

NORTON CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Thursday Tidbits - November 29, 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



There is research cited by Elena Aguilar in her book, "Onward," that connects the feeling of joy to our overall resilience. There is even more research by noted sociological researcher (and a personal favorite of mine), Brene Brown, that connects gratitude to our ability to feel joy. This makes a lot of sense when we think about it. Our ability to recognize the awesome in our lives and that things are better than they seem is connected to our ability to feel that deep resonance of joy. So, why do things sometimes seem worse than they are? It actually has to do with the neurology of our brains. Our brains have what is called a "negativity bias," and it can make it really difficult for us to see the positive. Negative stimuli is processed by the brain 120 times more quickly than positive. It only takes a tenth of a second for something we perceive as "danger" to be lodged in our memories as opposed to 12 seconds of focus for a memory to be stored as a positive. It's linked to our ancestors' survival as they were much more exposed to nature and did not have the technology that we have today that keeps us safer.

So, why would I write about this topic in this week's eNews? It has to do with our kids' resilience (and even looking a bit at our own as we model positive strategies and resilience-building for our children). As we take those precious moments to process our kids' day at school with them, let's help them realize all of the positive things they have done and been a part of. We should also remember to take the things they perceive as "not-so-good" seriously, but to help them process it to keep it in its perspective. When those not-so-good things come up, we are always happy to help if you need it and are a phone call or E-Mail away.

As we move forward this school year, let's focus on the awesome and use that resilience we build to surmount any challenges with our Eagles. In doing so, we strengthen our relationships with our kids and empower them today and in the future.

Thank you for reading and have a wonderful weekend, Norton Creek!



Norton Creek Odds and ends.....

• **ALL DAY KINDERGARTEN TUITION REMINDER**

A reminder – November tuition for All Day Kindergarten was due November 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 December lunch menu click [HERE](#)

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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 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!



DISTRICT 303 NEWS:

PARENT SATISFACTION SURVEY IS COMING 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 will receive 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!

Thanks to **Kaisa Davis** for handling Birthday Books for the students. Every student gets to choose a book on their birthday (or half birthday for those summer kiddos), purchased by the PTO. Your donations at work!

PTO News

FAMILY DINE OUT

Get a little holiday shopping done and then dine out with your fellow Eagles at California Pizza Kitchen in the Geneva Commons **TODAY any time** and let them know you're there to support our PTO. Bring the flyer below and Norton Creek receives 20% of your check total.

FACEBOOK (K-5) nortoncreekptovicepresident@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](#)

THE GIVING TREE (K-5) meaghanbishop@hotmail.com

The Norton Creek Caring Eagles are partnering with District 303 and 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.

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.



Norton Creek Caring Eagles Giving Tree 2018

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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.

Pizza with a purpose.

Bring in this flyer, present it to your server, and we'll donate **20%** of your check to the organization listed below. Purchases include dine in, take out, catering and all beverages.

FUNdraiser in support of:
Norton Creek Elementary PTO
Thursday, November 29th 2018
All Day

Valid at the following location:
California Pizza Kitchen
1202 Commons Drive
Geneva, IL 60134
630-845-1731

Join the **Pizza Dough™ Rewards program** on your next visit or at **cpk.com** and receive a **free** Small Plate for registering.

FUNdraiser offer valid only on the date(s) and at the CPK location identified on the flyer. Only 501c organizations and non-profit schools are eligible to participate in CPK's FUNdraiser program. CPK will donate twenty percent of food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gratuity, gift card and retail sales are excluded from the donation. Offer valid for dine in, take out, online, catering or curbside orders. Valid for delivery orders placed directly with CPK. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near restaurant. For more information about the 501c organization participating in the FUNdraiser, please contact the organization directly.

