

NORTHERN ADIRONDACK ELEMENTARY

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Special points of interest:

Front Entrance Only

Please take note of this very important reminder: The main/visitor/parent entrance is now located in the front of the elementary building with parking in the Knights of Columbus parking lot. This is the entrance for dropping off students in the morning as well. Students being

dropped off after 8:05 a.m. must be escorted into school and signed in by an adult. Do not drop off your child at the back entrance.

Only students coming from the bus and staff have access to the back entrance. This practice has been set in place for the safety of our students.

PRIDE Assembly

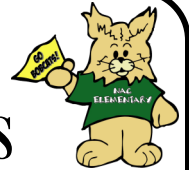
Friday, October 7 at 8:30 a.m. Ms. Loren & Mrs. Peryea's 5th Grade class will be hosting this month. Parents, please come and join us! Additional parking for PRIDE Assemblies will be made available in the bus parking area.

Bus passes

Bus passes must be called in before 1:00 p.m. Receiving bus passes late in the day can cause much chaos and confusion for the office staff as well as the student. We do understand there will be emergencies and will address those as they come in. Please adhere to the 1:00 deadline.



October 2011 Parent News & Notes



STUDENT CITIZENS OF THE MONTH

The "Student Citizens of the Month" for October are:

Kindergarten: Shawn McKinney
First Grade: Matthew Boulrice
Second Grade: Amber Mercay
Third Grade: Cameron Trombley
Fourth Grade: Jacob Benware
Fifth Grade: Devin Brunell

IMPROVEMENT AWARDS

Madison LeClair
Abigail Whalen



CAFETERIA AWARDS

Madyson Myatt Keonna Giddings
Timothy Willette Isabella Gilmore
Elyse Hogan Hunter Trombley
Aiden Lambert Emily Brooks
Hayden McGarvey Bailey Lafountain
Alexis Kerr Emily Peryea

BUS AWARDS

Charlie Caples Emma Magoon
Jade Eldred Taylor Decker
Freanna Trombley Carley Premo
Jo-Ann Mead Jason Waldron
Brianna Boxwell Rylie Lafountain
Briana Weikle Cameron Beers
Dylan Paiser Grace Thume
Wyatt Warren Dolan Gilmore
Corinn Therrian Jillian Guerin
Nadia Potts

EARLY DISMISSAL

Due to a Staff Development Day, we are having an early dismissal on Friday, October 7 at 12:30 p.m. Please take note of this minor time change from the notice that previously went home. All students will be eating lunch before dismissal. Please plan accordingly to have someone at home for your child.

NO SCHOOL

As a reminder to parents, there is no school on Monday, October 10, 2011 in observance of Columbus Day. *Enjoy your time off!*

REMEMBER TO COLLECT...

Big "G" Box Tops, Campbell's UPC symbols and Hannaford Helps Schools Certificates. Our school also earns points when you shop at Price Chopper and use your AdvantEdge Card! Take a look at the attached flyer to see all of the new 2011-12 participating products you can now start saving along with the Campbell's Soup Labels for Education. Magazines, stationery products, cereals and dairy products are only some of the new products so please...do your best to, save, save, save!!!

HALLOWEEN GUIDELINES

It is that time of year when spooks and goblins come forward and Halloween parades and parties are planned. The annual Halloween Parade will be held on Monday, October 31, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. As in the past, the parade will be for our primary (K-2) children to participate in. Intermediate (3-5) classes will participate in their own activities. We would ask your cooperation by helping us make this a safe and enjoyable time for all. With the concerns over violence, we would like to assure the focus of the day's activities is appropriately directed. The children dressing in costumes should follow the guidelines listed

below:



Costumes are to be non-violent in nature. Some suggestions are: storybook characters, community helpers (fireman, policeman, doctor) or historical characters students have studied.



No weapons will be allowed (swords, guns, knives, axes, etc.)



Children are not to wear costumes to school in the morning.



No makeup or face painting.



Send a costume your child can put on over his/her clothes.

Individual classroom teachers will determine parent participation for all Halloween activities. Notification will be sent home in a parent letter if necessary. *Parents who will be attending the parade should go directly to the Big Gym. Parents attending activities in the classroom will need to sign in at the main entrance reception desk and go directly to their destination.* By working together, we can assure the children will have a safe and enjoyable day.



FIRE SAFETY

Students in grades K–2 can look forward to a visit from the fire department regarding fire safety on October 14, 2011. Each year members of our local fire departments bring along some of their emergency vehicles and equipment and give presentations to our students on the importance of fire prevention and safety.

Students will be going outside to see the fire trucks and will have the opportunity to go through the prevention trailer. Vegetable oil will be used in the evaporator to simulate smoke. This is **completely harmless**. There should be no concern regarding asthma or any other lung disease.

We receive our donations for Fire Prevention Week from the LaBarge Agency, Inc. Activity booklets and pencils are purchased for the students. The children look forward to receiving these fun and educational materials. Be watching for these materials and remember to go over your fire escape plan with your family.

NURSE'S CORNER

Just a few reminders for the 2011-2012 school year. All students in grades K, 2 and 4 will need physicals this year. If you have had one at your own pediatrician's office, please have them fax the physical form to me.

I started eye and ear screenings at the end of September. If you receive a notice, please respond appropriately. If you need assistance finding a practitioner for eye care, or may have trouble affording this service, let me know so I can help. Your pediatric office can also assist you with hearing issues.

Cooler temperatures means your children should start wearing warmer clothes such as hats and mittens. Hat season is also known as head lice season. Head lice is a public health nuisance, not a health concern. However, if your child has head lice, they are excluded from riding the bus or attending class until they are cleared by the nurse. Your child should only miss one day of school. We recognize that in certain situations, it may be an extra day, but the situation must be rectified promptly. The reason for this being that your efforts must be on ridding your child and home of lice the first time, otherwise you will have a very costly, repetitive cycle. Vacuuming, washing all the linens, using the dryer, remembering your car seat and car, and speaking to your children about not sharing hats, clothes, combs and brushes is a great start. Feel free to call me with any questions or concerns.

Finally, we are reporting Body Mass Index scores to New York State this year. We will be using last year's information from grades K, 2, 4, 7 and 10. If you do NOT want your child's information included in the report you must send notification to the nurse's office. The information used is only percentages of categories which were identified by the school physical that was mandatory last year. No names or individual information is given for this report.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK AND DRIVER APPRECIATION

October 17-21 is School Bus Safety Week and also a chance for us to show appreciation to our bus drivers. Bus Drivers in the NACS District provide transportation for many students to and from school each day. We know that this couldn't be accomplished without trained, dedicated professionals in place to transport NAC's students, so join us in recognizing all of our school bus drivers and the outstanding work that they do.

For twenty three million students nationwide, the school day begins and ends with a trip on a school bus. The greatest risk is not riding the bus, but approaching or leaving the bus. Before children go back to school or start school for the first time, it is essential that adults and children know traffic safety rules. Teach children to follow these common sense practices to make school bus transportation safer.

- Get to the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- When the bus approaches, stand at least three giant steps (6 feet) away from the curb, and line up away from the street.
- Wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says that it's okay before stepping onto the bus.
- If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk on the sidewalk or along the side of the road to a point at least five giant steps (10 feet) ahead of the bus before you cross. Be sure that the bus driver can see you, and you can see the bus driver.
- Use the handrails to avoid falls. When exiting the bus, be careful that clothing with drawstrings and book bags with straps don't get caught in the handrails or doors.
- Never walk behind the bus.
- Walk at least three giant steps away from the side of the bus.
- If you drop something near the bus, tell the bus driver. Never try to pick it up because the driver may not be able to see you.



DRESS CODE & PLAYGROUND

All students are expected to dress appropriately for school and school functions. Students and their parents have the primary responsibility for acceptable student dress and appearance. The following items are not allowed to be worn in elementary school:

- High heeled shoes
- Flip flops or open backed shoes (only sandals with a back strap are allowed)
- Spaghetti strap tops
- T-shirts of a violent nature

Please refer to the Dress Code Section in our Code of Conduct for further guidelines.

A reminder that with the new playground equipment, proper footwear is required. Students must bring in or wear sneakers daily.

DANCE

Langlois Racine Dance School under the direction of Mrs. Ann Racine Rabideau, will be holding tap, ballet, tumbling and jazz/hip hop classes for children ages 3 & up. The classes will be held on Tuesdays beginning at 3 p.m. in the cafeteria of the elementary school. Each class is 1 hour and the cost is \$8. The classes will begin Oct. 4th and run until approximately the end of May. A dance recital will be planned. For more information you may phone Ann at 518-562-3921.