

~Northwood News~ Spring Newsletter 2021

Make Reading a Top Priority at Home!

Check out these parent and kid friendly tips to increase reading in your home.

- * Read together. Make "story time" a daily ritual that your child can count on and look forward to every day.
- * Ask your child questions while he/she is reading. Have your child read small chunks of the story, and ask your child questions about the text to increase engagement.
- * Bring your child to the library. It is a free, easy way to encourage daily reading.
- * Play rhyming games to build phonemic awareness.
- * Practice sight words daily, and have your children reread passages of text to increase their oral fluency.

Community Outreach

Students at Northwood Elementary sent St. Patrick's Day "lucky to have you" projects to the Niagara Falls Air Force Base that included letters the students wrote and St. Patrick's Day projects. These will be distributed to the different units on the Air Base.



Spring Has Sprung. Take a Mindful Walk...

Now that spring weather is upon us, take notice of all that is going on in nature. A mindful walk is an excellent way to clear your mind of clutter and restore your sense of focus. Several studies have shown that taking a break to look at or be in nature can have a rejuvenating effect on the brain and boost levels of attention.

- As you walk, pay attention to how your body feels
- Use your sense of sight to notice details
- Use your sense of smell to notice different scents
- Use your sense of touch to notice the ground, wind and sunshine
- Just be present in the moment

Be Safe.

Be Kind.

Be Ready to Learn.

Dates to Remember:

April 2-9: Spring Break, NO SCHOOL

May 31: Memorial Day, NO SCHOOL

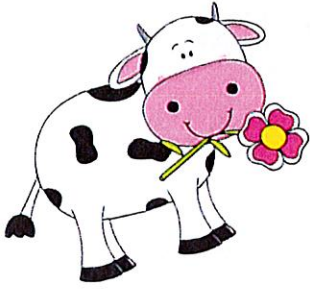
Early Release Dates:

June 11, 21, 22, & 23

Notes are required if you are allowing your child to walk home from school. All notes are kept on file in the Main Office.

Supply Drop-off for Remote Students:
April 12 and May 3

EACH WEDNESDAY is SPIRIT WEAR DAY.
Wear your favorite Northwood t-shirt or yellow and green to celebrate being a star! shining star.



A Mooooootivating Experience

Second graders in Mrs. Giglio's and Mrs. Sucharski's classrooms are teaming up with Erie County Farm2Table, Milk For Health, and Reyncrest Farms this month.

The classrooms will be "adopting a cow," and each week they will have the opportunity to virtually check in on their cow and learn more about dairy and the farming process. Students will participate in various activities which include: What do dairy cattle eat? How are cows washed and groomed? They are certainly looking forward to this moootivating experience.

From Our School Nurse...

If you have questions related to COVID, or any health related concerns, please feel free to contact the school nurse, Mrs. Pisto, at 677-3644. As always, wash your hands, wear a mask, and socially distance to stay safe.



Don't Forget Your Physical!

NYS mandates that we have physical exams on file for all children in UPK/Kindergarten, 1st and 3rd grade. New York State also requires all students that are new to the district to have a physical on file. The physicals must be less than a year old. The state is requiring that we have them on file for hybrid as well as remote students. They can be mailed, dropped off, or faxed (674-3505).

Don't Forget to Exercise!

Take a break from electronics, and make sure you are getting fresh air by playing outside.

- *Go for a walk/run
- *Play hopscotch
- *Throw a Frisbee around
- *Take your pet for a walk
- *Play on our Northwood playground
- *Jump rope

PTA MEMBERSHIP

Consider joining the Northwood PTA and come to all the events for free! Cost is \$10 per family. It's a great way to meet people and be involved in your child's school and community. Please join our remind APP: text@cckak2 to 81010 and follow the "Northwood Elementary School PTA" Facebook page to become familiar with the PTA sponsored events during the year.

Transportation APP

The West Seneca Central School District has apps to allow parents the availability to track their child's bus.

Bus 1-23 will use the First Student app - Firstview
Bus 24 and higher will use the district app, Here Comes The Bus (HCTB)

Firstview parents will need their student's ID which is found on the parent portal. HCTB parents will need their student ID from the parent portal and our district code, 86979. All of this information is available on our website.