

NORTON CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Thursday Tidbits - August 24, 2017

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Lunch Schedule

Kindergarten	11:20—11:40
1st Grade	11:20—11:40
2nd Grade	11:20—11:40
3rd Grade	12:05—12:25
4th Grade	12:05—12:25
5th Grade	12:05—12:25

September 1st—No School Teachers' Institute Days

September 4th—No School—Labor Day Holiday

From the Principal.....Tony White

It's really neat how quickly things come together. It's the second day of school, and everything is running smoothly. If I didn't know any better, I would say we're just very lucky. However, I do know better. A smooth start like this comes from the hard work and preparation of a lot of people pulling on the same end of the same rope in the same direction. Our teachers and staff have spent the summer learning cutting edge instruction and pedagogy, preparing learning environments, and designing materials to engage students in their learning. I would like to thank our dedicated office staff, Madonna and Deborah, for their tireless efforts. Often, things run very smoothly for all of us because they don't run smoothly for them. They smooth out the kinks with their focus and dedication to the details - great and small. Thank you to Roger, Mark, and Ray for their incredible work they do to keep this building looking and running as beautifully as it does inside and out. And, of course, I want to take this moment to recognize our students and their families. I often say that great kids don't happen by accident. Great kids are made that way by their parents, and Norton Creek is blessed with the greatest kids in the world. They are eager to learn, kind and respectful, and have an innate desire to do their very best at all times. Our students deserve the very best in all facets of their education and development, and Norton Creek is going to give them the very best we have to offer and then some.

If you are looking for a fun way to kick off the school year and weekend, tomorrow evening the Norton Creek PTO is hosting our annual Popsicles in the Park event behind the school. We'll have music, kickball, popsicles, and one another to have a blast. I hope to see you all there!

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year. Should you ever deem me able to be of assistance to you, please, do not hesitate to contact me at [\(331\) 228-6167](tel:3312286167) or via E-Mail at anthony.white@d303.org. Have a wonderful weekend, everyone!



Odds and ends.....

• EARLY CHILDHOOD OPEN HOUSE

The Open House for Preschool/Early Childhood students will be as follows:

Friday, August 25th

10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. for morning students

12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m. for afternoon students

• FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOL/EARLY CHILDHOOD

Monday, August 28th

9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Morning Students

12:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m. Afternoon Students

• CURRICULUM NIGHTS

Curriculum Night gives parents the opportunity to meet their child's teacher and learn about the curriculum and classroom management procedures. It is an opportunity to find out about the curriculum and homework expectations, review parent participation guidelines, and receive information about individual teacher's expectations. Following are the Curriculum Night days and times by grade level:

Monday, August 28th

6:30—7:15 Kindergarten and RISE

7:15—8:00 First Grade

Tuesday, August 29th

6:30—7:15 Second Grade

7:15—8:00 Third Grade

Wednesday, September 6th

6:30—7:15 Fourth Grade and AM EC/PS

7:15—8:00 Fifth Grade and PM EC/PS

Odds and ends.....continued

- **PICTURE DAY**

School pictures will be taken on Tuesday, September 5th. DO NOT SEND MONEY NOW! A proof will be sent home for your approval/ordering at a later date.

- **COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL AND ALL DAY KINDERGARTEN TUITION REMINDER**

A reminder – August tuition for All Day Kindergarten and Community Preschool was due August 15th. Payments may be made at www.pushcoin.com. Directions for PushCoin were sent in a previous correspondence.

DISTRICT NEWS

- **ST. CHARLES EAST GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CLINIC**

Click [HERE](#) to view information regarding the Volleyball Clinic for Boys and Girls Grades 2 through 8 at St. Charles East High School.





NORTON CREEK

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

PTO Appreciation!

PTO News.....

Thank you to Stephanie Caragher and Jennifer Hazlett for their commitment to the Welcome Committee. They have reached out to many new families over the past few weeks to welcome them to the Norton Creek Community. Welcome to all of our new families and welcome back past families! We look forward to a wonderful year of working as a team to enhance our children's education.

PTO News

POPSICLES IN THE PARK (Friday, August 25th 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.) stephanie.caragher@gmail.com

Come on out and eat some popsicles and play with friends, dance to music and play some kick ball with Mr. White! It is a great evening to meet new families, do the limbo and take some pictures in the selfie booth with some old and new friends. You might even see our school mascot - Norton the Eagle! We hope to see you all there! Scroll down for flyer.

If you are able to help volunteer for this event, please sign-up on Membership

Toolkit: <https://nortoncreekpto.membershiptoolkit.com/volunteer/13604>

1ST PTO MEETING OF THE YEAR nortoncreekptopresident@gmail.com

The PTO Board is excited to be starting a new school year. The first PTO meeting of the year will take place on Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the LRC. All are welcome to attend! Children are welcome to attend as well. They can hang out at the tables during the meeting and read, play electronics, etc. New faces mean new ideas & new ideas are ALWAYS welcome! Angie, Amanda, Jaime & Rebecca

2017-2018 YEARBOOKS ARE AVAILABLE TO PRE-ORDER (Grades P-5) – ncyearbook.shelly@gmail.com

The yearbook committee is looking forward to capturing new memories of our Eagles, and TreeRing.com has opened the opportunity to order your students' yearbook for the 2017-2018 school year! A 15% discount is offered if you purchase before September 30, 2017! Ordering is simple, see flyer attached.

UPDATING MEMBERSHIP TOOLKIT FOR DIRECTORY PURPOSES ncptomtk@gmail.com

Each year, you need to go into Membership Toolkit to update your family's contact information and enter your student(s) teacher name. Please go to www.nortoncreekpto.org.

- Click on "Membership Toolkit" on the right hand side of the screen.
- Select "Returning User" to log in.

****PLEASE VERIFY YOUR STUDENT GRADE(S) AND UPDATE THEIR TEACHER(S)****

PTO SPONSORSHIP nortoncreekptotreasurer@gmail.com

PTO Sponsorship is just \$25 annually per family. This is a great way to help support the PTO's purpose of enhancing the educational experience of our students by supporting academic and enrichment activities. Click [HERE](#) to fund your 2017-2018 PTO Sponsorship. If under "I'd like to make a purchase" the "Norton Creek 2017-2018 PTO Sponsorship" option does not exist, that means your sponsorship has already been paid for the year so Thank You!

MYTHBUSTERS nortoncreekptopresident@gmail.com

Myth: The PTO is just for stay-at-home moms.

FACT: The PTO is for everyone! Our volunteers are mothers, fathers and those who fill those roles. We have a wide range of volunteers who: stay-at-home; work part-time to full-time; have little ones at home, preschoolers, high schoolers and/or college students; are continuing their own education; and more.

Myth: The PTO has all the help they need.

FACT: The PTO welcomes everyone and continues to need volunteers for various events, fundraisers, and committees year-round. We need you!

Myth: Volunteering for the PTO takes too much time.

FACT: Only YOU can decide how much time you can give. Even if you can help at just one event or handle one task per year, it would be greatly appreciated.

PTO News.....continued

[VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES arqiordano53@gmail.com](mailto:arqiordano53@gmail.com)



Click [HERE](#) to view the open committee chair positions for the 2017-2018 school year. The good news is that each open position already has one committee chair but is looking for HELP.

Popsicles in the Park



Norton Creek PTO invites you to come out and play and see some friends, old and new!

Who: Students and parents of Norton Creek

When: Friday, August 25th from 6 - 8 pm

Where: Behind Norton Creek on the playground

What: Play with friends, listen to music, play grade-level kickball and other games and enjoy popsicles from your Norton Creek PTO.

This is a great chance to say hello to our principal, the PTO Board and other new families of Norton Creek!



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