

November 4, 2019

Dear Parents:

Is it that time of year already? Once we finish with Halloween/Fall parties the holiday season is just around the corner.

In addition to working hard and learning in all academics, students have had a very busy October. Students attended an assembly on fire safety presented by the Rock Springs Fire Department.

Parents are welcome at our school, but we need your help in maintaining school safety. Please check in at the office and receive a visitor's badge before volunteering/visiting in the classroom or eating lunch with your child. **All visitors will be required to show a valid, government-issued ID before you can proceed down the hall.** School personnel will then scan your photo id through the RaptorWare Visitor Management system. The system will run a quick check with the national sex offender registry. Those individuals that pass the check will be given a temporary visitor badge from the system and allowed to proceed to their destination in the building.

I would like to share with parents the bus procedure for safety and discipline concerns. If you have children riding a bus to or from Northpark, please review the following rules with them. If the office receives a reteach bus behavior form from a driver, a copy will be given to the office, the classroom teacher, and a behavior specialist. The specialist will be conducting the reteach session. Upon receiving the third reteach form, it is treated as the first official bus write-up through the office. If your child receives a reteach form, your child's teacher will make a copy of the form to send home. Please see your Northpark Calendar and Handbook for further explanation of bus expectations. Thanks for your help.

We need your support with parking in front of the school. Thank you for your assistance in not parking in bus loading zones, handicapped parking, or in areas not designated as a regular parking space. We have several cars passing school buses in the parking lot while the red lights are flashing. WY State Statute 31-5-507 states the following: **The driver of a vehicle upon meeting or overtaking a stopped school bus from either direction shall stop before reaching the bus when bus lights are flashing.** As specified by WY State Statute 31-5-929 **the driver shall not proceed until the school bus resumes motion and the flashing red lights are no longer actuated. Please abide by this law to ensure student safety.**

November 21 - PTO Fall Carnival 5:30-7:00 p.m.

November 27 28 and November 29 – Happy Thanksgiving. There is no school for students.

With the cold weather upon us, please remember to send adequate clothing for your child. If you are missing any coats or jackets, please check the lost and found located outside the office.

Northpark Elementary has set our goals for the year. We want students to show growth in reading and math for 2019-2020 school year. Students are able to earn lifeskill tickets. There is a weekly drawing and monthly two nominees are selected from each class for students showing the lifeskills. By having the lifeskill tickets, we continue to support positive behavior throughout the building. Unique interventions to support student learning is in place for reading, math, and behavior in addition to instruction already provided in classrooms.

Wyoming State Statute 35-9-505 requires schools to conduct fire/safety drills at least once a month that school is in session. If you would like a conversation starter with your child, ask them what their class does in a fire drill, lock down, or safety evacuation. Parents may hear answers similar to "we stay out of sight and quiet during a lockdown". Student safety is a district initiative and a priority at Northpark.

The faculty and staff at Northpark hope you have a restful and enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday with your family and special friends. Thank you for your continued support for the school. If you have any questions please call the school at 352-3235.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Carrie Ellison