



NORTHPARK Elementary



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Dear Parents:

Welcome to the new year! I hope the holiday season allowed for time together with family and friends, but also time to rest and rejuvenate for the second half of our school year. Following is a schedule of up and coming activities for January.

- January 8 Author Veronica Bartles – Assembly at 9:15 a.m.
- January 10 PTO Sponsored Donuts with VIM (Very Important Male) (more information will be sent home later from PTO) Title 1 will have math games to play during this event.
- January 10 Awards Assembly 1:45-2:15 p.m. in the gym
- January 17 PTO Thursday Night is for Taco Time. Percentage of all sales will go to support Northpark (more information will be sent home from PTO)
- January 28- February 1 Kindness Week (see below)
- January 31 PTO Bingo for Books 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the gym

Kindness Week:

- Monday: Kindness Rocks - Dress up in your rock star gear.
- Tuesday: Peace, Love, Hope and Kindness – Wear 60's hippy clothing.
- Wednesday: Northpark Lions love Kindness – School Spirit Day with school shirts or colors.
- Thursday: Powered by Kindness – Wear clothing/accessories/costumes with Superhero style.
- Friday: Dreaming of a Kinder World – Wear your Pajamas to school.

I would like to highlight the attendance policies **JED** and **JED-R**:

Policy JED: For absences that occur without prior notice, such as personal illness, hospital or emergency-room treatment, accident, serious personal or family problems, or other emergency situations that require the student be absent, parents or legal guardians are requested to provide notice to the school each day the student is absent. Upon the student's return to school from an absence that occurs without prior notice, parents or legal guardians are required to provide notice and reason for the absence within forty-eight (48) hours of the student's return to school. Notice may be provided in writing, signed by the parent or legal guardian. Notice may also be provided by telephone, to the attendance officer or designee, by the parent or legal guardian.

Policy JED-R: When an elementary school student has acquired during any semester:

5 absences: A letter may be sent to the parent or legal guardian identifying the student's absences as potentially excessive, and a referral may be made to the Achievement Monitoring Process (AMP) Team.

Mission:
BELIEVE in myself,
ACHIEVE as a learner,
SUCCEED in life,
with NORTHPARK pride!

Vision:
Every child reaching
for excellence,
every day!



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The school may request that the school counselor and/or school resource officer conduct a home visit with the parent or legal guardian and student to discuss improving attendance.

10 absences: A letter may be sent to the parent/guardian to provide notice of the number of absences. This letter (along with an accompanying telephone call, if possible) may request that the parent or legal guardian attend a conference at the school with the student, building principal, school counselor, and teacher(s) to discuss the importance of regular school attendance and intervention measures.

Depending upon the circumstances, there may be a referral to the County Attorney-Truancy Program and a recommendation for consideration to retain the student in his or her current grade. A maximum of 10 excused absences shall be allowed per attendance period in any one semester. **Each absence beyond the 10 excused absences per semester will be unexcused. Exceptions are only authorized upon certification from a medical authority stating specific days to be excused from school or a verified family emergency.**

Knowing good attendance plays a crucial role in academic success, please refer to the district website, www.sweetwater1.org, select *policies* on the left hand side and view the policies listed above for further information. Under *schools*, select *Northpark* for additional school and classroom information.

During the month of December, Northpark faculty, staff and students conducted a community service project and fundraiser for the Rock Springs Dog Pound. It was a great "pay it forward" for students. Thank you to everyone who supported these acts of kindness during the previous holiday season.

Northpark Elementary's goals include improving student reading and math. Northpark also promotes positive behavior support and intervention in all areas of the school. This month students are learning to be patient and do what needs to be done. We also strive to provide students unique interventions to support their learning. After school classes start on Monday, January 7 and Tuesday, January 8.

Just a reminder to send a note if your child needs different transportation needs. **Last minute phone calls are a safety concern because kids and teachers may already be out the door.**

Thanks to the parents who patiently wait for their students outside the building at the end of the school day. Thanks for your flexibility and understanding as students do not enter the parking lot without their parent or guardian.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the school and dedication to our students.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carrie Ellison