

NORTHPARK Elementary



Sweetwater County School District Number One
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Carrie Ellison
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Dear Parents & Guardians of Northpark School,

First and foremost, the faculty and staff of Northpark would like to say "thank you" to all of the parents and families that attended our Open House on August 16. It was clear by the large turnout of people there are many who believe and support the education of our children and know what a positive home and school connection can have on their learning.

Some dates to keep in mind:

September 6	Parent Orientation/Resource Night 5:30-6:30 p.m.
September 12	Fourth Grade Field Trip – South Pass 8:15-2:15 p.m.
September 13	School Pictures
September 26	Fourth Grade Field Trip – Fort Bridger 8:15-2:15 p.m.
September 27	Parent Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00 p.m.
September 28	Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00-11:00 a.m. No school for students

With the start of a new school year, it is always a good idea to review school safety procedures. All classrooms and offices at Northpark have a Crisis Management Plan. The district aligned manual details all building procedures for schools during an emergency or safety situation. Many parents have received a Schoolway with our August letter attached or letting you know when spirit day is. The system will also be used to relay safety or emergency information to parents in a time of need. This is an additional measure to ensure student safety at Northpark Elementary. Parents, it is important to always provide the school with accurate and current information including home and cell phone numbers and mailing addresses. Please take the time to update your information online to help with this.

We are not sending paper copies of your child's registration form home. In order to complete your child's registration, we need you to update your child's records in Powerschool. Please update the registration form and provide any omitted information at the district website www.sweetwater1.org under Continuing Student Registration. We need this completed for each child you have in school by September 10.

As the building principal, I will be visible and engaged with students. They may earn a chance to brag to the principal or choose a book from my office. I enjoy visiting their classrooms and seeing them throughout the school day. As needed I will talk with students to find facts about incidents that may occur at school.

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

Vision:
Every child reaching
for excellence,
every day!



SWEETWATER COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT #1



Thank you to all parents who graciously wait outside of the building at the end of the school day for their children. **When students are late or attend an appointment, it is required you check them out at the office and bring them back into the office to check them in. If you want to walk your child down to their classroom you will need to sign in and receive a badge.** This is a safety measure for students. We appreciate your continued support in helping the faculty dismiss students in an organized manner. An additional thanks for keeping the bus lane and all handicapped parking and loading zones clear. **When the red lights are flashing on the bus they are unloading students from the bus and you must stop and not cut in front of the bus.**

Parental involvement allows you to keep up to date with school and classroom activities. 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. If you would like to, parent teacher conferences would be a good time to scan your ID. If you haven't already done so, I encourage all parents to use Powerschool to receive grade reports on a regular basis from your child's teacher. As you might have noticed, Parent-Teacher conferences are conducted at an earlier time. Rather than delaying conferences until the end of the first quarter, all schools in Sweetwater School District #1 will participate in conferences during the mid-term mark of the first quarter. This proactive approach will provide an earlier opportunity for both home and school to begin the year with positive communication.

If your student will be missing a day of school, please call in and let the office know. Otherwise, students are marked unexcused.

Parents, if you have children riding a bus to or from Northpark, please review the following rules with them:


- Seat on seat
- Keep the bus clean, take everything with you
- Keep objects, feet, and hands both inside the bus and to yourself
- Use appropriate voice level and words
- Please, no eating or drinking while on the bus
- Follow the directions of the bus driver

Please make arrangements for transportation before school begins. We have many calls into the office from 2:45-3:15 and it is difficult to get the information down to classrooms in time for dismissal. In the unfortunate event a student loads the wrong bus, here are some suggestions to make this bumpy time a little smoother. The bus barn number is 352-3494.

- Know the bus number your child rides. Many students ride different buses before and after school.
- * The Northpark office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to assist.
- * The district transportation office is available from 6:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.
- * Remember your child's coat color and clothes for the day in case the bus driver asks for the information.
- * Write parent information inside the student's backpack. In times of stress, remembering numbers may be difficult for children.

Thank you for your continued support and helpfulness. If you have any questions, please call the school.

Sincerely,


Carrie Ellison
Principal