



# NORTHPARK Elementary



Sweetwater County School District Number One  
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Dear Parents:

Thank you to all parents and guardians for your support in making our school year be as successful as it has been.

We have several dates and events to share with you for the month of March.

- March 2-  
March 6      “Read Across America” Week. Each day the classes will be doing something special in conjunction with a Dr. Seuss book.  
**Monday** – Cat In the Hat (Dress like your favorite character) **Tuesday** – Fox in Socks (wear crazy socks) **Wednesday** – Wacky Wednesday (wear mix-matched clothing/shoes/hair) **Thursday** – If I Ran a Zoo (dress up like your favorite zoo animal. **Friday** - Green Eggs and Ham (wear something green)
- March 6      End of third quarter. Snow make up day. Students will be dismissed from school at 12:45 p.m.
- March 8      Daylight Savings Time begins. Turn clocks ahead one hour.
- March 12     Awards Assembly – 2:45-3:15 in the gym.
- March 12     Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:00 p.m.
- March 13     Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00-11:00 a.m. No school for students
- March 16-20   Spring Break – No school
- March 30     Spring Pictures
- April 1      **Teacher requests begin April 1st. The school office will open up @ 8:00 a.m. The ending date to submit a request is May 1st. Statements are received only in writing. Parents may turn in a request only for their child or children. Teacher Request Forms are available in the office. The first seven requests for each teacher may be honored depending on the need to balance classrooms. This process is for kindergarten through 4th grade. The district has right of placement.**
- April 1      Out of area requests start



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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SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

This is the time of year when parents and students start thinking about who their teacher will be for the following school year. The school district provides a procedure for parents to request a teacher. Please allow me to share with you the process employed at Northpark Elementary when we assign students to a classroom for the following school year. Your child's current teacher and other teachers from the same grade level will meet to consider an appropriate assignment for each child. We take into consideration what we know about each child's learning strengths and weaknesses. Then we carefully try to create classroom assignments, which will match students to teachers so that they will have the optimum chance to learn. Efforts are made to balance classrooms with similar numbers of boys and girls and capable and less capable students. We also try to avoid pairing students who should not be together in the same class. I recognize that parents have special insights into their children that might need to be considered in the selection of a teacher. If you would like to share with the school your special concerns and any special request for a teacher you may do so. Such a request should be addressed to me personally. Please include the name of your child and the teacher you are requesting and specific reasons for your request. **Parent recommendations for specific teachers will begin on April 1, 2020 for the first seven (7) written requests per classroom teacher.** In keeping with Sweetwater County School District Number One procedure, all requests must be made in writing and must reach me by May 1. See the Northpark Calendar Handbook for more information. After parent request letters are received, the district reserves its right of placement in class assignments.

Also, if you have a child attending Northpark Elementary as an out of area student, the Out of Area Request procedure must be approved yearly. If you wish your child to remain at this school you will need to complete a new request and have it approved. Out of Area Request forms can be obtained in the school office. Out of area requests start on April 1, 2020.

Just a quick reminder for parents. If you need to check your child out from school during the school day, please report to the office first. We will call your child down to the office. Please do not go down to individual classrooms. It is a safety issue and causes disruptions for teachers and other students.

Children bringing a cold lunch to school should have healthy choices for food and drink. Pop or highly caffeinated drinks, including energy drinks, make it very difficult for the children to concentrate on school activities.

When you get a free moment, please browse our school website at [www.sweetwater1.org](http://www.sweetwater1.org). All monthly letters going home will be on the Northpark Website. Check the website to see what is happening at Northpark. Search for Principal Ellison on Facebook to find out what is going on at Northpark.

Thank you for waiting outside for your student after school.

Supervision on the playground begins at 7:55 a.m. daily. Thanks for dropping your child off on time and not beforehand. The lane in front of the building is for district transportation and buses to load and unload students during school hours. *(We have several cars parking in unmarked areas making it very difficult for buses and other vehicles to proceed. We appreciate your help in keeping these areas clear.)*

Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions or concerns. The greatest gift we share together is your children and their success at school.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Ellison  
Principal, Northpark Elementary School