

dividends of Learning in Northridge Schools



A Note From The Superintendent

Dear Northridge Family,

I am sure that we can all agree that it has been an incredibly challenging journey here within the Northridge Local Schools and community. Wow, that sentiment may just be the understatement of the decade! From a tornado, to the move to a new PreK-12 building, to a global pandemic, to a mandated school shutdown, to a fully remote start to this school year ... we sure have seen more than our share of trials and tribulation. Without a doubt, the journey has been difficult, BUT, we continue to overcome each and every burden together ... AS A FAMILY! In the end, our Northridge Family has grown even stronger! In fact, you might say that we are #NORTHRIDGESTRONG! TOGETHER WE ARE! TOGETHER WE WILL!

As we approach the return of in-person learning for Northridge students, I want to reassure each and every one of you that we are exceptionally prepared to provide for the health and safety of our students and staff. We have instituted procedures and protocols which require the wearing of masks, that allow for 6 feet of social distancing, that ensure safe/sanitized work spaces, and that allow staff and students to teach and learn effectively. I want to make clear, however, that while we have done all that we can to mitigate the risk that a return to school plan provides, we cannot completely eliminate that risk. As of today, we are planning for students who have chosen the in person learning option to return to school on Wednesday, November 4th. This corresponds with the first day of the 2nd quarter of the school year. This date, like others in the past, is subject to change based on the progression of the COVID-19 pandemic. To be clear, every effort will be made to allow for this return to school, but we will continue to place the health and safety of our students and staff first.

Thanks in advance for your continued patience, flexibility and partnership during this challenging and ever-changing journey. Take care! Stay strong! May God richly bless you all!

With love and appreciation, Dave Jackson

Partnership with Primary Health Solutions



Northridge Local Schools and Primary Health Solutions are excited to announce a new school-linked health care partnership beginning Fall 2020. Students and families in the Northridge community will now have direct access to primary medical, dental, vision, and behavioral health care through the school district.

Primary Health Solutions, a Federally Qualified Health Center with a long history of successfully managing school-based health centers throughout Southwest Ohio, will be providing on-site care via a new Telehealth suite located in the main school office and “linked” care through their facility at 300 Forest Avenue. Any student, family member or staff member can access services, which include on-site case management to assist families with health insurance and related services. (Continued on page 2.)

Polar Bear Cafe

Meals in a COVID world are changing... again. On October 16th the USDA made it possible for us to return to and stay on the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) rather than the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) we started the school year with. The important difference is we can now provide meals to all children age 1-18 years old. So, how will it affect your kids? I am glad you asked.



- Students learning on campus will receive meals at school.
- PS-3rd grade will be provided a plate lunch at school, Monday through Friday, and breakfast will be sent home for the next day.
- Grades 4-12 can pick up breakfast and lunch as they leave school each day. On Thursdays, double the meals will go home with them to cover Friday.
- Students learning 100% virtually will continue to have the opportunity to pick-up a week's worth of meals on Thursdays. Pre-registration is required. You can still register.



- **NEW:** Children NOT enrolled in Northridge age 1-18 may also register to pick up a weekly box of meals!

To register for weekly boxes or for questions contact **Judi Hunter**, Food Service Supervisor at (937) 275-7469 ext. 1115 or jhunter@northridgeschools.org.

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According to Northridge Local School Superintendent **Dave Jackson**, school-linked health care was the next logical step in the evolution of the community. We see our school and our community as one - a Northridge family.

One of our key core values is to 'Understand and Meet Legitimate Needs.' This is a critical need for our Northridge family, so we're going to do everything we can to meet that need."

Top 10 Return to School Expectations

1. If you are sick, **STAY HOME!** Report your illness to school and your doctor.
2. Wear a mask to school **EVERY DAY**. Refusal to bring your own mask, or to wear it properly, will lead to your **reassignment to remote learning**.
3. Bring a water bottle **EVERY DAY**. Water fountains are turned off, but hands free bottle fillers are available.
4. Maintain 6 feet of social distancing **AT ALL TIMES!**
5. Wash or sanitize your hands **REGULARLY**. Hand sanitizer is provided in all classrooms and in public areas.
6. Bring your laptop and charger to school **EVERY DAY**. Make sure it is **FULLY CHARGED** and **in a backpack**.
7. If you are healthy, *attend school* **EVERY DAY (option 1)**, or attend your *virtual meetings* **EVERY DAY (option 2)**.
8. Eat a healthy breakfast **EVERY MORNING BEFORE SCHOOL**. Breakfast will **not** be eaten at school.
9. If you ride a bus (PreK-5), **KNOW YOUR STOP, WEAR YOUR MASK AT ALL TIMES, AND MAKE SURE AN ADULT IS WITH YOU AT THE BUS STOP**. If you have a temperature above 100 degrees, you will **NOT BE ABLE TO BOARD THE BUS**.
10. Know which door you are supposed to enter and the time that you are allowed to enter. Refer to the **ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL** document on our website.

Student Recognition

The Northridge Local School Board wants to honor students in the district who have demonstrated one or more of the Northridge Core Values. These district-developed attributes represent characteristics that guide our daily interactions, goals, and mission. The Core Values of Northridge Schools focus on: Honest, Consistent, and Appropriate Communication; Education as Our Calling; Always Improving; District is Family; Student Success; Understand and Meet Legitimate Needs; and Personal Responsibility and Behavioral Integrity.

Students are nominated each month by teachers and administrators in their buildings. Northridge Elementary School Students in grades K-2 who received recognition at the October 12th Board meeting were **Layla Ballenger, Sophia Davis, and Alexis Short.**



Student Liaison to the Board

On August 10th, **Chad Florence** accepted an award for outstanding service as Student Liaison to the Northridge Board of Education for the past two years of school. Chad was an outstanding representative of his classmates in this role, and the Board is thankful for his faithful service.



Athletic COVID-19 Procedures

The Northridge Athletic Department is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for everyone. This fall's athletic season will be much different from those in the past as we have to adhere to guidelines and restrictions from Governor **Mike DeWine**, OHSAA, and the Health Department.

While the procedures and protocols are not ideal, it is what we must do to ensure student-athletes get the opportunity to play. Please take a moment to review the individual sport procedures as well as the Operation Plan/Guidelines on our Athletics page on our website:

www.northridgeschools.org.

GO POLAR BEARS!

EVENTS Calendar



- 2 Staff Development
- **No School for Students**
- 3 Election Day - No School
- 4 **Option 1 Students Return**
- 16 Board of Education Meeting
- 5:30 p.m.
- 20 Compensation Day - **No School**

Thanksgiving Break

November

23 - 27

No
School



November Sports

(Schedules are subject to change.)

Varsity Boys Basketball

- 10 Graham-Scrimmage - 6:00 p.m.
- 11 Miami East-Scrimmage
- 5:30 p.m.
- 21 Alumni-Scrimmage* - 2:00 p.m.
- 27 Madison* - 7:15 p.m.

Varsity Girls Basketball

- 5 Northmont-Scrimmage*
- 6:00 p.m.
- 12 Northwestern-Scrimmage*
- 6:00 p.m.
- 17 Newton-Scrimmage* - 6:00 p.m.
- 20 Tip Off Classic* vs Tri-County North - 7:15 p.m.
- 21 Tip Off Classic* vs Twin Valley South - 7:15 p.m.
- 28 Preble Shawnee* - 1:15 p.m.

* Home

Curriculum Corner

Student Success is one of Northridge Local School District's Core Values that is at the forefront of all that is done in Northridge Local Schools. The instructional staff and administration plan, collaborate, research, and implement instructional strategies and procedures to meet the needs of all students. They work with families and students to ensure access to high quality instruction and learning is available for all students. Gifted and English learners are two student populations that require specific supports.

Students identified gifted have specific needs when it comes to academics, as well as, social and emotional skills. Teachers across the district receive on-going professional development to meet the specific needs of their gifted students. They create goals that match the student's area(s) of gifted identification and monitor those throughout the year. Students are given freedom to research and create projects that interest them, lead presentations in class, and develop passion projects.

English language learners are also another student population that has specific instructional needs. **Lauren Votaw** and **Ana Maria Vasconez** are the district English Language educators. They assess students using the Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment each year to determine student language skills. Based on those assessments and collaborating with the classroom teachers, they create specific learning goals to help students reach mastery in listening, speaking, reading and writing in the English language, while honoring their culture and native languages.

Families of gifted students and English language learners will be receiving their educational goals in the mail. Please read them, sign them, and return them to the Northridge Board of Education office, 2008 Timber Lane, Dayton, Ohio 45414. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to **Laura Inkrott**, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, at linkrott@northridgeschools.org or 937-278-5885.

Weather Delays/Closings

Inclement weather during the winter months can result in school delays or closings because of unsafe travel conditions. The primary considerations in the decision to delay, dismiss, or close school are: • safety of students and staff; • street conditions; • current weather and forecasts; • status of bus fleet; • condition of buildings and grounds; and • consultation with police, township road department, and other schools.

The delay/closing options for the Northridge Schools are: • **two-hour delay** - Option 1 students in Grades PreK-3 report to school on a 2-hour delay. All other students will learn on an AT-HOME / REMOTE Learning Schedule FROM HOME. • **closed** - ALL buildings are closed. All students will learn on an AT-HOME / REMOTE Learning Schedule FROM HOME.

The decision to close and/or delay school is usually broadcast by area TV, radio stations, district website, district Facebook and the district one-call system by 6:30 a.m. **In order to be sure you receive the district one-call, please contact your child's school to make sure they have your correct phone number on file.**

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