

Dear Northrop Families,

This last note of the year finds us in a very difficult time in our community, nation and world. These past nine days have been extremely emotional and challenging. There is so much going on in our community with the killing of George Floyd and the protests and riots that followed. During this challenging time, I have also been filled with hope seeing communities pulling together to support one another and through some of the conversations that I have had with students, staff and some of the Northrop families. I want to make sure that we continue these conversations so that we can work towards ending racial injustice.

Everyone has been impacted by the recent events, so if you and your family need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or Sam Johnson (social worker). You can reach me by email or phone (612-668-4521 or 651-505-3804) and you can reach Sam at Samantha.johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us or 651-505-3464. We are here to help, so please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

This week we are doing our best to provide opportunities for students to have positive interactions with their teachers and classmates. I hope that even with all that is happening right now, your children can find some hope and joy through these interactions. We are trying our best to be able to provide an optimistic closure to the school year for the children even under these circumstances. I know that there are a lot of questions about what the next school year will look like, we do not yet know but as soon as I have that information, communication will be sent out to families.

I am so honored to have the opportunity to be your child's principal and to be a part of the Northrop community. Thank you so much for your support and for sharing your amazing children with us. They are the reason we show up every day! I look forward to our continued partnership in the upcoming school year. I hope that you have a good summer!

Take care,

Principal Woods

Announcements

- **Updated Pick-up Schedule** – Because staff were unable to enter the school building on May 29 and June 1, it put us significantly behind in getting ready to distribute your children's belongings to you. So, we had to adjust the pick-up schedule, I apologize for the inconvenience. Here is the updated schedule:
 - **Thursday June, 4**
 - 8:30 – 10:30 am – 1st grade
 - 11:00 – 1:00 pm – Kindergarten & 5th grade
 - 1:30 – 3:30 pm – 3rd Grade
 - **Friday, June 5**
 - 9:00 – 11:00 am – 2nd grade
 - 1:00 – 3:00 pm – 4th grade

Reminders for Picking up your Child's Belongings:

- **Families with more than one child at our school will get all their children's belongings on the same date, even if their children are in different grades.** The pick-up date will be based on the child's grade level, for example, if you have a child in kindergarten and 4th grade, you

would be able to pick up both of their belongings during the Kindergarten date/time: June 4 between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm.

- To ensure everyone stays safe during this process, families **will need to stay in their vehicle and staff will place bags in the trunk**--please make sure you have room in your trunk. **Under no circumstance will families or students be allowed in the building.** Families should drive up to the **front of our school** on 31st Ave S. Please be aware that other families will be picking up belongings at the same time and you should expect some wait time as vehicles move through the line during this process.
- When staff approach your vehicle, please roll down your window a small amount to give them your student's name and open your trunk or back door (for vans) from your vehicle. Staff will stay a safe distance in respect of social distancing.
- If you are unable to come to the school to get your student's belongings for any reason, please let us know by calling Kelly at 612-668-4521 or emailing to kelly.woods@mpls.k12.mn.us so we can work with you to get any items you may need or to let us know you'd like us to hold them at the school until we return to in-school learning. Please include the following information when you contact us:
 - Your student's first and last name.
 - Your current home address.
 - The best phone number to reach you.
 - NOTE: If you leave this information on our phone, please speak slowly and clearly.
- **Students not returning for the 2019-2020 school year** – If your child is in grades K-4 and they will not be attending Northrop for the 2020 -2021 school year, please use this link to fill out the Northrop Withdraw Form: <https://forms.gle/ehibX1aAEx2fcvbk9>

Library books – Students are not required to return books this week. They can keep them over the summer and return them in the fall if you would like. Also, Any MPS book can be returned to any MPS school and they will send it back to Northrop.

Yearbooks – The good news is, the PTA has purchased yearbooks for every student so there is no cost to families. Unfortunately, we have not yet received our yearbooks. We will be in contact over the summer to let you know when they will arrive and how they will be distributed.

Support - If you need any type of assistance, please reach to me or Ms. Sam, our school social worker. I can be reached via email or phone at 612-668-4521 or 651-505-3804. You can reach Ms. Sam at Samantha.Johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us or 651-505-3464

Food for ALL Children During Closure – To better serve our community, MPS will provide DAILY food box pick-up at Longfellow Park starting Monday, June 1 in addition to our other 49 weekly food pick-up sites. Free food boxes will be available for pick-up at Longfellow Park (3435 36th Avenue South) Monday-Friday, 10am-2pm, until further notice.

Summer update: Weekly food boxes for all children, 18 and under, will continue through at least Friday, July 24. Right now our plans run through the end of Minneapolis Public Schools summer school. We will keep the community informed as plans develop for August and beyond.

Each food box contains fresh produce and items for fourteen meals--seven breakfasts and seven lunches. Families are welcome to take one box per child, per week, and all families are welcome to participate in this program. Children do not need to be an MPS student to receive this food. Many of the items require refrigeration. Supplemental groceries are also available for families in partnership with [The Sheridan Story](#), while supplies last. You can find us at schools and parks across Minneapolis Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Just look for the yellow school bus. To keep families and staff safe, we provide contact-free pick-up. [Find out more about where families can pick up food boxes.](#)

Mental Health Support - Mental health support line: 612-767-4158

MPS has partnered with Watercourse Counseling Center to create a telephone support line for our school community. The support line is available from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday. There will be support for multiple languages. Call 612-767-4158. The service will link students, families and staff to a therapist and other resources. Additional information can [be found on this MPS webpage](#).