

Dear Northrop Families,

It was great to see some of you at our first PTA meeting of the school year. We spent time getting to know one another and learning about what the PTA does for our school community. We ended last week with our first S.O.A.R. ticket drawing and our first all school assembly. It was fun to have the whole school together for this assembly.

Your students may have come home and talked to you about their S.O.A.R. tickets. S.O.A.R. stands for **S**afe, **O**bservant, **A**chieving Goals, and **R**esponsible. Students are showing what it looks/feels like to be Safe, Observant, Achieving Goals, and Responsible throughout their day. We are using S.O.A.R. as way to have a common language and set of expectations so that we can ensure that we have a positive and inclusive learning environment. For the past few weeks, teachers have been modeling expectations and the students have been given opportunities to practice these expectations. This will allow students to be successful with our school-wide routines. Every two weeks a student from each classroom will be acknowledged in a classroom drawing for meeting our S.O.A.R expectations. We will also pull students' names periodically in what we call our "Wood Duck" Lotto.

In these last couple of weeks of September, as fall approaches, your students will be settling into their learning routines. Your support at home is crucial to your child's success at school. Please ask your children to tell you about what they are learning and consider setting up a homework space and routine. We encourage you to build reading into your nightly routines, whether children are reading independently, you are reading to them or you are listening to them read. Such routines will support our children in developing academic skills as well as encourage a love of learning.

Please feel free to reach out by phone, email, or in person, with any questions that may arise.

Sincerely,

Kelly Woods

Announcements

- **Minnehaha Mondays & School Patrol Volunteers** - We are looking for volunteers to help out with Minnehaha Mondays and School Patrols. If you are interested in volunteering for either of these activities, please contact Kylie at Kylie.Pieczonka@mpls.k12.mn.us
- **Calling all gardening experts!** - We need some help identifying some plant species in the Northrop Rain Garden. If you would like to help us with this please email Rachel Matsumoto at Rachel.Matsumoto@mpls.k12.mn.us Thank you!
- **Dismissal** - This is an extremely busy time of day. Please communicate to the teacher or office in person or in writing well in advance of dismissal time if your child will be going home in an alternative way i.e. instead of taking the bus home they will be picked up or have permission to walk to their destination, etc.
- **Donations-** We need unused birdfeeders and Shepard's hooks. If you would like to donate these items we would gladly accept them!
- **Health Office Donations** - The health office is in need of pants, underwear and tops. These clothes will be used for students who need a change of clothes during the school day. Thank you!
- **Garden Clean Up** - We will be hosting our annual garden clean up on Saturday, November 10th. More details will be coming out soon.
- **Message from Krystle in Community Ed-**
Community Ed is celebrating our 50th Anniversary on Saturday Sept 29th at Boom Island (724 Sibley Ave. NE, Minneapolis). from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. There will have food trucks, carnival games, music, prizes, fun family activities. Please join us for this fun family event!

Upcoming Events

- **Thursday, September 20th** - 2nd grade field trip to Children's Theater
- **Friday, September 21st** - Room 206 field trip to the Farmer's Market
- **Friday, September 21st** - Coffee with the Principal in the media center at 9:15 am
- **Tuesday, September 25th** - Northrop Night at Parkway Pizza
- **Thursday, September 27th** - Rooms 112 & 115 fieldtrip to Applewood Orchard
- **Friday, September 28th** - Rooms 108B & 116 fieldtrip to Applewood Orchard
- **Monday, October 1st** - Minnehaha Monday
- **Monday, October 1st** - Afterschool Programming begins
- **Thursday, October 4th** - Northrop Night at the Cardinal Bar & Restaurant
- **Wednesday, October 10th** - 4th grade to Camp Widjiwagan at 7:30 am
- **Thursday, October 11th** - Site Council Meeting in media center at 4:15 pm
- **Thursday, October 11th** - PTA Meeting in the media center at 6:30 pm
- **Friday, October 12th** - 4th grade returns to Northrop from Camp Widjiwagan at 5:30 pm