

Introductions

Teacher Feature

Larry Tifft

Larry has taught first grade for 20 years, working on a family unit and talking about different types of families. His class enjoyed the winter walk yesterday to the creek and Lake Hiawatha.

-wish for a hand-me down comfy reading chair for his classroom

-a set of "Judy Clocks" for his classroom (fulfilled by PTA)

Lisa Schroeder

Lisa has 24 Kindergarten students and has worked for 27 years in the district.

-wishes for a classroom set of rhythm sticks (fulfilled by PTA)

-a special snack for the Kindergarten field trip to Rainbow Play Systems (90) (fulfilled)

Upcoming events

I Love to Read Family Night 2/13

Snapology Event

Brenda Paul presented info she gathered about a fundraising night at Snapology. The PTA comes up with a fee, would cover Snapology's fees (\$50/hour) and keep extra funds.

Snapology has paired with neighboring restaurants for date night. Looking toward an event in May

Northrop Night Out

Set for April 26th at DuNord Craft Spirits

Silent Auction and Night Out for Parents

Planning meeting coming soon (March 5 at 6pm in the Media Center)

-need donations

Rally Around Northrop

Chairperson needed for this or it will not happen this year!

(Chairpersons have been identified!)

Angela Talle, Mosaic Artist proposal for inside the school, presented by Lisa Hudson

-do we want a mural?

- where would it go?
- what to include in the mural design?
 - Northrop name, Woodducks, Trees, the Creek
- do we want student's involved? (increased cost)
- what are the budget parameters?

We discussed possible locations for the mural and decided that more detailed budget numbers were needed.

Financials

Approved \$40 for flexible seating for Mr Travis, Kindergarten sub
 Snowshoes have been purchased and will be at school shortly for use by classrooms
 We have \$1K in gift cards purchased for needy families that the social worker can disperse as needed.

Northrop's No-sell Fundraiser is launching next week!



Northrop's No Sell Fundraiser!

Did you know that the average classroom teacher spends \$100-\$1000 of their own money each year on items they need for their classroom? These may include: classroom aids, extra supplies, special treats and outings, field trips, field trip busses, winter clothing for students, curriculum, art supplies, STEM supplies, room furniture, classroom rugs, etc.

Each year, the Northrop PTA provides every licensed specialist and classroom teacher with a stipend of \$250 plus a field trip bus stipend of \$50! (Field trip bus stipends are for classrooms only.) This is the largest budgeted expenditure the PTA has each year.

We are launching our latest "No Sell" Fundraiser! Being a school with an environmental focus, we don't want to sell any more wrapping paper, cookie dough, pizzas, etc.—with this sort of fundraiser, 100% of your donation goes right back to the school and because the Northrop PTA is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit corporation (EIN: 41-1758116) your contributions are always tax deductible!

In 2018, Minneapolis Public Schools are making huge cuts in each school's budget. The PTA stipend allows each teacher to purchase items or activities to enrich our children's learning experience! Let's support our teachers!

All donations go back into the classrooms and will directly benefit all of Northrop's students. We are seeking \$7000 to cover both the classroom and bussing stipends! Please donate as much as you can: \$5, \$50, \$500. Donations of \$100+ receive a Northrop Spirit Pack!

Forms went home with kids last week. Please see the office for additional forms or send in a check with your child!

Safe Routes to School Update from Kerri Jamison

- Helps kids and families walk and bicycle to school more often through infrastructure improvements, education and promotional activities

SRTS had a initial day long planning session in the fall where they walked the neighborhood looking at problem areas first hand.

Helps kids and families walk and bike to school more

October 2017 Northrop survey results, teachers will re-survey in the Spring

48% Bus

36% Arrive by Car

11% Walk

3% Bike

1.5% Carpool

.5% Other (Scooter, etc)

The Project Consultants are working on the following:

1. Draft Plan Template Development

2. Infrastructure Issues Maps and Tables

3. Programs Recommendations

4. Infrastructure Recommendations

(After Review of #2)

5. Draft Plan Development and Review (Spring)

Walk! Bike! Fun! Educational curriculum (pedestrian safety K-1 and bike safety for 2-5)

Bike Fleet Programs are available for borrowing

PTA Elections:

All positions are open this year, elections will be held in May

Let an officer know if you are interested in a role, we are happy to answer questions about our roles!

2 year commitment, starting July 2018

School Budget

Amy will be holding budget meetings to discuss next year's budget once she gets details from the district. April's PTA meeting will largely focus on the school budget.

Next Meeting is Thursday March 8, 2018 6:30pm , child care will be provided in the gym

Ways to get in touch with the PTA:

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