

Dear Northrop Families,

I hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend! Last week was another great week at Northrop! Our students had a blast at field day! It also appeared that the adults did too! Thank you to everyone that came out to support Mr. E. and the students. It was nice to see so many of you at the Volunteer Appreciation Celebration last week. We loved having the opportunity to honor and celebrate our volunteers.

This week will be filled with more fun end of the year activities. Our 5th graders will be camping in Grand Marias for the next four days and several classrooms will be going on field trips.

Please make sure to check out the announcements and important dates below. As always, feel free to reach out with any questions that may arise

Sincerely,

Kelly Woods

Principal

Announcements

- **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 2019-2020 school year, please use this link to fill out the Northrop Withdraw Form:
<https://forms.gle/wMCpKS1o6m967chC7>
- **Kindergarten and 5th Graduation Volunteers are needed!** Please help support our Kindergarten and 5th grade graduates and their families by helping out at their upcoming ceremonies. Volunteers are needed on June 6th and 7th for each graduation. Please visit this link to sign-up and help. Link to sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A5A622A0F94-graduation>
- **Recycling crayons and markers** - Did you know that Northrop recycles markers and crayons? Keep this in mind during your spring cleaning! Look for two different boxes in the office- one for markers and one for crayons. Please don't include anything else (such as bags, pens, colored pencils, etc.) when you're inserting your items into the boxes. Email Erin Ley at erineley@gmail.com with any questions.

- **Northrop Striving for Equity and Justice Group - Sunday, June 2, 4-6 PM** - Northrop Striving for Equity and Justice invites you to gather, connect, and converse potluck-picnic-style! All staff and families welcome.
Where: picnic tables behind Nokomis Rec Center (next to playground and tennis courts). Bring the kids, something to grill, and a dish to share. We'll get to know one another and talk in informal small groups as a way to launch our summer of conversations.
 - Why do equity work at Northrop?
 - How might Northrop be more welcoming?
 - How can families participate?
 Subsequent hangouts will occur on **June 23, July 14, August 4 and August 25 from 4-6 at the south end of Big Nokomis beach (near Sandcastle.)** Check our Facebook page (Northrop Striving for Equity & Justice) for a complete lineup of topics, or email northrop4equity@gmail.com to receive updates.
- **Arrival & Dismissal Safety Tips -**
 - Please do not stop in the street and send your children across the street.
 - Please be safe and look in all directions before crossing the street and use the crosswalks when possible. Thank you!
- **Parent pick-up at dismissal time:** Please wait until 3:40 pm to go into the gym for parent pick-up.

Upcoming Events

- **Monday, May 27th** - Memorial Day - No School
- **Tuesday, May 28-Friday, May 31st** - 5th grade Grand Marais Camping Trip
- **Friday, May 31st** - Room 202 to Minnehaha Falls
- **Friday, May 31st** - 5th graders return from Grand Marais at 5:00 pm
- **Tuesday, June 4th** - 3rd grade to Lake Hiawatha for a picnic
- **Wednesday, June 5th** - 1st grade to the Riverview Theater
- **Wednesday, June 5th** - Room 102 to Wildlife Refuge
- **Thursday, June 6th**- Kindergarten Graduation at 1:45 pm
- **Friday, June 7th** - 5th grade Graduation at 2:00 pm
- **Friday, June 7th** - Last day of school

