



April 18, 2019

Dear North Creek Families,

As things grow outside in the spring, we see tremendous growth in our students at this time of the year as well. It is so rewarding to be able to celebrate all of their efforts, explorations, hard work, failures and perseverance.

Still Interested in Young 5's for 2019 -2020

We only have a few spots left in Young 5's for the fall. If you have not registered your child and he/she falls in the range of birthdays from July 1 - December 1, please do so before **Friday, April 26**. After April 26, we will begin considering a few of the students on the waiting list to fill the spots.

Mental Health Matters

For our youngest students, mental health matters too. At North Creek, working on the development of the social and emotional well being of our students is a daily practice. With our district wide Portrait of a Graduate, we aim to help students develop social and emotional skills daily in our classrooms.

We encourage students to verbally describe their emotions, practice the calming/coping strategies we learn together as a building, view failures as opportunities for continued learning and practice peaceful problem solving by teaching our learners to try to understand each other's perspectives. All of these things contribute to the mental health of our students.

In addition to these skills, we offer additional support for students who have experienced trauma. If at any time, you believe your child (or your family) needs additional support for the mental health of your child please let us know. We are always happy to help.

Life Skill of the Month for March: You can help, even when you are not asked to do so..

School Safety

Recently, a school safety and security expert visited the district to work with our administrative team to help us assess each building for safety and security, especially at our points of entry. Starting at the beginning of next year, we will be changing the dismissal procedure to improve safety and security for our students and staff. The major change will be the dismissal for students who are park and pick up. We are currently in the planning stages to improve safety and security for our students and will communicate that process as soon as the details are finalized.



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Kids on Course - Running Club

Mr. Hollenbeck, Mrs. Ichesco and Ms. Sleicher are coaching our North Creek running club - called Kids on Course! Kids on Course is happening on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4/16 - 5/23. It's not too late to sign up! You can register your child through Community Education.

PTO - Help Needed

Our PTO is planning a week full of teacher appreciation events/surprises for our teachers during the week of May 6 - 10. If you are looking for an easy way to help, you could consider donating a gift card.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20f0c48a5a92fa31-teacher2>

Our next PTO meeting will be on May 16 at 6:30 p.m. at South Meadows. We hope you will consider attending a meeting or two this year. No dues, no obligations, just a chance to hear what is going on in our schools.

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Important Dates

April 19 No School

25 Kindergarten Concerts and Arts Festival

April 30 1st Grade Concerts and Arts Festival

May 2 2nd Grade Concerts and Arts Festival

May 6 - 10 Teacher Appreciation Week

May 7 Young 5 and Kindergarten Orientation

June 5 - North Creek Field Day

June 7 - Ice Cream Social

Go Bulldogs!

Kimberly Gillow, Principal