



May 3, 2019

Dear North Creek Families,

It was wonderful to see so many of our families, including grandparents, siblings and aunts and uncles at our Arts Festivals over the past two weeks. Giving our little ones an opportunity to share their musical talents and artistic creations is a tradition at North Creek. A special thanks to Mr. Hinz, Mrs. Olsen and Mrs. Woodard. We also thank you for making time to share in that tradition.

Teacher Appreciation

Throughout the year, we have appreciation weeks or days for different groups of staff members in the district. We make time to appreciate our bus drivers, our paraprofessionals and our administrative assistants. Throughout the next week, we will celebrate our teachers. It is clear that our community appreciates our teachers, but I wish you could see what I have the pleasure of witnessing every day.

As you know, I have experience working in a few different districts. The teachers at North Creek are the most dedicated, positive, hard working professionals I have ever worked with. This year in particular, we have taken on the challenge of implementing a new reading curriculum, a new writing curriculum and a new science unit. We also implemented coaching, which our teachers have embraced, as a way to improve instructional practices and student learning. They have done an outstanding job with these implementations, so much so that other districts are already requesting to come to observe our teachers.

Beyond everything above, our teachers demonstrate love for each of our children. They worry about them at night. They laugh with them. They cheer for them. They challenge them. They advocate for them. Most importantly, they hug them.

We are truly blessed at North Creek. Our teachers are the best of the best! Please join me in thanking our teachers this week for all that they do for our little Bulldogs and their families.

Courtyard Beautification

We would like to thank Nan Spike, one of our fabulous North Creek parents, for volunteering to pull weeds, fluff mulch and share her gardening expertise in our courtyards! We recently added the community art installations, but the weeds were not a pretty backdrop.

We would also like to thank Jennifer Bollinger, another one of our wonderful parents, who is the owner of Chelsea Village Flowers. Jennifer donated a beautiful pot full of flowers.

We also want to thank, The Garden Mill, for donating a whimsical piece of metal art for our students to peek at through the courtyard windows.



Why do we not use the courtyards as outdoor learning spaces? Unfortunately, we can not use them as outdoor learning spaces. Since they only have one door, they do not meet fire code for student use. Since they are a focal point in our building, we still want to show how proud we are of our building by keeping the spaces beautiful. We are truly blessed to have so much community support in Chelsea!

Young 5's and Kindergarten Orientation - May 7

On May 7, we will be welcoming our incoming Young 5 and Kindergarten students and their families for orientation. Students and their parents should come at their assigned time slot, which is based on the first letter of the child's last name.

Just a reminder that this event is for incoming Young 5 and Kindergarten students only, **please do not bring siblings**. You should also be aware that a bus ride is part of the orientation. Parents and their Young 5 or Kindergarten student will ride the bus together. Due to the law about the age of children who are able to ride school busses, siblings will not be permitted on the bus.

If your child is currently in one of our Young 5 classes, he/she will not participate in the orientation. Those students will remain in their classrooms to continue learning.

Group 1: 8:15 - 9:30 Last names A - F

Group 2: 9:45 - 11:00 Last names G - P

Group 3: 1:20 - 2:30 Last names Q - Z

We can't wait to welcome our the classes of 2032 and 2033!

NWEA Testing

Believe it or not, it is time to begin our final round of NWEA testing for the year. Each of our Kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade classes will take the Reading portion of the NWEA throughout the next week. Our students will take the Math portion of the test the following week.

Your child's teacher will notify you of the specific day. Please help us by making sure your child has adequate sleep, a healthy breakfast and a positive attitude for their testing day. We are looking forward to celebrating the progress each of our students has made this year! You will receive an NWEA score report with your child's final report card in June.

Lunch Account Balances

It's the time of the year our kitchen staff needs to collect any remaining money due for lunches. Our Food Service department has been sending out notices of overdue balances. Please try to pay those as soon as possible. If your family is struggling to pay the balance,



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please contact us and we will work on a plan. You can contact Deborah Over at dover@chelseaschools.org if you have any questions.

Social and Emotional Health for Our Kids

In my opinion, being a parent is the most magnificent blessing and the biggest challenge all at the same time. As a parent, I frequently ask for help, search for resources to help me make parenting decisions and worry. If this sounds familiar to you, this opportunity in our community might be helpful for you.

Thriving Minds: [Ask a Therapist Brown Bag Lunch Series](#)

Chelsea Elementary PTO

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

May 6 - 10 Teacher Appreciation Week

May 7 Young 5 and Kindergarten Orientation

May 24 ½ day for students (full day for teachers)

May 27 No School for Memorial Day

June 5 North Creek Field Day

June 7 Ice Cream Social

Go Bulldogs!

Kimberly Gillow, Principal