



July 25, 2019

Dear North Creek Families,

We hope you are enjoying the summer with your family. I want to share some information and important dates with our families.

Our North Creek Office Team

We are excited to announce the Michelle O'Hara was promoted to the position of Administrative Assistant this summer. With Mrs. O'Hara transferring to be my Administrative Assistant, we were able to hire an Office Clerk to fill her previous position. We invite you to join us in welcoming, Amanda MacDonald, to the North Creek office team as our Office Clerk. Our office will officially re-open on August 19.

#NCEReads

It has been so much fun to receive so many pictures of our little Bulldogs reading this summer! If you are willing to let us post a picture of your child reading this summer, please email the picture to me. I will post it to our social media accounts. Keep reading, North Creek!

Help Wanted Paraprofessionals

We are still in need of 5 additional paraprofessionals at North Creek for the 2019 - 2020 school year. Many of our paraprofessionals are parents of current and/or former North Creek students. We hope that you will consider applying if you would like to join our team. An added benefit is having the same schedule as your child, if you have children in the district. We could not do what we do without the support of our paraprofessional team and we are hoping to start the year fully staffed.

[Apply Online for a Paraprofessional Position](#)

North Creek Classroom Book A Day

The most powerful way to encourage a love of reading is to read aloud to our little ones. Believe it or not, the amount of curriculum we are required to conquer at the K - 2 level makes it challenging to fit reading picture books aloud into the schedule each day. This year, I am challenging myself to get into classrooms to read picture books to our students on a regular basis. For this reason, I have chosen to take on the Classroom Book A Day Challenge (#classroombookaday), with the goal to read aloud a picture book every day of the school year. Honestly, this will probably require a little help from our office team and some support staff members...but I am going to try.

Here is how you could help if you choose. We created a Book A Day wishlist on Amazon. If you would like to donate one of the books from our list, you can purchase it on Amazon and it will be shipped to North Creek. The North Creek Book A Day library that we start will be used for



the challenge, but also be made available for teachers to use in their own classrooms to increase the impact for our students. Thank you in advance for any help you can offer!

[North Creek Book A Day Wish List](#)

Arrival and Dismissal Changes for 2019 - 2020

School begins at 8:00. Starting this year, the front doors will be locked until 7:30 a.m.. Students should not be dropped off before 7:30, since there is no supervision for students until 7:30. All students who arrive between 7:30 - 7:55 need to go directly to the cafeteria until the first bell rings at 7:55.

For the first week of school, parents are welcome to either drop off at curbside or walk their child to the classroom if they need assistance. We highly recommend that you allow your child to try it independently during the first week to prepare to walk independently after the first week. We will have lots of staff members to walk students to classrooms if needed.

Starting the 2nd week of school, all parents who enter the building in the morning will be expected to say goodbye at the “Kiss and Go” spot in the front hallway. We will continue to have staff members there to help students who need adult assistance. Please remember that our children feel most comfortable when we show them that we are confident that they will be ok. We appreciate your cooperation and support to help us keep our students and staff safe throughout the year.

The district had a school safety and security expert tour each building this year. As I mentioned at Young 5 and Kindergarten Orientation and in our newsletters in the spring, there will be changes to our dismissal process to improve safety next year.

The dismissal process will include having 2 choices for dismissal: bus or curbside pick up. Adults will no longer be able to park in the front lot and enter the gym to wait for dismissal. Only buses will be allowed to enter the parking lot in front of the school during dismissal time. Teachers will send all pick up children to the cafeteria for curbside pick up. We expect the line of cars to be slightly longer, so please be patient.

By the time you receive our back to school communications, we will have identified a spot for students who walk to the local neighborhoods to meet their parents. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding. The safety of our students and staff is our first priority.



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CEF Rivalry Match



Did you know that the Chelsea Education Foundation (CEF) supports students and teachers in our schools each year by awarding teacher grants, funding special projects in our schools and offering grants to our CHS students?

Rivalry Match! This year the Chelsea Bulldogs and the Dexter Dreadnaughts will go head-to-head to raise money for their Education Foundations. The fundraising kicks off August 23rd and will culminate at the August 30 opening season game in Dexter.

The two Foundations will compete to see who can raise the most money up to and at the game. There will be a push to donate at the game with a Matching Donor for the foundation that raises the most money. The funds raised will be used to support teacher grants and student scholarship programs in both communities.

Go Bulldogs!

Chelsea Elementary PTO

The North Creek staff is extremely grateful for the support of our PTO. The Chelsea Elementary PTO supports both North Creek and South Meadows. We hope you will consider becoming involved with this fabulous group this year.

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Important Dates

August 19 - 23 Placement Letters mailed home

August 20 New Student Orientation for 1st and 2nd graders who are new to North Creek

10:00 a.m. in the North Creek Media Center

August 28 North Creek Open House 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

September 3 First Day of School!

Young 5 & Kindergarten students should attend with an adult at their assigned time.

September 18 Picture Day at North Creek

We are committed to helping your child have a socially, emotionally and academically successful year.

Looking forward to another amazing year!

Kimberly Gillow, Principal