



NORTH CREEK ELEMENTARY



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November 6, 2020

Dear North Creek Families,

We made it to November on our adventure! That's what I'm calling this year.

Just a few of the many learning experiences our students enjoyed this week include: tic tac toe exercises in PE, science experiments, reading book stacks galore, name writing in shaving cream, exploring ways to make 10, playing in the leaves, hiking around the property and starting to learn about each others family artifacts.

Health and Safety

Thank you for doing everything you can to help keep our students and staff healthy and safe. If your child is ill for their in person day and they have symptoms on our daily screener. Our school nurse is also asking that you please follow-up with your pediatrician for an alternate diagnosis and possible testing for COVID. At this point, we can't assume allergies or even a simple cold. Please note, if someone in your home (or someone who is a close contact with your child) is being tested your child should stay home until you receive the results. We appreciate our families being extra cautious.

Commitment Survey for 2nd Trimester

The North Creek Commitment Survey for 2nd Trimester is in the link below. I will also send it in another separate email. We are asking each family to make a commitment for their child for the 2nd trimester. **The deadline for completing the survey is Monday, November 9.** The quick turnaround will allow us to have adequate time for any staffing and/or schedule adjustments that may need to be made.

[North Creek 2nd Trimester Commitment Survey](#)

Congratulations to, Mrs. Yu, on her Retirement!

Mrs. Yu, who is our Social Worker, will be retiring at the end of this trimester. Mrs. Yu will be missed tremendously at North Creek. She has had a powerfully positive impact on our students, families and staff. We are in the process of hiring another social worker. Please be assured that our children and families will be well supported by our team as we work through the hiring process. We wish Mrs. Yu many blessings on her well deserved retirement and look forward to hearing about her next adventure.

Social and Emotional Learning

In addition to the daily social and emotional lessons we are having in our classrooms, Mrs. Yu and Mrs. Franco (our District English Learner and Equity Coordinator), have been sharing powerful stories with our students. Here are just a few of the titles, in case you would like to enjoy them as a family at home as well.



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Just Ask by Sonia Sotomayor

- normalizing people's individualized strengths and challenges (Diabetes, ADHD, Down Syndrome, being visually impaired, being hearing impaired) and that it is ok to ask questions.

Be Who You Are by Todd Parr

- celebrating all of our differences and things that make us who we are

It's Okay to Be Different by Todd Parr

- celebrating and normalizing our differences

All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold

- set in a big city school (multiracial, multicultural, multireligious representation)

Hybrid Families - Extra Set of Clothes + Clean Mask - All students need an extra change of clothes in their backpack in a large ziplock with their name on the bag. We will ask them to keep it in their locker for emergencies (spills, accidents, mud puddles, etc). We also need you to send an extra clean mask in a ziplock bag marked with your child's name on it in his/her backpack.

Calendar Notification November 12 is a full day of school for students.

Our teachers have an optional professional development opportunity that evening. The way it is written on the district calendar is a little confusing.

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Positive Behavior Expectations: Be safe. Be Responsible. Be Respectful. Be Kind.

Important Dates

November 6 North Creek Commitment Survey for 2nd Trimester sent out to families

November 9 North Creek Commitment Survey due

November 24 End of 1st trimester

November 25 No school for students, ½ day a.m. for teachers

November 26 - 27 No School - Thanksgiving Break

Go Bulldogs!

Kimberly Gillow, Principal