North Mac Elementary

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Dear Families,

Thanks to all our families for supporting the education of our kids! We had an AMAZING turn-out for Parent/Teacher Conferences. We are so appreciative of all you do at home to insure your child gets the best education possible. Our staff and students are working hard to reach their year-end expectations, and with your help, all goals are attainable!

We are looking forward to November! We have our Veteran's Day Program on the 11th at the High School at 9:00 am. On the 14th, we have our Family Reading Night with 'The Dulcimer Guy!' November 26th, author Byron von Rosenberg visits our school. Through the month of November, we are doing a school service project for the military called 'Collection for Troops' to show our appreciation for all our military does to keep us safe and free! Please see the attached flyer for more information on how you can help! And.....

Thanksgiving is right around the corner! This month, especially, makes me think of all I have to be thankful for. Please know how thankful I am for the opportunity to work with an amazing bunch of kids, a staff that puts their heart and soul into our kids, and all the wonderful families that support us. Our North Mac Elementary family is such a blessing!

Happy Fall to all!

Work hard, be nice, and do great things! It takes **Everyone**, **Every Day!**

Sincerely, Michele Cimarossa, Principal



Upcoming Events

November 3 – FALL BACK! Daylight Savings Time ENDS

November 6 – School Improvement Day with 1:20 dismissal

November 11 – Veteran's Day Program, 9:00 at the High School

November 12 – PTO Meeting, 6:00 at the Elementary, all parents welcome!

November 13 – School Improvement Day with 1:20 dismissal

November 14 – Family Reading Night, 6:00 with the Dulcimer Guy!

November 19 - School Picture Retake Day

November 20 - School Improvement Day with 1:20 dismissal

November 22 – Children's Thanksgiving Meal at school

November 26 – Author Byron von Rosenberg visits our school

November 27 - 1:20 Dismissal for Thanksgiving Break

November 28 & 29 – No School Happy Thanksgiving!



Veteran's Day Program at NMHS

We will join the High School for the Veteran's Day Program on November 11 at 9:00. Our K - 2 students will be singing 'For the Good of the Many' led by our Music teacher, Sarah Kline. The High School Band and Chorus will also be performing. We are encouraging our students to dress in red, white, and blue for the program. We are looking forward to this opportunity to honor our Veterans and current Military!

Elementary Family Reading Night

Please plan to attend our Family Reading Night on Thursday, November 14, from 6:00 – 7:15. Entertainment will be provided by 'The Dulcimer Guy!' He tells amazing stories and plays wonderful music on his Dulcimer. A flyer will be coming home with all the details! We hope to see all our Head Start, Pre-K, and Elementary families there!

North Mac Elementary Service Project

We will be collecting items to send to our troops through "Collection for Troops." See the adjoining flyer for all the details of this great opportunity to support those who protect our freedoms!

North Mac Elementary Holiday Concert

December 4, 6:30 pm at the High School Gymnasium.

Author Visit

Author Byron von Rosenberg will be visiting our students at 1:00 on November 26th. He is the author of <u>I Don't Want to Kiss a Llama</u>, <u>Don't Feed the Seagulls</u>, <u>O Christmas Treed!</u>, <u>Dale the Uniclyde</u>, and <u>Climb the Red Mountain</u>.

ATTENDANCE

We are working hard to **improve our attendance percentage** at North Mac Elementary. According to a study by the University of Chicago, **'children chronically absent in Preschool, Kindergarten, and First Grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of third grade and four times more likely than proficient readers to drop out of high school.'** Make great attendance a priority!

It takes everyone, every day!!



In the Community

BOX TOPS

Save those Box Tops! The money we receive helps with incentive programs and extras for the kids!

CAPS TO PARK BENCHES

We collect plastic caps and deliver them to the city office in Girard. Caps are being collected to recycle and turn into park benches!

PRAIRIE FARMS CODES

Prairie Farms milk caps have codes on them that we can input into the computer for money for our school. Please send any Prairie Farms caps with your child.



Happy Thanksgiving