



Notes from North



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Principal's Corner

Mrs. Ruby L. Brown

It is with much joy and excitement that Dr. Vail and I welcome you to the new 2016-2017 school year. This school year promises to be a very exciting year for our students as we welcome our incoming first, second, and new third grade students to North Salisbury. Our staff will continue with an instructional focus on the Maryland College and Career Readiness Standards (MDCCRS) under the Race to the Top initiative. Student safety and high student achievement will each continue to be our highest priorities and a major focus for all of our students as we continue towards our vision for students at North Salisbury.

School Theme for 2016-2017

PRIDE IN OUR NATION

PRIDE IN OUR SCHOOL

PRIDE IN OURSELVES

North Salisbury School Newsletters

You can expect to receive a monthly newsletter, entitled Notes from North, which will come from the school administrators. At times during the school year, you will receive additional newsletters from your child's grade level team of teachers, from our PTA, or from our special area teachers which may be sent in order to keep you informed about school events. Some of the information will include strategies to help your child succeed at school and home, or may provide upcoming curriculum information, and may include school calendars.

Please take the time to read through these newsletters in order to stay informed and to help your child be prepared for upcoming events.



Mustangs Ride with PRIDE



PRIDE in our Nation, PRIDE in our School, PRIDE in Ourselves

Polite Responsible Improving Disciplined Encouraging





From the Cafeteria

Parents may choose to send a check and put money on your child's cafeteria account here at school, or you may use the MyPaymentPlus on-line site to put money on your child's school account which you may access on the wcboc.org website. This allows your child to go through the line and debit money from their account. Each time children go through the line, the cashier will tell them how much money is left in the student's account. If a child has forgotten his or her lunch money, they can charge up to \$5.00. Notices of owed accounts are sent out in the Thursday folders. Breakfast is now being served free to all NSS students and lunch is \$2.45.



School Fundraisers

School fundraisers are necessary in order to help provide the many support resources that are not funded through the county budget. We appreciate the support you have given in the past and look forward to your help in helping to meet the instructional needs of our students by supporting your child's fundraiser efforts. These funds help to provide the Thursday Folders, help fund educational assemblies, field trips, printer and copier costs, and books for classroom libraries or which may be used as incentives throughout the year. Families that would prefer to make a donation rather than participate in the fundraiser are encouraged to do so. Prizes will be awarded to these students as well.

School Attendance

We hope that every child is able to have perfect attendance; however, if your child is absent for any reason for all or part of the school day, then parents are asked to send in a note to the office stating the reason for the absence. This information is important in counting the absence as an excused or unexcused absence.

A student's day is busy from the first bell to the last and as such, we ask that late arrivals and early dismissals be avoided as much as possible. Being present for morning announcements and end of the day wrap-up helps students adjust easily into their daily routines and help their evenings go better when they have their assignments and supplies needed for homework.

Transportation Notes

Student safety is a high priority for all of us. You can help by sending a note if there is going to be a change in the way a student is to go home. If we do not have a note in the school office notifying us of a change in transportation, the child will be sent home the regular way.

In order to continue to ensure your child's safety, WCBoc schools will no longer accept phone calls to make changes in transportation. Written notes must be sent to school with your child or you or your designee, may come into the school to sign out the student in the front office.

In addition, we cannot accept a child saying, "My Mom said she was going to pick me up," as an acceptable way to change transportation.

Personal Data Forms

You are also asked to review, make any needed corrections, and sign the Emergency Personal Data Form and return it to the school during the first week. Please list the names of anyone who may pick your child up from school. We check notes from home and emergency information before allowing a child to go home with anyone other than the parents. After signing out your child in the front office, the classroom will be called and you will meet him/her in the office. Teachers are not to release students from their rooms without notification from the office that the child has been signed out. Thank you for helping us better manage your child's safety to and from school.



Car Drop Off & Pick-Up

We ask that parents who drop their children at school, to please use the Emerson Avenue car circle. Please stay in your car in a single file, stay within the solid line, and pull up to the right hand curb so our duty staff can see who is picking up your child. . If you choose not to wait in line, please park in the parking lot and walk over to receive your child. Children will not be sent alone, cross the driveway or parking lot. Please do not park at the curb so that we can avoid traffic difficulty on Emerson Ave. Your child's safety is our primary concern and we appreciate your help with adhering to these safety procedures.

Reminder to Magnet Parents: Whenever you need to pick up or drop off your child, to please do so at North Salisbury School rather than their shuttle stops (middle or high schools). This is the preferred location due to traffic concerns at the secondary schools.

Portfolio Organizers



Our third grade magnet students have been accustomed to using organizers they carry with them as they travel to each of their classes. These folders have been extremely beneficial to these students. Parents have asked about making these folders available to all grade levels which we have done school wide.

The organizers are being offered to all students for \$7.00. If you would like to purchase one for your child, they are available in the front office or they may order one from their homeroom teacher. We encourage all students to utilize this valuable resource.

The Family Portal

Parents/Guardians and students beginning in grade 3 can use the Family Portal to view demographic data, academic progress, and view attendance, schedules, assignments, and grades for each individual student.

All passwords from the previous school year have been reset. Below you will find the information for logging into the portal for both Parents and Students.

The portal will be available to view on September 15, 2016. Parents can visit www.wcboe.org then choose the Family Portal link located on the main page. After clicking on Family Portal they will be taken to the login screen which also provides a link with instructions on how to

CONSISTENT ATTIRE PROGRAM (CAP)

We are very excited to participate in the Consistent Attire Policy again this year. We look forward to seeing our students in their school attire. During the first week of school, the administrators at North Salisbury will work with those students and their families, who may not be in alignment with the CAP Policy by first meeting with the student, then contacting the parents, and sending the brochure home for the family to review together.

Please remember that leggings, tights, jeggings, or any type of pants which are tight to the legs, are not approved CAP attire. If you have any questions or concerns about the policy, please contact a school administrator.

School Visitors



Visitors are always welcome at North Salisbury School

*We would like to remind you that you will need a **driver's license or state issued identification** in order to visit the school. All visitors to the classroom must be at least **21 years of age or older** to visit the classes.*



Thursday/Daily Folders – Parent Communicator

As in the past, North Salisbury School has found it extremely beneficial to provide for our students a blue vinyl folder labeled “Teacher...Parent Communicator.” Please look for **this folder to come home** daily with our primary students and on Thursdays for all students, with information from the school. We believe that by sending information on the same day each week, that it will help to provide a consistent method of communication between home and school and help you be informed about school happenings.

The Maryland College and Career Readiness Standards (MDCCRS)

*Mandated under the Race to the Top initiative, all Wicomico County Schools have fully implemented the second year of the MDCCR Standards. These standards define the knowledge and skills that all students will be expected to master by the end of each grade level. The outcome will be that all students upon graduation from high school will be fully prepared to enter college and the workforce. The major goal for students in the state of Maryland is to **establish a world-class educational system** which will demonstrate the outstanding student achievement.*

North Salisbury School is committed towards these goals and will work with every student to help to ensure that our students are receiving a high quality education in a safe learning environment.



Student Birthday Celebrations

We love to celebrate the students' birthdays here at North Salisbury School! They enjoy hearing their names announced on these special days as we recognize them and celebrate with them and their classmates.

Many parents choose to send in a special treat for their child's class to enjoy. These treats may **only be shared with their class during lunch** and the treats must be **store bought, not home-baked**, as we have several students with severe allergies and on special diets.

North Salisbury



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Please continue to collect and send in Box Tops for Education which helps provide additional resources for our students.

From the Guidance Corner:

Ms. Jenkins and Dr. Dennis

North Salisbury will continue to promote a positive learning environment for all students by providing classroom lessons focused on the Six Pillars of Character:

*Caring, Citizenship, Respect, Responsibility
Trustworthiness, Fairness*

North Salisbury School's Faith Based Partner

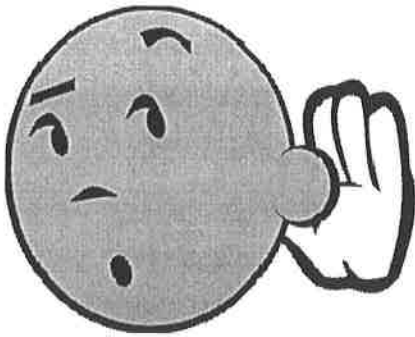


The Delmarva Evangelistic Church

Please join us in welcoming The Delmarva Evangelistic Church, which is one of the school's community sponsors. This worthy organization has teamed up with our school to offer much needed support to our students and staff. North Salisbury is honored to have the support of the Delmarva Evangelistic Church members as its faith based partner.

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We are listening!

And, we want to hear from you!
North Salisbury has a variety of ways for parents to connect with teachers, administration, and/or the office staff.

- Your child's **agenda** is a great place to write notes to teachers and for teachers to write to you. Please check it nightly. **If you are writing a note regarding changes to transportation arrangements, please write it on a separate piece of paper so it may be delivered to the office.
- Return items and send notes via the **Thursday and/or Daily Folder: Parent Communicator**
- **Come see us.** Call ahead if you would like to make sure the person you would like to see will be available.
- You may **call the school** during office hours 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at 410-677-5807
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We are on **FACEBOOK**. “Like” us for school news in real time “North Salisbury School”

- We are on **Twitter** @NorthSbySchool
- We are **on the web at nss.wcboe.org**



- We have a **school app** for smartphones that will take you directly to school news, a staff directory, and other resources. Go to the school's webpage nss.wcboe.org from your smartphone, scroll down on the homepage, then click on the link for the school app. Add it to your home screen.
- **Family Portal** is available for our 3rd through 5th grade to monitor grades and attendance by going to wcboe.org or the school's website, nss.wcboe.org.



PTA CORNER



North Salisbury School 2016-2017 PTA Officers

PTA President – Mrs. Ashlee Walsh
Vice President – Mrs. Marlene Naumann
Secretary – TBD
Treasurer – Mrs. Heather Bailey

The North Salisbury School Executive PTA Board would like to welcome you back for a brand new school year. As always, the PTA has been busy planning some exciting events and activities for the year.

We hope that you will show your support of our school by becoming a member of PTA this year. The soon to be installed officers and current members of our school PTA Board look forward to meeting you on September 13 for our first official PTA meeting of the year. PTA will oversee our School Store again this year on Friday mornings, beginning on **Friday, September 16**. Please look for upcoming information about our **October Fall Festival** and hope that you will volunteer to help support this and future school events by completing and returning the volunteer form that is included in this newsletter. We hope to see you at our **Chipotle School Spirit Night on Tuesday, October 25 from 5:00 to 9:00 pm**.

PTA Meetings for the Year

September 13	6:00 pm - Back to School Night
October 11	6:00 pm – Business Meeting & Classroom Visitations
November 9	6:00 pm – Business Meeting & Classroom Visitations
January 10	4:30 pm – Business Meeting & Classroom Visitations
April 11	4:30 pm - Science Fair & 5M Inventors Night

PTA MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the PTA is threefold:

- *To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, and before government bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children;*
- *To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children; and*
- *To encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.*

How can you help?

By joining your child's PTA, by volunteering, and by supporting the events.

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 29, 2016

TO: Parents, Teachers and Employees

FROM: North Salisbury School

RE: Availability of Asbestos Management Plan

In October 1986, the U.S. Congress enacted the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). Under this law, comprehensive regulations were developed to address asbestos problems in public and private elementary and secondary schools. These regulations require most schools to inspect for friable and non-friable asbestos, develop asbestos management plans that address asbestos hazards in school buildings and implement response actions in a timely manner.

These regulations assign schools many new responsibilities. Our program for fulfilling these responsibilities is outlined in our asbestos management plan. This plan contains information on our inspections, reinspections, response actions and post-response action activities, including periodic surveillance activities that are planned or are in progress.

You can review this plan during normal business hours without cost or restriction.

If you have any questions about reviewing our management plan please contact:

Blair Todd at (410) 677-4411
(WCBOE Designated Person for AHERA)

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Dear Parent/Guardian or Staff Member:

Legislation was passed in 1998 which requires public schools to adopt Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan and to develop parental and staff notification programs by the 1999-2000 school year for any school that applies pesticides in school buildings during the school year. In addition, legislation was passed in 1999 which requires public schools to expand the IPM plan to include parental and staff notification for pesticide applications made to school grounds during the school year.



At the beginning of each school year, each school must notify all parents/guardians, staff, and new students, regarding the Wicomico County Board of Education Integrated Pest Management Plan.

A. *What is the Integrated Pest Management Plan?*

Integrated Pest Management, or IPM, is a plan of controlling pests that does not depend on automatic application of pesticides. Instead, pests are monitored by regular and careful inspections. The inspections also identify conditions contributing to pest problems. It is then decided what actions are necessary, if any, based on the biology and habits of the pests involved. Priority is given to non-chemical pest management techniques, particularly those that can prevent a recurrence of the problem. Pesticides are used when necessary, but only in a way that minimizes potential exposure to people and the environment. Records are kept to track problems, prevent recurrences, and evaluate the results of pest management actions.

B. *What are the names of the pesticides and bait stations that may be used on school property. This includes but is not limited to:*

Fipronil	Methy 17, Chloro	Indoxacarb
Boric Acid	Pyrethrin	Propoxur
Delamethrin	Cyfluthrin	Imidacloprid
Foramsulfuron	Azoxystrobin	Glyphosate Salt
Brodifacoum	Permethrin	Bifenthrin
Chlorfenapyr	Methoprene	Hydroprene



Who is the person that I may call if I have any questions?



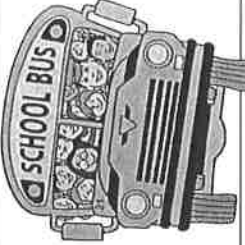
Mr. David Fulton
Environmental/Safety Specialist
Facility Services Department
Wicomico County Board of Education
(410) 677-4593

Mr. Fulton, identified above as the contact person, will also have the product labels and Material Safety Data Sheets for all pesticides and bait stations that are listed above. In addition, product labels and Material Safety Data Sheets for any newly introduced pesticides not currently included on the pesticide list, but used on school property will also be kept by Mr. Fulton. This information is available at your school and at the following location: Facilities Department, Wicomico County Board of Education, 101 Long Avenue, Salisbury, Maryland 21802 and is available for your review at any time. Mr. Fulton is also available for any additional information you may need and will be happy to listen to any comments you may have.

D. *Notifications before pesticide use*

Additional notifications throughout the school year will be sent to all students, parents/guardians and staff members in an Elementary school before any application of a pesticide are made in a school building or to school grounds. These written notices will be sent home with each student and provided to each staff member at least 24 hours before each application, and within 24 hours after an emergency pesticide is applied. Please remember that the concept behind an Integrated Pest Management Plan is to utilize all other non-chemical means to eliminate pests before a pesticide is used. It is our intention to continue to adhere to this practice.

SEPTEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>August 25th Open House 1:00 – 3:00 29th First Day of School</p>	<p>A day 29 First Day of School</p> 	<p>B day 30</p>	<p>C day 31</p>	<p>D day 1</p>	<p>E day 2 School Fundraiser Begins</p>	<p>Saturday 3</p>
<p>4</p> 	<p>5 Labor Day School Closed</p>	<p>F day 6</p>	<p>A day 7 Boy Scout Night 6:00 – 7:00 pm</p>	<p>B day 8</p>	<p>C day 9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>D day 12 911 Ceremony Wear Red, White & Blue</p>	<p>E day 13 PTA Mtg, 6:00 pm</p>	<p>F day 14</p>	<p>A day 15</p>	<p>B day 16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 School Spirit Week</p>	<p>C day 19 Hat Day</p>	<p>D day 20 Hawaiian Day</p>	<p>E day 21 Red, White & Blue</p>	<p>F day 22 Crazy Socks Day School Fundraiser Ends</p>	<p>A day 23 Sports Top Day</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>B day 26</p>	<p>C day 27</p>	<p>D day 28</p>	<p>E day 29</p>	<p>F day 30 School PRIDE Day Wear NSS Shirts</p>	 30



October 2016



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	A day 3	B day 4 7:00 am Di Mtg.	C day 5	D day 6	E day 7	1
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9	F day 10	A day 11 PTA Meeting 6:00	B day 12	C day 13	D day 14 PTA Fall Festival 6:00	15
16	E day 17	F day 18 7:00 am Di Mtg.	A day 19 Fall Pictures Dress up	B day 20	School Closed Professional Day 21	22
23	C day 24 Crazy Hat Day	D day 25 Career / Job Day	E day 26 Super Hero Day	F day 27 Crazy Socks Day	A day 28 Mustang PRIDE Day or Red/ White/Blue	29
30	B day 31 End Marking Term I					