

Notes from North

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Second Grade Winter Holiday Program

The Holiday Program will be held on Monday, December 5 at 6:00 p.m. All students are to report to the Music Room by 5:30 that evening. Students are to wear black bottoms and white tops. (Does not have to be CAP Attire)



5th Grade Strings/Band Holiday Program

The band and strings program will be held on Monday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m. Students are asked to be here at 5:30 pm dressed in black and white. (Does not have to be CAP Attire)

4M Students Economics Fair

As part of our economics unit and to show kids care, fourth grade will be selling student made holiday cards and candy grams prior to the holiday performances on December 5th and 12th. We have 5 styles of homemade cards you can send to family or friends. We also have candy cane messages to send to students here at North Salisbury. Candy Grams will be delivered on December 15th to students in their homeroom.

We hope you will consider helping our class with our economic fair. All money raised will be donated to HALO, a local homeless shelter.

Principal's Corner-

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all parents, grandparents, and visitors who came to visit our students during American Education Week. Your visit meant a lot to the students and helped them to understand that you value their education enough to take the time to come and observe them in their classrooms. North Salisbury had over 850 visitors that week!!! We also appreciate our PTA volunteers and officers who supported our school with several events that week.

Many of us are looking forward to celebrating special holidays during the month of December and we would like to invite you to come out and celebrate several holiday events with us at school. Our 2nd grade students will be presenting a holiday program on Monday, December 5 at 6:00 pm and our orchestra and band students will be playing holiday songs on Monday, December 12 at 6:00 pm. On behalf of the staff and our students we hope to see you and we hope that you and your family enjoy the upcoming holidays.

The North Salisbury Family wishes you and your family
Happy Holidays



Merry Christmas
Felize Navidad



Happy Hanukkah
Happy Kwanzaa

PTA



The PTA officers would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday break.

The next PTA Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10 at 4:30 p.m. We will continue to provide you with additional information about upcoming events periodically. We would like to thank you for supporting our first Mustang Stampede, with all of the proceeds going towards supporting school events, and helping to provide additional materials of instruction. We will be sponsoring a PTA Movie Night later, date to be determined. We cannot say thank you enough for your continued support of the school's PTA.



Nominations for 2017-18 Wicomico Teacher of the Year



We were pleased to have so many visitors for American Education Week, and we hope you had a chance to see some great teachers in action. Now is the perfect time to go online and nominate a teacher for the 2017-2018 Wicomico Teacher of the Year.

Nominations will be accepted until December 12, 2016. Visit the school system website at www.wcboe.org and click on the Teacher of the Year button. Thank you for taking time to recognize our teachers.

(Look for the Teacher of the Year Form box on the NSS school website)

NSS Holiday Office Hours

The school office will be closed until January 2, when students return. For questions and concerns during this time, please contact the office of Susan Jones at the Board of Education at 410-677-4400.

WINTER BREAK

We encourage all students to continue to read each night for 20 minutes during the holiday break and to continue to practice multiplication and division facts.



PARENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

North Salisbury is looking for a parent to represent our school on this committee.

Keyboarding Tutorial Sites

Listed below are some free keyboarding sites that you may find helpful for your child. All state assessments will be taken on-line. (PARCC & MSA Science)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/>

http://www.softschools.com/games/typing_games/

<http://www.arcademickillbuilders.com/games/sky-chase/sky-chase.html>

<http://www.arcademickillbuilders.com/games/typing-jets/typing-jets.html>

<https://www.google.com/#q=free+keyboarding+gamesafe=off>

Upcoming Assessments

IN-View – (2nd Grade)

Students in **Grade 2** will take the InView Cognitive Assessment on December 7th and 8th. In the past, scores from this assessment have been used to determine eligibility for the Magnet Program. There is no way to study for this test, though a practice test will be given on December 5th to familiarize students with the format. This is a paper & pencil test.

ELA Interim Assessment (All Grade Levels)

ALL STUDENTS will take the 2nd English/Language Arts Interim Assessment on December 13th and/or 14th. This assessment is used for teachers to determine which skills students have mastered and which skills require additional instruction.

Assessments in January

Upon return from the Winter break, students in grade 2 will take the brief, online Math Inventory and the equally brief, online reading inventory between January 2nd and January 13th. Students in grades 3-5 will also take the online Reading Inventory during that time frame. These assessments help determine if students are improving their math or reading skills at the expected pace.

How to prepare?

The best way to help your child prepare is to make sure he/she is well-rested and attends school on time the days they will have an assessment. This will ensure the assessment accurately represents your child's skills and abilities. Encourage your child to do their absolute best, to take their time while testing, and when writing, to provide in-depth explanations.



Suggestions for Winter Break Activities

1st Grade Students

- Read Epic books from epic.com
- Read every day for at least 20 minutes
- Have students read and follow a holiday recipe!
- Practice your handwriting
- Write a holiday story to read to your family
- Play "I Spy ..." with letters, words, numbers
- Visit Starfall.com for fun educational games and activities
- Build a tower with marshmallows. Predict how many you will use before it falls. How many fell, how many were left? Write number sentences with your marshmallows.

2nd Grade Students

- Practice addition/subtraction facts to 20 using the number triangles
- Read every day for 20 minutes. Tell someone about what you read.
- Make a comic strip about the holidays including text and illustrations
- Practice your sight word flashcards (will be sent home)
- Visit these fun and educational websites: starfall.com, suessville.com, timeforkids.com, pbskids.com (Super Why! and Wild Kratts)

3rd Grade Classes

- Visit your teacher's website and access the reading and math activities.
- Practice multiplication and division facts each night and read for at least 20 minutes. Incentives will be given for those who complete their Reading Logs over the holidays and have their parents sign them.
- Practice your computer keyboarding skills using the websites on the previous page.

4th Grade Classes

- There are activities for all subjects on our 4th grade teachers' websites.
- Focus on the Reading activities- Reading log questions and 2 websites, as well as the multiplication, and division activities under those links.
- Fourth grade magnet students should also work on fractions on the Sumdog website and all students
- Read books or text of their choice for at least 20 minutes each day.

5th Grade Classes

- 5th Traditional -All Classes - Packets are being sent home for Reading,
- 5th Traditional – Continue to study division facts and multiples and factors
- Study Geographical Regions of the Earth
- Read whatever you like for 20 minutes per day. Have your parents sign your agenda saying you completed the task.



NSS Geography Bee

Once again, North Salisbury School is sponsoring a Geography Bee for our 4th and 5th grade students. We encourage students to begin studying geography in anticipation of the event.

The date for Round I, which is the written component, is being held on December 1 and Round II will be held on December 13. The Final Round will be held on January 13, 2017. For ideas, suggestions and practice quizzes, visit this site: nationalgeographybee.com



Spelling Bee

North Salisbury, along with other schools in the county, is very excited about sponsoring a Spelling Bee. We will hold several rounds beginning with a classroom winner and then the grade level winners and then the school winner. The winner from the school will then compete in the county spelling bee.

For information on helping your child prepare for the Spelling Bee go to www.spellingbee.com/students-parents Additional information regarding the Spelling Bee will be coming home soon.

December Character Focus – Responsibility and Caring

Food Drive



Faith Based Partners Food Collection

Please join us in supporting our Faith Based Community Partners, the Delmarva Evangelistic Church as they collect food for their food pantry which helps local families.

The food collection dates are Dec. 2- Dec. 13.

PBIS Mustang Shopping Mart

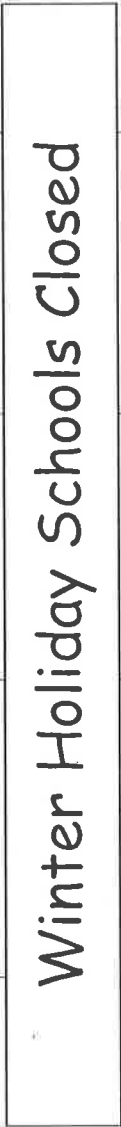
Students, hold on to your Mustang Bucks. You will be able to do your holiday shopping on Thursday, December 15 right in our Multipurpose Rm. Save your money!!!

PARCC Assessment

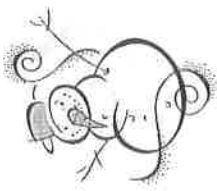
Critical Words Your 3-5 grade students will need to know for the PARCC Assessment These words are being integrated into our curriculum this year as they lend themselves to the units of study.

Analyze	Articulate	Alliteration	Analogy	Argument	Cite	Compare	Contrast
Comprehend	Conclusions	Connections	Central Idea	Connotative Language	Delineate	Details	
Demonstrate	Describe	Determine	Distinguish	Draw Evaluate	Explain	Evidence	
Identify	Infer	Integrate	Interaction	Figurative Language	Illustrations	Interpret	
Locate	Metaphor	Mood	Organize	Point of View	Rhetoric	Simile	
Paraphrase	Stanza	Structures	Refer	Retell	Suggest	Support	
Theme	Tone	Summarize	Synthesize	Trace			

DECEMBER 2016




Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				A day Geography Bee Rd. 1	B day 3 rd & 5 th Gr. Trip to Play at Wi Hi	3
4	C day 7:00 am Chess Club 6:00 pm- 2 nd Gr. Holiday Program 2 nd Gr. In-View Practice Test	D day 7:00 am DI Mtg.	E day 2 nd Gr. In-View Assessment 2:15 - 3:00 Band Rehearsal	F day 2 nd Gr. In-View Assessment 1 st Gr. Trip to Stephen Decatur Play Progress Reports	A day 9:15 Band Rehearsal 1:15 String Rehearsal Crown Sports Fall Fundraiser Trip	10
11	B day 6:00pm - Band / Strings Concert Holiday Hat Day	C day ELA Interim Assessment 9:00 - Geo Bee Round 2 Holiday Character Day	D day Ugly Sweater Day	E day PBIS Mustang Mart Wear Red Day	F day Pajama Day or School PRIDE DAY	17
18	19	21	22	23	24	
						
25	26	27	28	29	31	
						





January 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2 A day School Reopens	3 B day	4 C day	5 D day	6 E day	7
8	9 F day	10 A day 4:30pm PTA Mtg.	11 B day	12 C day	13 D day Final Round Spelling Bee	14
15 School PRIDE Week	16  Schools Closed	17 E day 7:00 am DI Mtg. Red /White / Blue	18 F day Winter Hat Day	19 A day Scarf Day	20 B day PBIS - Game Day Pajamas Day	21
22	23 C day	24 D day	25 E day End of Term 2 School Pride Day	26 School Closed Professional Day	27 School Closed Professional Day	28
29 	30 F day 7:00 am Chess Club	31 A day 7:00 am DI Mtg.				30 <i>Winter</i> 