

Hello Pirate Parents!

We hope you enjoyed a long weekend with your families!

Kudos to our teachers, parents and our Pirates for the hard work, flexibility and perseverance with blended and virtual learning!

It is almost time for us to say 'Farewell and Safe Sailing' to North Dover's Vocal Music Teacher, Mrs. Wayzeta Strouse, who will begin her retirement on November 1, 2020.

Mrs. Strouse has been our Vocal Music Teacher and Chorus Director at North Dover Elementary School for the past 22 years and with the Toms River District since 1984. Mrs. Strouse has completely demonstrated the qualities of a caring Vocal Music Teacher and Choral Director. Mrs. Strouse not only produced the combined 4th and 5th Grade Chorus Winter and Spring Concerts but also provided musical direction and accompaniment for the annual K-Gr2 programs for parents. Mrs. Strouse continuously embodied school spirit and patriotism at North Dover and, last year, won the honor of the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year Award for District 12!

Mrs. Strouse has always been a very dedicated, hard-working, elementary music teacher who cared about her students' education. She has touched the lives of thousands of students, inspired many to pursue their musical passions, and will always be loved and missed by all.

We all wish Mrs. Strouse good health, relaxation and many happy times ahead as she sails off with her husband Mr. Strouse, her son Zach, and her 2 fur-babies, onto the seas of retirement!

We are continuing to plan with excitement for the return of our Gr 2-5 Pirates beginning October 26, 2020, in a hybrid setting! Families will receive a robo-call when the bus passes will be available in the Parent Portal. Cohort information is ready to be viewed in the Parent Portal.

*In order to best prepare you and your child for their return to school, Mrs. O'Donnell and I will host a Google Meet to review our new procedures and answer any questions you may have.

*In order to accommodate all of our families, we will hold separate meetings for each grade level (it is ok to only attend one meet if you have multiple children at NDE). Please see the chart below, and we hope to see you there.

Grade	Date	Time	Link
2	Tuesday, October 20	6:30 pm	https://meet.google.com/scf-ttvu-grw
3	Tuesday, October 20	7:15 pm	https://meet.google.com/hzf-esob-ewq
4	Thursday, October 22	6:30 pm	https://meet.google.com/uye-hwdb-ige
5	Thursday, October 22	7:15 pm	https://meet.google.com/aep-djca-enr

Your continued support through these unprecedented times continue to be appreciated. We look forward to seeing all of you next week. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

In the classrooms.....

KINDERGARTEN & FIRST GRADE Music Students: On a day that you have Music class in - person at school, please try and remember to bring your Music kit with you, in your book bag. We will be using the sticks, shakers and scarves inside during music class. ;-)
Thanks and Love, Mrs. Strouse

Third grade just completed a fairy tale / fractured fairy tale unit learning about character traits and comparing/contrasting stories. Students followed up with written essays comparing the tales or highlighting character traits.

The 5th grade teachers are very proud of the 5th grade students and the wonderful progress they have made thus far. In reading, we have been working on our literal and inferential comprehension skills in the novel *Shiloh*. Students remained engaged throughout the reading of the novel and worked hard on thoughtful written reflections in their virtual journal. In math, we have transitioned from volume to multiplication. Students are expected to follow along in their journals and utilize different strategies to compute their problems. Next up: division! In science, we continue to learn about ecosystems and the role of consumers, producers, and decomposers. In social studies, students received an introduction on World War I. In all, we are proud of the outstanding participation and interest we have received from our super 5th graders. Keep up the great work!

Mrs. Cascio's class has been doing an awesome job with virtual school! We have been reading a lot of books about Halloween and the season of Fall. The students made some fun crafts to go with each story such as, candy corn, apples, fall leaves and much more. We have been practicing our sight words, reading comprehension skills, addition and subtraction with or without pictures and we have been learning about the different types of communities (rural, urban, suburban) during Social Studies. Keep up the great work boys and girls! We are so proud of all your hard work. :)

Mrs. Walsh, our school guidance counselor, is available by request for individual Google meet counseling sessions. You may reach out to Mrs. Walsh at any time at swalsh@trschoools.com. Additional social emotional resources and activities for your child can be found in her virtual guidance classroom. Use class code oh7qdia if you would like your child to join.

¡Hola!

Our students are off to a great start this school year in Spanish. Through their hard work and perseverance, they have proven that virtually anything is possible. I am so proud of their efforts. Grade 5 students are about to explore the South American country of Argentina. They will discover the diversity of the Argentine landscape and how that diversity is reflected in its people. Our fourth graders are beginning a study of the Mexican holiday, Día de los Muertos, in which they will learn about the importance of family in Mexican culture. Third grade pirates are watching weekly Salsa videos and practicing their numbers and greetings as they begin their Spanish experience here at North Dover. Our students are truly amazing!

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Our second graders continue to amaze us! In reading , we are currently engaged in a book study with Poppleton. In math, our students are becoming familiar with adding two digit numbers , and in social studies we have been learning about Christopher Columbus. Keep up the good work boys and girls!

Second Grade Teachers

The last few weeks in Media/Tech have been very busy but a lot of fun! We've learned about Google Meet expectations and learning online, the parts of our computers and how to take good care of our technology, celebrated the Week of Respect and learned about having good manners in the library, and learned about book care to keep our library books in good condition for everyone! We've also shared our work through Flipgrid and in our Google Meets, plus we've used our Bitmoji Classroom to find some of our favorite websites and activities! I'm so proud of all of my students for being technology rock stars and working so hard! Great job boys and girls!

For any parents that would like the link to our Bitmoji Media/Tech Classroom, here it is <https://tinyurl.com/y4lcba8e>. In addition, here is the link to our Halloween Library for anyone interested in reading a Halloween story <https://tinyurl.com/y4za6h2f>. Enjoy!

:) Mrs. Brown

We thank you, as always, for your continued support and cooperation!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Ms. Colleen McGrath, Principal

Mrs. Dina O'Donnell, Supervisor of Instruction