

Hello Pirate Parents!

It is sooo exciting for us to have our Pirates here! We are looking forward to October 26, when our gr2-5 Pirates return for hybrid in-person learning as well!

Thank you for following our new drop off and pick up procedures. We have tweaked the pick up by adding 5 numbered cones you will be directed to that are close to the sidewalk to ensure greater safety. It will take a bit of time, however it is running smoothly. *For those Pirates still in child seats, you may choose to take this opportunity to teach your child how to buckle him/herself in!

School is closed Monday, October 12, 2020, in observance of Columbus Day.

For Gr2-5 parents: Mrs. O'Donnell and I will hold a short Google meet information session for parents to review our COVID-19 safety protocols and new drop off/pick up procedures for the school year. We held this meet for Kindergarten and Grade 1 students last week.

The schedule is below and links will be posted in the Google classroom streams on the days of. **Please note, if you have children spanning the K-5 grade levels, you do not need to attend this Google meet more than once.

***If your child is remaining virtual for the school year, you do not need to attend :)

Grade 2: Tuesday, October 20, 6:30pm meet.google.com/scf-ttvu-qrw

Grade 3: Tuesday, October 20, 7:15pm meet.google.com/hzf-esob-ewq

Grade 4: Thursday, October 22, 6:30pm meet.google.com/uye-hwdb-ige

Grade 5: Thursday, October 22, 7:15pm meet.google.com/aep-djca-enr

Be sure to follow us on social media: Twitter @NDEPirates, Instagram @northdoverpirates, and Facebook @NorthDoverPirates.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR YEARBOOK!

Thank you to everyone who has sent in pictures of your North Dover pirates so far this year! We are asking for more help--please send us pictures showing your children enjoying some FALL FUN! Scarecrows, corn mazes, pumpkins, or apple picking--we'd like to see what your kids have been enjoying outside with this wonderful fall weather! Please email your pictures to drrossi@aol.com by October 26th

(Just a reminder, North Dover students only, no siblings or parents please!)

Thank you again!

Information for K, First Grade Families

from Mrs. Strouse, Music Teacher

"SHAKE, SHAKE, SHAKE!!!"

As we continue to build upon our homemade "individual music kits" (students are not permitted to share materials) this week, let's make a shaker. If you have a plastic (Easter) egg, you can put some uncooked macaroni or beans inside, and close it up. To reinforce that it doesn't open & spill, you can use some packing tape or duct tape around the seam. (where it opens)

If you don't have any plastic eggs, you can search YouTube for "how to make maracas with plastic bottles: superhands DIY projects for kids." It gives you step-by-step directions of how to create your own "shakers." (maracas)

Since some students will be in-person, and some will still be virtual, it would be very helpful for music class if your child could have his/her own personalized music kit items in a gallon zip-lock baggie. That way, those materials, whether at home or in school, are always easily accessible.

Mrs. Gottlieb's class has loved coming to school this week! They are enjoying learning in their colorful cars. This week we learned about vowels, numbers 1-20, and writing sentences. Please continue to practice sight words at home. Mrs. Gottlieb would like to thank the parents for all their help with the lessons and cooking class. You are all truly amazing!

String Instrumental Lessons are in full swing this week with beginners learning all about the parts of the instrument & how to care for them. They're also plunging right into clapping simple rhythmic patterns while counting! Advance players are picking up right where they left off- learning new key signatures, scales, & new rhythms! Remember: practice doesn't make perfect, practice makes PROGRESS!!! ~Miss Kaye

Let me begin by saying how proud the second grade teachers are of all of our students. They are doing a fantastic job! In ELA, they are rocking story elements! We've been reading fiction and realistic fiction stories and identifying character, setting and plot. They are also great detectives as they look for clues to solve one and two step word problems. Lastly, we are learning how to become good classroom citizens and being kind to one another. We are looking forward to in-person instruction!

~ Mrs. Doyle

Mrs. Gawalis, Gr5, received the 'Patterson Partnership with Scholastic Books' Grant, sponsored by renowned author James Patterson and Scholastic President Judy Newman. Mrs. Gawalis will receive 500 bonus points and \$500 worth of Scholastic books to supplement classroom libraries!

Have a great rest of the week and long weekend~ We will see you Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

We will wear PINK on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, to support Breast Cancer Awareness Day/Month! Please dress our Pirates with pink to show support :)

Keep Calm and Google On!

Thank you, as always, for your support and cooperation :)

Ms. Colleen McGrath, Principal

Mrs. Dina O'Donnell, Supervisor of Instruction