



NORTHPOINT NEWS

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The Northpoint community has plenty to celebrate this year and much to look forward to in 2012. 2011 saw tremendous student success in many areas of the school. None of it could have been accomplished without the dedication and support of our families. It would take volumes to mention everyone, so rather than do that, on behalf of the staff here at Northpoint, I'd like to take a moment to just say, Thank you!

If you are a parent who has contributed one minute of time to support your child's learning- pat yourself on the back. The parent-student connection to learning is unquestioned and the link between student success and school involvement is supported by volumes of research. If you are a parent who has made any contribution to Northpoint's many programs you must know your contributions provide our students with an exceptional elementary experience. Thank you!

As you gather with friends and family this holiday season, enjoy their company and let them know how important they are in your life.

Have a safe and wonderful Holiday Season and we look forward to seeing all of our students back on January 3!

Upcoming dates:

Friday, December 23
thru Monday, January 2.

Winter Break



There will be NO SCHOOL this Friday, December 23rd thru January 2nd, 2012.

We will be having classroom holiday celebrations this week at various times throughout the day on Thursday, December 22. Please read your child's newsletters and blogs for more information. With the sheer number of students, staff, and volunteers, only those directly involved with the party will be able to participate. Classroom teachers have identified and will communicate with volunteers that will work directly with the celebration activities. We also ask that those volunteering arrange for care of younger siblings during the party as well.



News from the Gym.....

We are having lots of fitness fun in PE! We recently completed our soccer skills unit. Students are currently participating in cooperative games and fitness activities that require team work and collaboration. This week, students will be participating in holiday fitness activities!

Did you Know?

According to a recent study by the Kaiser Family Foundation, children on average are spending seven hours and 38 minutes a day - more than 50 hours a week - watching television, playing computer games, or using a computer.

Please encourage your child/children to get outside and play!

Please check which days your child has PE to make sure he/she has tennis shoes on those days. We want all students to be safe while moving around in the gym!

Thanks!

**Ben Antony and Doug Potthoff
Physical Education Teachers**



*Watch your newsletter in 2012 for Grade 3's Northpoint Factoids!
Projects are complete and we will be sharing the fun Northpoint
data collected by third grade extension groups each week.*

PTO NEWS

- ◆ **ATTENTION:** If you haven't turned in your Volunteer Forms, please do so as soon as possible. The Northpoint PTO has some great activities planned for you and your family after the new year, and we need your help to make these events as successful as possible. Simply fill out the Volunteer Form that was sent home with your child a few weeks ago, and send it to school with him/her. We'll take care of the rest! As always, THANK YOU for the generous time that you are willing to devote to the success of Northpoint!
- ◆ **HELP NEEDED:** If you are willing to assist with the planning of the Winter Book Fair, we need your help! Please contact Julie Jeppson (juliejepson@gmail.com) to let her know if you have any questions or if this is something you would be willing to help with.
- ◆ **Mark your calendar:** The next PTO meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. Our Special Education team will be presenting. As always, the meeting will be in the Media Center. If you plan to attend and need childcare, please contact Julie Jeppson at juliejepson@gmail.com.

