



NORTHGATE INTERMEDIATE 4/5 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2016

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Focus on Academics

Principal's Corner:

Hello,

This month's Principle at Northgate Intermediate is *Balance: I will work to achieve equality among my home, school and social life.* Parents, please talk with your children about this principle so they can apply it at home as well as at school.

The end of the 1st Grading Quarter is Friday, October 21, 2016. Report Cards will be sent home on Friday, November 11th.

Parent Teacher Conferences will take place Wednesday, November 2nd and Monday, November 7th from 4:00-7:30 p.m. each night. Letters will be sent home at the end of the month so you can schedule at time to meet. It is very important to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their academic performance since the beginning of the school year as well as work with the teacher to come up with intervention plans to make sure your child is meeting the standards set forth at their grade level.

Safety and security of your child is my Top Priority. I will continue to look at new ways to make sure your child is safe in the classroom, playground, and on the bus. Please remember to turn in the Emergency Cards to the office and keep us updated of new phone numbers and addresses. Please refer to the flyer regarding bullying. We have a school wide bullying program in place with posters throughout the building and procedures for students to report bullying if they see it or are the victims of bullying.

Parents are always welcome to come in and volunteer their services. Our goal is for parents to fulfill their requirements to volunteer at least 1 hour a month at the school either in their child's classroom, office or around the building. We also need parent participation to establish a PTA/PTO in order to strengthen our school and community. You are an important piece to the learning environment and we need your support as much as possible!

Thank you very much

Andre Jones, Principal

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Fall 2016

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, October 14, 2016

-No school for students (Staff PD)

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

-No School (Record Day)

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

-PTO Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

P/T Conference 4:00—7:30 p.m.

Monday, November 7, 2016

P/T Conference 4:00-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

-Voting Day!

-No school for students (Staff PD)

Friday, November 11, 2016

-Report cards go home to parents

Wednesday, November 23, 2016

-Teacher Conference Day (No School)

November 24-25, 2016

-Thanksgiving Break

Monday, November 28, 2016

-School Resumes



Northgate Intermediate

School Website

You can access our school website by going the Columbus City School's website and pressing on schools in the top middle of the homepage. That will open a link to school websites where you can the school website you want to view. You will find our website under the name Northgate Intermediate.



Parent Teacher Conference Days

Wednesday, November 2nd and Monday, November 7th

4:00-7:30 p.m.



**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS!
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26,
2016**

Wednesday, October 26th is a Record's Day for Columbus City Schools (including Northgate teachers). School will resume on **Thursday, October 27th**.

**NORTHGATE INTERMEDIATE
2016-2017 ACADEMIC SCHEDULE**



8:15	Staff arrives
8:30	Students arrive and go to breakfast
8:50	Students go to class
9:00-9:10	Morning Announcements
9:10	Academic instruction begins
11:30-12:00	4th Grade Lunch (Recess 12:00-12:30)
12:10-12:40	5th Grade Lunch (Recess 12:40-1:10)
2:50-3:05	4th/5th Grade Afternoon Recess
3:15	Students prepare for dismissal
3:20-3:30	Official School Dismissal (Walkers/Bus riders/Car riders)



Northgate School Vision

Northgate Intermediate's Vision is to provide a positive, cooperative learning environment where students, staff, and families set high expectations, are engaged, and motivated to increase student academic and behavioral successes through quality learning opportunities and to prepare students for success in middle school.

**Northgate PTO Meeting
Tuesday, November 1, 2016
6:00 p.m.**



Northgate's second PTO Meeting of the school year is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1st at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. We need your participation!

**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS!
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016**



Tuesday, November 8th is a Professional Development Day for teachers in Columbus City Schools (including Northgate teachers). School will resume on **Wednesday, November 9th**.

MISSION STATEMENT

Each student is highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community.

NORTHGATE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL PRINCIPLES

1. Order:

I am in control and organized.

2. Balance:

I will work to achieve equality among my school, home & social life.

3. Harmony:

I will work with others peacefully.

4. Justice:

I will seek to set things right.

5. Reciprocity:

What I give is what I get.

6. Righteousness:

I do the right things and I am proud of it.

7. Truth:

I believe in myself and I am honest.

Northgate Intermediate

School Motto

*We are Building Young Leaders While
Maintaining A Love For Learning*



NORTHGATE RECESS

The weather in Ohio is often unpredictable and can change drastically throughout the day. Please monitor the weather daily and plan your child's attire accordingly. Unless it is raining or the temperature falls below 22 degrees, students will be outside for recess. If for medical reasons you wish for your child to remain indoors for recess, we require a medical note from your child's physician.

In order for recess to be a fun yet safe experience for all, we ask that the following basic playground rules are followed:

1. **Be Respectful** of yourself, others, and the equipment. Do not tease or hurt other's feelings. No fighting, spitting, graffiti, name-calling or swearing.
2. **Be Safe.** Keep hands and feet to yourself. "Friendly games" only. No tackling, slide tackling or grabbing other people or their clothes.
3. **Use Common Sense.** Know the difference between right and wrong. Your choice should not cause a problem for anyone else including YOU!
4. **Be Responsible for Your Own Actions.** Students are responsible to keep themselves dry, to keep track of their own personal belongings, and to help recess supervisors keep track of playground equipment. They should know and follow game rules and school rules and ask if they are unsure or if there is a dispute.



SEVERE ALLERGIES

It is the responsibility of the parent to notify the school of a student's severe allergy(ies). In dealing with known severe allergies, such as bee sting allergies, school personnel will call the emergency squad and the student's parents or guardian immediately.

ILLNESS



We want every child to learn and be successful. School attendance is linked to learning. However, there are times when your child may be ill and should stay at home until he/she feels better or is no longer contagious to others. Below are some guidelines to help you determine when your child should stay home.

- Temperature above 100 degrees by mouth
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Shortness of breath or wheezing during normal activity
- Cough that interrupts normal activity
- Pain from earache, sore throat, or recent injury
- Rash or draining sores



Parent Volunteering-One Hour a Month

Parents, please remember to fulfill your obligation to volunteer at least two hours a month at the school. Your child will be excited to see you at the school and we desperately need your help in the office, classroom, lunchroom and outside during recess. Parent Consultants will be raffling off gifts/prizes for parents who fulfill their obligations each month.

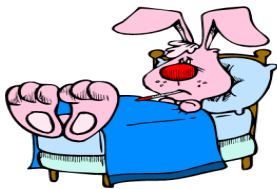


Safety on the School Bus

Safety and Security is a top priority at Northgate Intermediate. Please speak with your child about following bus rules and procedures. This will ensure that your child gets home safely every night. Students who repeatedly receive bus referrals will be removed from the bus.

EMERGENCY/INFORMATION CARDS

Please make sure that your emergency cards reflect current information. Please request additional cards to make additions/corrections. The emergency cards are utilized to contact families during illness, a medical emergency, power failure, critical event situations, etc. It is imperative that we have working telephone numbers and current addresses. The office staff appreciates your cooperation.



To excuse your absence from school, the school must have a signed note from your parent or doctor.

Bringing cell phones to school

Please refer to the Parent Handbook regarding students bringing cell phones to school. Cell phones are not to be seen during school hours. If cell phones are taken, parents will have to come to the school to pick it up. Please help us with enforcing the cell phone policy. Parents, if you need to contact your child, please contact the school.

PERSONAL PROPERTY:

Students must use good judgment when bringing personal property to school. The following suggestions are for your protection.

- Refrain from bringing expensive personal items or sizeable sums of money to school. If it is necessary to do so, arrange to leave items in the school office for safe keeping.
- Always lock lockers and keep combinations to yourself.
- Do not leave items unattended. Keep personal property safely secured.

Arrival And Dismissal To/From School

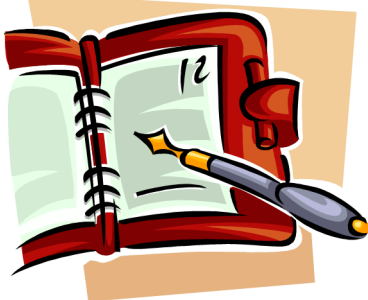
Parents, please remember that students should not arrive to school until 8:30 a.m. daily. Breakfast starts at 8:30 a.m. followed by Morning Announcements which begins at 9:05 a.m.

If your child is going to be picked up after school, students will be dismissed at 3:20p.m. from the parking lot next to the school. If you want to pick your child up before dismissal, we ask that you come before 3:00 p.m.



Homework

Parents, please continue to monitor the homework your child brings home. Remember, homework provides additional practice for concepts being learned at school. Your child should read for 20-30 minutes per evening and you should read aloud to your child each day. There is bound to be improvements in grades, test scores, and confidence in reading when students & parents read daily at home.



Pre-Arranged Conferences

We encourage our Northgate parents to schedule pre-arranged conferences with their child's teachers and administrators to make sure you receive the appropriate time needed to ask questions, address concerns and discuss academic needs. You can make appointments with your child's teachers or contact the office to set a time to meet with administration. If you come without an appointment, you are not guaranteed to speak with your child's teacher or administration.