

The **North Star**



ColorCycle is a sustainability initiative designed to repurpose Crayola markers. North participates in this program. Please send your dried-up markers to school for recycling.

North Elementary Events for: November 2020



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Character Trait: *Thankful*

1 Turn clocks BACK 1 hour.	2	3	4	5 Spirit Day Community Flu Shots for kids 3-6 PM	6	7
8	9	10 Virtual Parent Group Meeting 6 PM	11 	12	13	14
15	16	17 School Board Meeting 7:30 PM	18	19 Star Day	20	21
22	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL 	27 NO SCHOOL	28
29	30					

Additional dates for December 2020:

- 12/10 - STAR DAY
- 12/15 - School Board Mtg. 7:30
- 12/21-1/4/21 NO School Christmas Break
- Jan. 5, 2021, PD Day. No school for students.
- Jan. 6, 2020 School Resumes

School Info can be found on the web at north.mtnhomesd.org
OR check us out on Facebook. North Stars-Mtn Home or
North Parent Group.

For MEALTIME info visit: www.mymealtime.com for "Pay
Online" options.

North Stars News

November 2020

Mrs. Straw, Principal

Covid Update

We had our first positive case of a Covid. Thanks to North's amazing staff, we were able to quickly complete the school-based contact tracing, notify the few students that may have been exposed, and asked them to quarantine for 14 days. We believe there was no significant exposure in this case and feel it can be attributed to the ability to adequately social distance students in the classroom due to the smaller class sizes facilitated by the AM / PM schedule. Additionally, we continue to regularly sanitize in both the classrooms and common areas of the school multiple times a day in an effort to continue to minimize any potential spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Thank you to everyone for your kindness and patience as we worked through the process. We will continue to do our best to keep our students and staff healthy and safe. Please continue to help us by keeping your children home if they are not feeling well or if a family member may possibly have Covid. The more we wear our masks, social distance, and stop the spread of the virus the longer we will be able to stay in school, even if it is in the hybrid plan.

North Parent Group Meeting

Our next Virtual Parent Group Meeting is Nov. 10th at 6:00 PM. Please check our "North Elementary Parent Group" Facebook page for the link. This group runs like a PTA.

Dress for the Weather & Weather Info

Students are outside every day before our sessions start. It has been getting cold and will be getting colder. Please remind your children to dress for the weather. Students need to remember to wear coats, boots, hats, mittens, etc. Thank you for your help. Please put names on items so they can be returned to students if misplaced. Our Lost and Found Box gets quite full with unclaimed items. If you are missing items please ask your child to check our Lost and Found Box. North's office staff will use the following guidelines when determining whether or not to curtail or cancel outside activity during inclement weather. When the temperature and wind chill are:

10 degrees or higher	Outside activities continue as normal
9 – 0 degrees	Outside activity may be limited or shortened
0 degrees & below	Outside activity will be curtailed or canceled

If your child wears boots and has PE on Thursdays or Fridays please remind them to bring gym shoes for PE.

No Toys From Home

We have been having an issue with toys being brought from home. Please remind your children that they should not be bringing toys from home to school.

Veteran's Day

Veteran's Day is on Wednesday, November 11th. Please have students wear their red, white and blue. We are sad to announce that we will not be able to say our annual pledge around the flagpole at the front of North Elementary School with all our Veterans and families invited due to the need for social distancing. We will be saying the pledge all together in the individual classrooms. Classes will also be making cards for the Veterans at the Veterans Home who have been in lockdown for the last 7 months as well as other Veterans Day activities.

Daylight Savings

Daylight savings time ends Sunday, November 1st. Don't forget to set your watches and clocks back an hour and enjoy the extra hour of sleep.

PBIS Character Traits

This month our focus will be THANKFUL: Feeling and Expressing Gratitude. Please help us practice this life-long trait. We will continue working on this and past monthly traits throughout the year.

Box Tops is Now Online

Box Tops is changing to fit today's families. The new and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online.

We also collect empty printer cartridges throughout the year.

North Elementary is committed to learning today for tomorrow's world.