

Welcome to North Shore Elementary School! This section of your agenda/planner contains basic information about our school, its policies, and procedures. We hope that you will find it both helpful and informative.

North Shore Elementary School

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School Hours 8:45 am – 2:55 pm

Office Hours: 7:45 am – 3:30 pm

Gates Open: 8:15 am

Gates Close: 8:45 am

Gates Close: 3:15 pm

Student Dismissal: 2:55 pm – 3:25 pm

- **Pinellas County Schools**

www.pcsb.org

- **North Shore Elementary School**

<https://www.pcsb.org/northshore-es>

Principal, Michael Rebman

Assistant Principal, Lisa Pierzchalski

Our Vision – 100% Student Success

Our Mission – North Shore Elementary is a family-oriented community that provides a safe and positive environment to spark a lifelong love of learning.

Core Values

Commitment to children, families and community

Respectful and caring relationships

Cultural competence

Integrity

Responsibility

Connectedness

Our Motto – Carpe Diem. Carpe Success.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Students in grades 3-5 who meet the criteria below will be honored after each grading period.

- **Principal's List:** Students in grades 3-5 who receive all A's in academic subjects, and who achieve ALL E's, V's, or S's for conduct, PE, Art, and Music will receive the Principal's List recognition.
- **Honor Roll:** Students in grades 3-5 who receive no grade lower than a B in academic subjects and who achieve ALL E's, V's, or S's for conduct, PE, Art, and Music will receive Honor Roll recognition.
- **Perfect Attendance:** Students in grades Kindergarten through fifth grade are eligible for Perfect Attendance recognition for any grading period in which they have **NO absences, tardies, or early pick-ups.**

ADOPT-A-CLASS

North Shore Elementary sponsors an Adopt-a-Class program, which allows businesses, organizations, and individuals to personally participate in the education of our children. The adopter makes the donation to the class or special area of their choice. The money is used to purchase items for the students that will enhance learning. If you are interested, please use the form at the beginning of this agenda and return it with your donation.

ANIMALS

No animals are allowed on campus without permission from the principal. No animals are allowed on the school bus.

ARRIVAL /DISMISSAL GUIDELINES

See the detailed map at the end of the parent handbook

School hours: 8:45 – 2:55.

Supervision for students is provided 30 minutes before the start of the school day.

Students are not allowed on school grounds before 8:15 am unless enrolled in the YMCA.

All students must be picked up no later than 3:25 pm per school board policy.

- **Gates:** ONLY North Shore students may enter through any gate at any time. All others must enter through the front office.
- **Car Riders:** Enter the car circle off by traveling north on 1st Street North. For your safety, please do not turn left into the car circle off 1st Street North. Please pull ALL the way up to the car in front of you, leaving no gaps before students load and unload. **Always remain IN YOUR VEHICLE.** *We ask that all students using the carline be self-sufficient and able to buckle themselves in.* **Please DO NOT drop off children in any non-designated area.** Please display your child's name clearly on a **dashboard sign** on the passenger's side or hanging from the rear-view mirror. **Please leave the dashboard sign up until your child is in your car.** At 3:15 pm or when the car line is clear of vehicles, all remaining students will be escorted into the front office.
- **Walkers:** All students who walk are considered walkers and will enter and exit the campus via the "walkers" gate off Oak Street. ***Parents who drive to school and walk up***

to drop off or pick up their child MUST park on Oak Street South of 34th Avenue. DO NOT park along the perimeter of the school or drop your child off near the Oak Street Gate.

- **Bike Riders:** All students who ride bikes to school must enter the campus through the gate off Oak Street. All students leaving campus as bike riders will exit through the gate off Oak Street. Students riding bikes or scooters must walk their mode of transportation while on campus.
- **Parents:** If you meet your child to walk or bike ride with him/her and are arriving from the west side of 1st Street North, please cross by the crossing guard.

For our students' safety, we request that families DO NOT park along the perimeter of the school at any time. If you have something to drop off in the office, please use the visitor parking spots in the bus lane. Families dropping off students in front of the school will be directed to use the car circle.

Please have a "Rainy Day" backup plan with your child for dismissal when the weather forecast is predicted for rain. Please have a plan so that you don't need to call the front office at the end of the school day to change the getting home plan.

- Parents and children should agree on the route the child will walk to and from school. A Crossing Guards is located at the intersection of 34th Avenue North and 1st Street. Please, for the safety of your child, do not have your child arrive at these busy streets before the guards are on duty.

PreK 3-year-old Arrival: Student in our PreK 3-year-old class will be dropped off in the car circle each morning. A staff member will be there to sign your child into school and escort them to the classroom.

VPK 4-year-old and PreK Students of Autism Arrival: We have 6 dedicated PreK Parking Spots along 34th Avenue outside our PreK Classrooms. **These spots are only for our VPK and PreK Students of Autism families.** Families may park along 34th Avenue North, get out of the car, and enter the PreK entrance to sign their child in with a staff member each morning. PreK students should not be dropped off in the car circle. If a PreK family is walking to school, please walk to the designated PreK gate to meet up with a PreK staff member to sign your child into school. Older siblings of PreK students may enter the campus from this area, too. Any PreK student riding the bus will be escorted to their classroom daily.

PreK/VPK Half-day Dismissal: PreK students attending the half-day session will be checked out via the car circle. Teacher and SSO will be present for this dismissal procedure. All full-day PreK students will be dismissed with the rest of the school and will be taken to their designated pick-up spot (carline, bus loop or walker's gate).

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Regular attendance and punctuality are important factors in fostering the highest student achievement.

Absences

Students are expected to be on time daily and to attend school regularly. A student who is not present for half the school day will be counted as absent. Please call the school or send in a written note on the day the student returns from an absence, explaining the reason for the absence. You may also report an absence on the school website (please include the student's name, grade, date of the absence, and the reason for the absence). Without communication from the home, the absence is considered **unexcused**. Extended absences may require a medical statement or a conference with the principal. According to School Board Policy, any vacations or out-of-town events cannot be excused. Please see the Code of Student Conduct for a list of reasons why an absence will be excused. Attendance of students is closely monitored by the School Child Study Team and reported to the Truancy Intervention Program coordinated by the State's Attorney's Office.

Tardies

Children who are not in their classroom by The 8:45 am bell will be considered tardy, and a tardy slip will be issued. Examples of unexcused tardiness are oversleeping, missing the school bus, shopping trips, pleasure trips, car problems, traffic, or returning for forgotten items. Habitual tardiness is unacceptable and unfair to other students because instruction is interrupted every time a late student arrives.

Early Sign Out

The same criteria used to determine an excused absence and an excused tardy will be used to determine whether an early sign out is excused. Numerous incidents of early release are unacceptable and unfair to the other students whose instruction is interrupted each time a student leaves early. Because of this, **no students will be released after 2:15 pm.**

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Several day care centers in the North Shore community will provide transportation for before and after-school care. The YMCA provides a before-and-after-school program on campus. They operate in the café from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm. Please contact the front office for a list of other before and after-school programs.

BICYCLES, SKATEBOARDS, AND SCOOTERS

Riders of anything on wheels will observe all traffic regulations. **Bicycles, skateboards, and scooters must be walked on school property.** All riders must wear helmets. All bicycles, skateboards, and scooters are to be parked in the bike compound during the school day. Parents may wish to provide an individual bike lock as well. The school is not responsible for lost or damaged bicycles, skateboards, or scooters.

BICYCLES

Bike racks are provided on the school grounds for parking bicycles. Students are expected to park their bicycles as soon as they arrive at school. It is recommended that bicycles are chained and locked. A record of the serial number should be kept in the event of a theft. The school will not be responsible for lost or damaged bicycles. FLORIDA LAW states that ALL bicycle riders that are under 16 years of age **MUST** wear a properly fitted and approved bicycle helmet. Please ensure that your child wears a bike helmet each day.

BIRTHDAYS

For birthdays, invitations for parties may not be handed out at school. Utilize the classroom directory for this purpose. Students birthdays are announced on the morning news and the PTA will provide a pencil and a sticker. See "classroom celebrations" for additional details.

BREAKFAST

Breakfast is served beginning at 8:15 am. Students arriving after 8:35 will be given a bag breakfast to eat in the classroom so they are not tardy. Breakfast is not available after 8:55 am. Breakfast is free to all students. **ALL FAST FOODS AND COFFEE DRINKS MUST BE FINISHED BEFORE ENTERING THE CAMPUS.**

BUSES

Bus transportation is available to students living two miles or more from the school. In some circumstances, students with special needs living closer than two miles may also be eligible for bus transportation. Only registered transported students may ride school buses. The school bus and the bus stop are considered an extension of the school, and all school board policies must be followed in these locations. Students are to behave in an orderly manner and may be excluded from the school bus if they do not follow prescribed county regulations, both on the bus and at the bus stop. Please contact the school if you have any questions regarding bus transportation.

CAFETERIA

A nutritionally balanced breakfast and lunch is provided FREE of charge for all students. Menus can be found online at www.pcsb.org. **A form for free or reduced lunches is available at the school office if you need to provide documentation that you qualify for one of these.** You can also access free or reduced lunch forms online at www.myschoolapps.com. The account can also be set up to exclude additional purchases. You may call the café manager with any questions.

Please DO NOT send candy, gum, soft drinks, or cans with metal tabs to lunch. Breakfast is served at North Shore beginning 30 minutes prior to the start of school.

CALENDAR

The district yearly calendar is posted on the school website. We will send home a flier each month with upcoming events. A weekly update will be sent out via ClassDojo and posted to our website of school events.

CAR CIRCLE AND PARKING LOT PROCEDURES

We ask you to please support us in keeping your Knight safe by following our North Shore CORE VALUES when using the car circle.

- **RESPECT:** Please be courteous to all motorists and staff members. Refrain from the use of cell phones. Pull all the way up before dropping off and picking up your child, leaving no gaps between cars. Student pick up and drop off is the entire length of the car circle. Please note that the speed limit on our campus is 5 MPH or less.
- **RESPONSIBILITY:** Be on time to drop off your child in the morning, before 8:40 am. Be on time to pick up your child in the afternoon, by 3:15 pm. Place a sign on your dashboard or rearview mirror that clearly states your child's name and grade. Please leave this visible until your child is in the car. Pay attention to your driving by maintaining a safe speed (speed limit is 5 miles per hour). Stop at all stop signs. There is a **RIGHT TURN ONLY** when leaving the car circle. Please do not hold up traffic by attempting to turn left.
- **HONESTY:** Do not park in the handicapped parking space if you do not have a handicapped tag. Do not park your car anywhere that is not a designated parking spot. Cars not parked in parking spots block others from pulling in/out and slow down the flow of traffic. Do not park along the perimeter of the school.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE

Parents must report any change of address or telephone number to the front office within five days. Students living outside of the North Shore attendance area may remain at North Shore for the duration of the current school year if they provide their transportation. The parents must provide the office with a working telephone number where they may be reached during the school day in the event of an emergency.

CHORUS

The North Shore chorus program is offered during the school day for 4th and 5th grade students. In chorus, the students will sing a variety of music and perform movements. The North Shore chorus will perform in two concerts throughout the school year.

CLASSROOM CELEBRATIONS

Please check with your child's teacher before bringing any food for the classroom. We follow the district's wellness policy. All food must be commercially produced and packaged. **No home baked goodies are allowed.**

CLASSROOM CHANGES

Changes in a classroom can happen after the 10 day count due to unit adjustments. The process that will be followed if a parent is requesting a classroom change is as follows: 1) documented parent-teacher conference, and 2) documented administrators, and parent-teacher conferences.

CLASSROOM DOJO

Every classroom teacher, all staff and Principal utilize ClassDojo for communication purposes.

CLASSROOM INTERRUPTIONS

In order to maximize the learning environment, classrooms will not be interrupted for items to be delivered to students. Make sure students bring lunchboxes, homework, planners, backpacks, etc. with them when they come to school. If items are brought in for students, we will try to get the items to them. Lunchboxes will be sent to the café when lunch starts. We do not guarantee the students will receive items in a timely manner.

CLASS VISITS

Parents are always welcome to visit North Shore. All visitors are required to first sign in at the office and to wear a visitor's badge. Please make arrangements with your child's teacher or through the school office before visiting to ensure a smooth and appropriate visit. This policy is for the protection of the students and to avoid disruption of classes. School Board policy states that teachers are given 24 hours' notice prior to a parent observation or visit. Parent observations are limited to 45 minutes in length and are for legal guardians only.

CLUBS

There are various after school clubs that students may join. Participation may be based on academics, behavior and grade level. Please visit our website for more information.

COMMUNICATION

Every North Shore student will receive a Student Planner. Please check this daily. FOCUS calls, emails, and texts will go out at times with announcements from the administration. Please update your phone numbers with North Shore if you are not receiving these calls, emails, and/or texts. Families will receive weekly dojo communication from the principal. The principal newsletter will also be posted each week on the North Shore website. Additionally, student planners have several purposes including helping the child keep track of assignments, allowing you to see what is assigned for homework, and using it as a means of communication between you and the teacher. Please check and initial the planner daily. In the front of the planner, there is a pocket that will carry any notes coming home. Each student will receive the first planner for free. The fee for replacement planners is \$3.00 each.

COMPUTERS

All students will use computers while on campus to enhance their learning. Students will be instructed on how to properly navigate the computers to allowable sites and will be monitored while using the computers. Students not following the guidelines for proper use of computers may lose their privileges. All students in grades 1st – 5th will enjoy a 1:1 computer initiative to expand their learning beyond the school day. All computers checked out will remain the property of Pinellas County Schools and will be returned at the end of the school year in good working order. Any lost or damaged computers may be subject to replacement or repair costs.

CONFERENCES

After the teacher has an opportunity to get to know each student, parents will be invited to attend a conference. An individual conference is the best means of specifically reporting to parents about their child. Please make a sincere effort to accept invitations to conferences and to seek conferences when you feel there is a need. If you desire a conference with a teacher, please send a note requesting one. We also encourage you to contact the teacher(s) anytime you need clarification on a matter or want to express a concern. Please communicate via our preferred mode of communication which is ClassDojo.

DISCIPLINE & CODE OF CONDUCT

Having and maintaining appropriate student behavior is the expectation for all students at North Shore. All students are expected to comply with the North Shore rules without exception. The Administration and staff of North Shore are committed to providing the highest quality of instructional support for our/your children and will not allow student misbehavior to effect student learning. Classroom discipline plans are modified by the teachers with student input. A discipline plan is used and the first offense might result in a warning, the second offense is a short period of isolation from the class activity, and additional offenses may include parent contact or a visit with the behavior specialist/administrator. These consequences may vary slightly depending on the teacher and the maturity of the class. Every classroom plan contains a serious disruption clause which means if a child causes a serious disruption, he/she goes directly to the behavior specialist or administrator. Children start fresh daily and restorative practices will be utilized to ensure all impacted are able to process together and have their voice heard. Classroom discipline plans will be sent home with every child during the first week of school.

Each year, every student is provided with a copy of the Pinellas County Code of Student Conduct. Parents are requested to read and discuss the code of conduct with their children. Once this is done, the parent is expected to digitally sign the acknowledgment.

DRESS CODE/UNIFORM POLICY

North Shore Elementary is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for instruction and learning. A proper learning atmosphere is essential for the education of each student, and student safety and achievement are the highest priorities. To this end, implementing a uniform policy is an effective strategy to promote an atmosphere of academia focused on learning and appropriate behaviors. See "Uniform Policy" for specific details.

EATING LUNCH WITH YOUR CHILD

Parents may eat with their child any day during their child's lunchtime. After signing in at the office and getting a visitor's badge, parents will wait for their child to meet them in the courtyard at their designated lunchtime. Since our cafeteria is small, we are unable to accommodate parents to eat in the lunchroom. Parents may eat only with their own child. Families may enjoy eating at our picnic tables purchased by the PTA in the courtyard. Parents who have more than one child may not take one child from class during another child's lunchtime to eat with both at the same time. If it is determined that your presence during lunch causes a disruption, the principal may discontinue

your privileges of eating lunch with your child. Friday Family Lunches are weather permitted.

ELECTRONICS

Cell phones need to be in backpacks and turned off during the school day. Cell phones can only be used after school to coordinate transportation as needed. No other electronics, including wireless headphones and earbuds, should be brought to school. We are NOT responsible for lost or stolen electronics. If these items are out, they will be confiscated, and parents will have to come to the office to pick them up.

FIELD TRIPS

The North Shore teachers are encouraged to take students on field trips. Integrating the school taught curriculum into "real world experiences," is a valuable learning opportunity for children. You may be asked to assist with transportation for a field trip or contribute toward the cost of bus transportation. A signed field trip permission form is required for students' participation on field trips. Children will have to remain at school if a signed permission form is not returned. Parents wishing to chaperone must be registered volunteers. Volunteers driving on field trips must be Level 2 and are expected to look out for the children in their car. It is especially important that you refrain from using your personal cell phone. This is strictly a safety and liability issue. Parents who are responsible for monitoring students may not bring siblings along on field trips. Seat belts are mandatory. If a student's behavior at school or on an earlier field trip has been inappropriate and the staff feels it is unsafe for the student to participate, a parent may be required to chaperone their child in order for them to attend.

FOCUS

Focus is an online direct connection to information about your child's attendance, grades, and more. You will want to check this regularly to stay in touch with your child's education.

GUIDELINES FOR SUCCESS

(Included in first day packet and located on school website)

The Guidelines for Success represent a set of skills, traits and attitudes that everyone in our school strives to demonstrate. They should remind everyone of our efforts to promote a culture of respect. All adults that are a part of the North Shore community share the common goal of making sure all our students understand our behavioral expectations. Please help make our school a positive place to learn by reinforcing our Guidelines at home. KNIGHTS on guard.

K – Keep trying
N – Nurture our environment
I – Inspire cooperation
G – Give your best effort
H – Have respect
T – Take responsibility
S – Support fellow Knights

HEALTH POLICIES & MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

The school staff seeks to prevent accidents. If a minor accident occurs, the staff will care for your child by applying ice or cleaning a scrape. In case of serious accidents, 911 is called and the parent is notified. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CORRECT HOME AND BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER ARE ON FILE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE.** Notify the school of any change in home or business phone as soon as possible.

The following policies will be enforced:

- a. An emergency phone number of a friend or relative must be on file so that someone can be reached to pick up a child if he/she becomes ill during the day and the parent cannot be reached.
- b. Any special health needs should be documented in the office.
- c. No student will be allowed to attend school without a health certificate, immunization record (month, day, and year), original birth certificate and proof of residency.
- d. The School Board policy concerning head lice is very specific: No student will be allowed in school unless nit free. **If positive for nits/lice the student must be accompanied by an adult to the clinic to be rechecked before student will be released back to class.** (Parents will be contacted and asked to pick up their child if nits are found).

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

- **Students may not transport medications to or from school.**
- New medication cards and authorization forms are required each school year.
- All parents/guardians must complete a medication form and/or obtain MD signature/order.
- Medications must be counted by a parent/guardian. This count will be verified by school staff. If medications need to be cut, they must be cut prior to bringing them to school. Pill crushers, calibrated measuring spoons, soft food for mixing, and special drinks must be provided by a parent/guardian.
- Parents/guardians must notify the school of any changes to medications, dosages or administration times. Upon making such changes, an additional form must be signed.
- Parents are required to pick up and sign out any unused or unnecessary medication at the end of the school year or upon request. All medications remaining at the end of the school year **will be destroyed.**
- **Over the counter products**, including but not limited to non-prescription medication, lip balm, and cough drops will require both parent signature and written health care provider prescription. All medications must be in their original pharmacy or **unopened** manufacturers container.
 - Over the counter (OTC) products or medications must have a health care provider order which includes: *Student name, *Specific dosage instructions/time,

*Medication name, *Signature of MD/phone number

- **Prescription medications** must be given to the school with the pharmacy label attached. Do not alter or write on the prescription label.
 - Prescription medication labels must include: *Student name, *Date the prescription was filled, *Medication name, *Health care provider name *Specific dosage/time and *Pharmacy name/phone number
- Narcotics, barbiturates, and non-FDA regulated nonprescription herbal products will not be given at school.
- The following medications may be self-administered: Inhalers, Epi-Pens, Insulin, and Pancreatic enzymes. Students may carry and self-administer only if the appropriate authorized form is on file at the school and the school nurse has assessed the self-administration to be safe and effective. The school nurse reserves the right to revoke a student's ability to carry and self-administer medication if the student is assessed to be unsafe.

HOMEWORK POLICY

Each grade level has an established homework policy, which is communicated to parents by their individual teacher. Homework is assigned to help students develop independent study habits, to reinforce learning that is taking place in school, and to let parents know what skills their student is learning.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Parents should instruct their children, in advance, how they are to get home on rainy days. The use of the school phone for this purpose can only be permitted in an emergency. **In the case of severe weather, all car riders will be dismissed via the front car line and all bus riders at the bus circle.** If it is raining only slightly, the Russell Drive car line will remain open.

LOST AND FOUND

All items found will be hung in the main hallway. Please label all your child's belongings. At the end of each quarter, items not claimed are given to a charitable organization.

MEDIA CENTER

PreK and KG students may check out one book for up to two weeks. All other grade levels can check out two books for two weeks. Students are responsible for the care and return of each book they check out. If a book becomes damaged or lost, we request that the book be paid for. If you would like to volunteer in the media center, please call 893-2181. See the North Shore school website <https://www.pcsb.org/northshore-es> for technology and media center news.

MEDIA RELEASE

Consider digitally acknowledging a media release for your child(ren), so pictures can be shared on the school website, class story on Dojo, etc.

NORTH SHORE ELEMENTARY PTA

The North Shore PTA is an active, vital part of our school. We encourage you to join and be a working member of this group. Take an active part in your child's education. Your input is important to us! The PTA is the core group for our volunteer program. If you would like to sign up as a volunteer in any capacity, please contact our Family and Community Liaison and the information will be sent to you. Please be advised that it takes approximately two weeks to be approved to volunteer in any capacity.

PAYMENTS

It is the policy of this school to accept only cash or money orders for payments for field trips, school activities, etc. **Make sure you have the exact amount. We do not have change.**

PE POLICY

If your child is unable to participate in physical education due to illness or injury, a written note from home is required. A doctor's statement is required if the exclusion will exceed three days.

PETS

Pets may be brought to school for demonstrations which are part of the established curriculum. All pets must be in cages. Approval from the classroom teacher is required before any pets are brought to school. Please refrain from bringing your dogs onto school campus while you are dropping off your child(ren).

POTENTIAL RETAINEE POLICY

The North Shore teachers will keep you informed of the progress of your child throughout the year. School Board policy requires that each school notify parents if their child is a potential retaineer by the middle of February. A potential retaineer is a student experiencing great academic difficulty. Parents are notified that if academic growth does not occur before the end of the year, the potential exists for their child to be retained. Our expectation is that parents and teachers will work closely to plan appropriate strategies to support each child. Before the end of the school year, a team decision will be made regarding your child's status. Parent input is welcomed. The Principal will make the final decision and parents will be informed of the recommendation.

PRINCIPAL'S MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

As a PCSB mandated program in every school, the PMAC is an organization comprised of interested 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. Under the direction of a school staff member, the group focuses their efforts on learning and sharing information on cultural diversity and peaceful recognition and acceptance. In addition, the group assists with various community service projects throughout the year.

PROGRESS REPORTS/GRADING POLICY

All students receive progress reports indicating their academic progress, classroom conduct and work habits. Progress reports are given out every 9 weeks.

Kindergarten students will receive a number that signifies their current level of mastery. A 0=No progress toward mastery to a 4=Exceeding the standard.

Students in grades 1-2 will receive a progress report that shows their progress in all academic areas using E-V-S-N-U.

Students in grades 3-5 will receive the following grades for all academic subjects:

A-	90-100%
B-	80-89%
C-	70-79%
D-	60-69%
F-	0-59%

Students in grades K-5 will receive the letter grades of either E-V-S-N-U, in PE, Music, Art, Conduct, Work Habits and Effort.

RIGHT TO REVIEW

The Family Rights and Privacy Act was revised and became a federal law in November 1974. The intent of this law is to protect the accuracy and privacy of student educational records. These records include files, documents and other materials containing information directly related to your child. Without your prior consent, only you and authorized individuals having legitimate educational interests will have access to your child's educational records. You have the right to review all records.

SAFETY

The safety of our students and staff is our top priority. A school site safety committee meets monthly to review safety concerns and to make recommendations to ensure the safety of all. Drills are held quarterly. We invite parents and community members to share their concerns and/or suggestions at any time.

SAFETY PATROL

The safety patrol is composed of 20-25 fifth graders who are at the top of their class in leadership, behavior, and attendance. Their purpose is to assist children in the various aspects of safety around the school. Students are expected to follow their directions. Patrols are expected to be model students. They will be dismissed from their duties if they have discipline, attendance, or academic concerns.

To be considered to become a safety patrol, students must have good grades throughout 3rd and 4th grade, good attendance including tardies and early pick-ups, no N's or U's in conduct, and no discipline referrals

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The SAC is a link between the schools and the local community. It serves as a mechanism for participatory management through which the various shareholders in the school community, both internal and external, can benefit the school and produce better student outcomes. The role of the SAC is to assist, suggest, recommend, inform and consult. The shareholders are parents, businesspeople, students, other community interests, professional educators and other school staff. The School Advisory Council is a resource to the school and school principal.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (SIP)

Each year the school staff works in collaboration with the School Advisory Council to develop an improvement plan that addresses curriculum areas and student groups. The results are monitored throughout the year and revisions are made as needed. Adequate yearly progress is reported at the end of each year. North Shore's SIP can be viewed on our website.

SCHOOL PICTURES

During the school year, individual and group pictures will be taken of your child. Notices will be sent home with more information prior to the picture dates. Students do not have to wear school uniforms when individual pictures are being taken but they do for the whole class photo.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Your child will be informed by their teacher of any supplies he/she is requested to bring. General grade-level supply lists are available on the school website. Please check with your child throughout the year to ensure they have the supplies they need.

SMOKING PROHIBITED

A No Smoking law prohibits smoking in any educational facility or on school-board property, including the carline. This includes electronic cigarettes.

STUDENT INSURANCE

Students will bring home a brochure explaining our district's insurance program. Plans and premiums will be outlined in this booklet. Please read this brochure for a detailed explanation of the coverage and imitations.

TARDY POLICY

Students are expected to arrive to school on time. Students may enter their classrooms at 8:35 a.m. to prepare for the beginning of school. The tardy bell will ring at 8:45 a.m. Students are tardy if they are not in their classrooms at 8:45 a.m. and must first report to the office for a tardy slip.

TELEPHONE

Students are not permitted to use the school telephone except in emergencies and with permission of office personnel. Parents should communicate with their child how they will be going home each day.

TEXTBOOKS

All textbooks and workbooks are issued to students without charge for their use during the school year. Students who lose or damage textbooks (if applicable) will be charged a repair or replacement fee.

VOLUNTEERS

We encourage and welcome parents' participation as volunteers at North Shore. All returning volunteers will need to reactivate in the volunteer system every school year. New volunteers to Pinellas County Schools will need to register online at www.pcsb.org/volunteer. All new volunteers are subject to background checks by the county prior to volunteering as a level 1 volunteer. All chaperones for field trips must be registered as volunteers. If you plan on driving on a field trip your insurance

information must be on file with the office. Preschoolers may not accompany parents who are volunteering at school or chaperoning a field trip. Any volunteer who expects to monitor students out of view of a school board employee will need to have a Level 2 clearance. This is for the safety of our students and as a part of the Jessica Lunsford Act. Level 2 volunteers will be required to have an additional fingerprint background check. Please remember to log volunteer hours through the volunteer log in site.

WITHDRAWALS / MOVING

If you move during the year, you must notify the school. It is imperative that you update your address and contact phone number as soon as they change. The Data Management Technician will give you information on procedures and paperwork necessary to admit your child to a new school. If you are planning on an early withdrawal at the end of the school year and wish to have your child's progress report mailed, you must leave a self-addressed, stamped envelope in the school office.

UNIFORM POLICY

North Shore Elementary has a mandatory uniform policy. All students must arrive at school in uniform every day.

Guidelines

The North Shore Elementary uniform consists of the following:

1. Pants, shorts, Capri pants, skirts, skorts, or jumpers in the colors of dark blue (not denim), black, or any shade of khaki. Shorts, skirts, or skorts must extend below the fingertips.
2. Leggings in the solid color of blue, black, or white may be worn **under** shorts, skorts, jumpers, or skirts. **Leggings may not be worn as pants.**
3. Shirts with short or long sleeves and a collar (polo, dress-style with button, or turtleneck) in solid colors of Dark Blue, Gray, Red, or Purple.
4. In the event of cold weather, a solid-colored sweatshirt, pullover, or cardigan sweater is permitted over the uniform shirt. No Hoodies!
5. Any North Shore Elementary T-shirt may be worn on Fridays only.
6. Closed toe and shoes with backs only (no flip flops, sandals, or crocs).

Where to Purchase

You can purchase the uniforms at any retail store such as Walmart, Target, or JCPenney.

In addition, [Clothes for Kids](#) is a non-profit organization that donates clothes to needy kids. If a family needs a referral, email [Ms. Dumaine](#) or call her at 727-893-2181. Check out our Swap Shop for great deals on uniforms for your Knight.

North Shore Arrival/Dismissal



--- Carline for all students PreK-5/ASD
--- PreK/VPK Drop Off **AM Only**

--- Sidewalk
--- No Parking

★ Walkers/Bike Riders
--- Bus Circle: No drop off or pick up during arrival/dismissal times.