



KNIGHT WRITER

Carpe Diem!
Carpe Success!

April 2019

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings North Shore Families,

I can't believe how fast the school year has gone! We are in our last few weeks of school with lots of learning left to do. I am very proud of the work our teachers and students have done this year. You will not find teachers who are more committed to their students and highest student achievement than the teachers at North Shore Elementary! Our school's theme this year was SOAR to Success and we all certainly accomplished that with our efforts and hard work!

I want to continue stressing the importance of being on time and at school each day and remaining until the end of the day. Being on time sets the tone for your child's day. Our Knights can get settled in and ready to start the day in a calm manner instead of missing instruction and being rushed. I appreciate your efforts since you are the ones responsible for getting your children to school.

If you haven't already, please register your child for Summer Bridge. Summer Bridge will be at Woodlawn Elementary this year. It begins on June 11th and runs through July 18th. Not only is there an opportunity for remediation but enrichment as well.

Please be sure to check our website throughout the summer. We work very hard to provide the most current up-to-date information such as: the 2019/2020 Battle of the Book titles and summer learning opportunities. Please check with your child's teacher to get the appropriate passwords for entry into the sites.

Thank you for your ongoing support this year.

Until next time, *Carpe Diem! Carpe Success!*

Cooper W. Dawson
Leader and Learner at North Shore Elementary
Home of the Knights

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CASTLE ALMANAC

April

- Apr 2** – FSA Writing/Grades 4 & 5
- Apr 2** – PTA General Board Meeting (6:00 PM)
- Apr 2** – PTA Board Meeting (6:45 PM)
- Apr 3** – FSA ELA Reading Session 1/3rd Grade
- Apr 3** – SAC Meeting (3:15 PM)
- Apr 4** – FSA Reading Session 2/3rd Grade
- Apr 5** – Reading Logs Due
- Apr 5** – Walking Club (7:45 AM)
- Apr 9** – Field Trip: Morean Clay Center (Maker & Edmondson)
- Apr 11** – Field Trip: Morean Clay Center (Copeland & Newsome)
- Apr 11** – Booster Run
- Apr 12** – Walking Club (7:45 AM)
- Apr 12** – Field Trip: Mahaffey Theater (3rd Grade)
- Apr 16** – Field Trip: Clam Bayou (Flippin)
- Apr 16** – Field Trip: Sugar Sand Festival (Girl Friends Club 5th Grade)
- Apr 17** – Field Trip: Lowry Park Zoo (Kindergarten)
- Apr 18** – 3rd Grade Concert (9:15 AM)
- Apr 19** – **NO SCHOOL**
- Apr 22** – Earth Day
- Apr 25** – Steve the Drummer
- Apr 26** – Field Day
- Apr 30** – Field Trip – 2nd Grade/Mahaffey Theater
- Apr 30** – PTA Ice Cream Social/Science Night

ADMINISTRATION

Cooper Dawson: **Principal** | Donna Hall: **Assistant Principal**
Pat Wright: **Area IV Superintendent, 727-588-5022**

The mission of North Shore Elementary is to help students in all subgroups attain their highest achievement in a safe learning environment staffed by highly qualified teachers who will use district expectations and resources to accomplish this mission.

PTA NEWS / BOARD NOMINATIONS

Wow, only two more months left in the school year! What a fantastic year it has been so far! There are some fun activities and exciting ways for you to get involved as we round into the home stretch.

Our Garden Classes are continuing this semester with the 2nd graders.

We are having so much fun using the garden to learn about life cycles, composting, scientific hypotheses, and so much more. The kids are being introduced to fruits and veggies straight from the vine and many are trying foods that they have never tried before. We are so lucky to have the Edible Peace Patch driving this program at our school!

The new session of after school programs began last week. We are continuing to improve the registration process and are able to provide busing and scholarships to many of our Knights. This has been an important focus of the PTA for the past few years and it is so exciting to see it in action. We will continue to evaluate and adjust as needed and we appreciate your involvement and patience as we grow the program.

The latest PTA General meeting was held Tuesday, 4/2. At this meeting the Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers for the 2019-20 PTA Board. We discussed new items and upcoming events and encourage you to provide your input.

On 4/30, we are having an Ice Cream Family Social in conjunction with the Spring Into Science Fair at the school. This event will be start at 6pm and we hope you can join us! It is certainly one of the kids' favorites. You can contact Christen Crum or Heather Leon at christen.crum@gmail.com or heatherleon@hotmail.com if you'd like to volunteer.

The week of May 6-10 is Teacher Appreciation Week and we have planned an exciting week for our Teachers. It is a very busy week for PTA volunteers, so any help would be greatly appreciated! You can contact the PTA at northshoreknightspta@gmail.com if you'd like to volunteer.

The last full week of school, we will be collecting used uniforms for the Swap Shop which will be held at the start of 2019-20 school year. Please consider donating any outgrown or unused uniform pieces. Over the summer we will be washing and sorting the items in preparation for the Swap Shop to be held on Meet the Teacher day. If you'd like to volunteer to help out with this event, please contact Linda Lee Gates at llgates@gmail.com or 727-492-0389.



With the growth in programming, funding, and engagement, we have formed a few new committees for involvement. All of these activities have taken place over the years as needed, but with the growth, we feel the need to formally establish these committees. The purpose of a board and the committees that are established are to provide oversight, ideas, guidance, and help steer the organization, ensuring your PTA is meeting the goals most needed in the most responsible way. Please do get involved. Yes, you can be on more than one :) If you are interested, please contact the named leader or reach out to northshoreknightspta@gmail.com.

1. **Diversity & Inclusion Committee** led by Heather Leon
2. **Budget Committee** led by Marianne Hillyer
3. **Fundraising Committee** led by Jon Kile
4. **Sustainability Committee** led by Dan Huber
5. **Garden Committee** led by Linda Lee Gates
6. **Family Social Committee** led by Christen Crum
7. **7th Hour/After School Committee** led by Tracy Lynn

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SYNC THE NSE CALENDAR TO YOUR PHONE

iCal Feed

Please use the below web address to access your calendar from other applications. You can copy and paste this into any calendar product that supports the iCal format.

<https://www.pcsb.org/site/handlers/icalfeed.ashx?MIID=51>

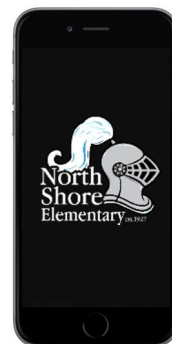
iOS Devices (iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad)

To subscribe using your iPhone or iPad:

1. Click your iPhone **Settings** icon.
2. Select **Mail, Contacts, Calendars** from the list.
3. Select **Add Account**.
4. Select **Other**.
5. Select **Add Subscribed Calendar** at the bottom of the list.
6. Enter the subscription link (shown above) in the server field.
7. Click **Next** in the top right-hand corner of the screen.
8. The URL will be verified, and your subscription information will display.
9. Click **Save**.

To view this calendar on your iPhone:

1. Click the **Calendar** icon on your iPhone's home screen.
2. Click the **Calendars** button in the top left-hand corner of your default calendar screen.



3. Select the name of the calendar you have just added. A check mark will appear next to it.
4. Click **Done**.

Events from this calendar will now display on your iPhone calendar.

Android Devices and Google Calendar

To subscribe using your Google Calendar:

1. Open your **Google Calendar**.
2. Locate **Other Calendars** on the left-hand side of the screen toward the bottom.
3. Click the arrow to the right of Other Calendars.
4. Select **Add by URL** from the list.
5. Enter the subscription link (shown above) in the field. If you would like these events to be public, check the box next to Make the calendar publicly accessible.
6. Click **Add Calendar**.

Microsoft Outlook

To subscribe manually using Outlook 2007:

1. Open Outlook.
2. Click **Tools**.
3. Click **Account Settings**.
4. Select the **Internet Calendars** tab.
5. Click **New**.
6. Enter the subscription link (shown above) in the field.
7. Click **Add**.
8. Adjust your **Subscription Options** and click **Add**.
9. This calendar will display in your **Other Calendars** area.

To subscribe manually using Outlook 2010:

1. Click **Calendar** in Outlook.
2. Click **Open Calendar**.
3. Select from Internet.
4. Enter the subscription link (shown above) in the field.
5. Click **OK**.

VOLUNTEER AT NORTH SHORE

We LOVE our Volunteers!

Don't forget to enter your volunteer hours. Please note Google Chrome is now the preferred browser to the FOCUS Volunteer System. Please add the volunteer system link to your favorites in the Google Chrome browser –

<https://focus.pcsb.org/volunteer>.

If you have any questions on volunteering or how to use the FOCUS Volunteer System, please contact Mrs. Gervais at gervaisv@pcsb.org or call the office at 727-893-2181.



SPIRIT NIGHT AT CAPITAL TACOS

Wednesday, April 3rd
5226 4th St N, St. Petersburg
33703



Tell everyone you know to drop by and support NSE! Show the cashier the flyer that has been distributed, or just tell them you are supporting our spirit night.

The school will receive 10% of all sales that evening when the NSE spirit night is mentioned.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Earn money for our school by saving box tops! It's easy to find Box Tops. In fact, you may have some in your home right now. Clip Box Tops from your favorite products and turn them in to your child's school today! Box Tops are each worth 10¢ and they add up fast!



Put them in the Box Top Collection Box in the office or send them in with your child. Refer to the Box Top App and Flyer for eligible products.

FRIDAY WALKING CLUB

There's still time to join the school's Friday Walking Club and enjoy the fresh air. The club meets every Friday morning at 7:35 AM and walks until 8:05 AM. Parents, students and staff can earn tokens for the miles they walk. Don't miss out on this excellent opportunity to stay healthy and meet new friends.



No School for Students
Friday, April 19th