



Northland Pines Eagles

VOICE OF THE PINES

RETURN TO LEARN EDITION



SCOTT FOSTER
DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATOR

NAVIGATING HISTORIC TIMES

We all have memories of historical events such as the space shuttle crash, 9/11 and the Packers winning the Superbowl. This global pandemic will be another memory that I will never forget. The day we sent students home in March, I was standing by one of our Principals watching students leave and I said, "I don't know what to say to them. It can't be goodbye for the school year... we'll be back this year, right?" Little did I know, I would address the graduating class of 2020 by video, hold virtual spirit weeks, send home numerous emails, hold video chats to communicate with students and staff, and make some fun videos to keep us all connected. This has been and continues to be uncharted waters for education and society.

Currently, our society does not agree on many things; however, almost everyone wants students back in school. Our current plan for this Fall is to bring students back to in-person learning, 5 days per week the best way we can. As we work through the different ways we can get back to school, and stay in school, it is my hope we will all tolerate or even support some changes to keep students and staff safe and at school.

There is a quote that says "Comparison is the thief of happiness." which has rung true for me from the start. Our focus was and continues to be on what we **CAN** do and not what we aren't able to do. We will work on how we can operate in new ways to create the best learning environment for students with the circumstances we have been dealt. I am extremely proud of the parents, students and staff who stepped up this past Spring and Summer! One of our responsibilities is to teach students new ways to be resilient throughout life's challenges. Together we will learn and grow from this experience!

I wish there was a magical, crystal ball that would let us see what this school year will look like; however, no matter what it looks like, we are going to focus on the keywords in our mission: community, relationships, rigor and relevance. Together, we will make the 2020-21 school year one that is positive for our students. That is what **#PinesPride** is all about - **our students!**



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

MISSION

The Northland Pines community guarantees rigor, relevance, and relationships to prepare all learners for life.

ALL staff BELIEVE in ALL students



NPSD.K12.WI.US

WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS YEAR MAY BE CHALLENGING. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTACT YOUR BUILDING PRINCIPAL IF/WHEN YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.

EAGLE RIVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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SCHOOL START/END TIMES FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR: 8:20 AM-3:25 PM

Welcome back to school!



We've missed you!

Please have your child **PRE-SCREEN AT HOME**



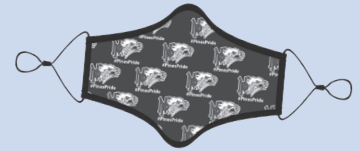
IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS, PLEASE DO NOT SEND THEM TO SCHOOL:

- COUGH (NEW OR WORSENING)
- TEMPERATURE OF 100.4 (ORAL/TYMPANIC (EAR)/TEMPORAL (FOREHEAD) OR 99 AXILLARY) OR ABOVE
- DIARRHEA OR VOMITING

IF YOUR CHILD HAS TWO OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS, PLEASE DO NOT SEND THEM TO SCHOOL:

- CHILLS
- MUSCLE PAIN
- SORE THROAT
- NEW LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL
- RUNNY NOSE/CONGESTION
- UNUSUAL FATIGUE
- HEADACHE
- NAUSEA
- SHIVERING

How to **HELP YOUR CHILD** adapt **TO WEARING A FACE COVERING**



- Explain why in easy to understand language and positive phrasing.
- Talk about the science on how the face covering works.
- Explain the upside of being in school and having sports and other activities again.
- Let them decorate it or choose the fabric or design (consistent with our dress code).
- Practice with them and give positive reinforcements.
- Please visit the CDC website for more info:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

PROCEDURE FOR CALLING IN YOUR SICK CHILD



The Northland Pines School District has always focused on providing a safe environment for our students, staff and families. In the past during influenza season, our secretaries asked parents questions regarding the child's specific symptoms when students were called in for an illness. This information allows district administration, in collaboration with our County Health Department, to monitor illness trends and implement appropriate prevention and/or reaction steps. Student data, including names, are always held confidential. This fall, we will continue to ask questions regarding influenza like symptoms but will also be asking questions regarding COVID-like symptoms and close contact. We are asking you to partner with us to provide accurate information so that we can promote safety and keep our schools open.

ATTENDANCE FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

Some parents and guardians have expressed concern about student absences related to COVID-19 safety concerns. State law requires school leaders to excuse absences due to safety concerns as well as absences due to illness, a health condition, or a medical appointment. It is critical that parents have strong communication with school personnel to ensure we track each child's attendance accurately and support the family in the best way possible. The evidence is clear: high attendance rates are linked to high student achievement. This is true for every grade elementary, middle and high school student. If your child must miss school due to COVID-19, we are committed to working together to create a plan that supports access, engagement, their health needs and progress in their coursework.

PLEASE BRING A WATER BOTTLE DRINKING FOUNTAINS NOT AVAILABLE

**BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL
STUDENTS TO FILL THEIR
WATER BOTTLES AT EACH
OF OUR SCHOOLS.**





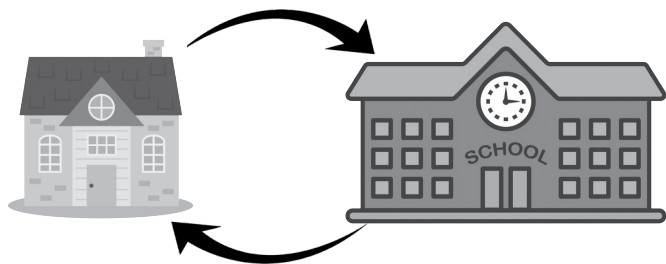
We are #INTHISTOGETHER



NOT SURE IF IN-PERSON LEARNING IS BEST FOR YOUR CHILD?

ADDITIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE!

HYBRID LEARNING*



The Hybrid Learning model is for a student who may transition back to their class and/or school - it could happen all at once or gradually. Student will be connected to their class and/or have a schedule.

**Goal is to strengthen partnership between school and student.*

PERSONALIZED LEARNING PLAN*



Personalized Learning Plans (PLP) are for families looking for a more individualized learning that allows for increased curricular and scheduling options. The PLP model requires more parent responsibility.

**Only available to students residing in the NPSD.*

You choose what is best for your family

FREE AND REDUCED PRICE SCHOOL MEALS

Children need healthy meals to learn. Northland Pines School District offers healthy meals every school day. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals.

THREE WAYS TO APPLY:

1. Use Campus Parent to access the application and submit online. If you do not have a Campus Parent account and would like to set one up, email enroll@npsd.k12.wi.us.
2. Call/Email to request an application be mailed to you. (715-479-5800 or npsd@aviands.com)
3. Print application from school website at npsd.k12.wi.us/district/freereducedmeals.cfm

This application MUST be filled out every year. If you qualified for free or reduced meals last year, you have until October 15 to submit a new application and continue your benefits. To ensure proper benefits are applied correctly, please follow-up with Food Service if you do not receive a confirmation letter to your application within 5 days of submitting it. Completed applications should be submitted to: NPSD Food Service, 1800 Pleasure Island Road, Eagle River, WI 54521.

We encourage all families to apply for free/reduced meals.

Any personal information you provide on the free/reduced application for meals is confidential. Your information will ONLY be used to determine your child's eligibility for the school meal programs. If your child qualifies for free/reduced meals, this can also help you with school fees, academic fees, technology fees, etc. However, you must complete and sign a Sharing Information with Other Programs form. This form must be submitted every year to help reduce additional school fees.

2020-21 SCHOOL MEAL PRICES

Children need healthy meals to learn. Each year, the USDA sets meal prices for schools participating in the National School Lunch Program. To be compliant with these mandates, Northland Pines School District was required to adjust meal prices for 2019-20 school year as follows:

Meal	Elementary	Middle/High	Reduced
Breakfast	\$1.40	\$1.65	\$0.00
Lunch	\$2.90	\$3.00	\$0.40
Milk only (no meal)	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50
Snack Milk (4K-5)	\$0.50	N/A	\$0.00
Entrée Only	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$2.25

Note: Students who qualify for free/reduced meals will be charged 50 cents for milk if they bring a lunch from home and take milk. Milk is included with the school meal, but not if they bring a lunch from home.



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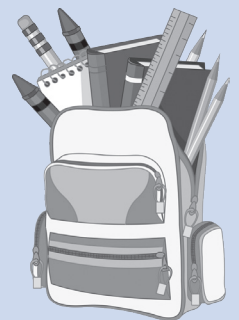
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Thank you 

**FEED OUR RURAL KIDS (FORK),
 VILAS COUNTY FOOD PANTRY
 & ALL MEAL PROGRAM WORKERS!**

Attention Non-Residents of the Northland Pines School District: This newsletter is provided to all residents of the Northland Pines School District. The most affordable process used to circulate this newsletter through the district is to use saturation mailing. It is costly to avoid a few non-residents from receiving our newsletter. We apologize for any inconvenience but wish to provide information to all residents. Thank you for understanding.



Please remember to sign up for

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL
 OPEN HOUSES**

AT ALL NORTHLAND PINES SCHOOLS

TWO DATES TO CHOOSE FROM AND YOU PICK A TIME THAT WORKS BEST FOR YOUR FAMILY

Tuesday, August 25
9AM TO 5PM



Wednesday, August 26
10AM TO 7PM