



# News from North



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## Cooler Mornings

The boilers in the district will not be fired up until the third week in October. Please be sure that your child dresses layers as the building has been quite cool in the mornings. When the boilers are turned on, the heat will be set at 69 degrees, which may seem cool to some yet comfortable to others. It is always nice to have a sweater or sweatshirt to put on or take off!

## Fire Safety and Prevention Month

The Pennfield Fire Department was at North Penn on Wednesday this week to help teach our students about the importance of fire safety and prevention. Be sure to ask your child for feedback as this was informative and practical for all our students and staff. Kindergarten did not participate as they took part in a Fire Prevention and Safety Month Field Trip.

## Absentee Reporting

Thanks for informing us when keeping your child home from school, whether for illness or for other reasons. If a child has been absent from school for illness, please note that they need to be fever free and symptom free (if stomach related) for 24 hours without medicine before returning to school.

Please continue to encourage good hand washing and coughing or sneezing into a tissue and then throwing it away or into upper sleeve. Children should not cough into hands.

## Fundraiser Kick-Off

North Penn kicked off a school wide fundraiser with Fun Services today. Your child should have brought a packet of information and an order form home.

Students who sell 13 items or more will have the opportunity to participate in a Mega Party that will include games, prizes, inflatable rides, a petting zoo and pony rides (see the prize brochure for more details).

All orders are due October 24<sup>th</sup> and are required to be pre-paid by cash/check or money order. Checks are accepted from **North Penn families only** and need to be made out to Pennfield Schools. Fundraiser delivery will be December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please feel free to give us a call at 961-9797 if you have any questions and thank you for your continued support.

## Birthday Treats

For the safety of all students (especially those with food allergies) Pennfield Schools has a policy that all birthday treats must to be store bought or purchased from a licensed bakery. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

## Dates to Remember!

Oct. 10 Flu Shot Clinic at North Penn  
Oct. 14 Pennfield Exchange Club Spaghetti Supper  
Oct. 17 Flu Shot Clinic  
Oct. 14 Spirit Gear ~Tentative Delivery Date~  
Oct. 20 NPAC Meeting at 3:45 in the Media Center  
Oct. 26 Picture Retakes Day and PREP Picture Day

## Curl Up With a Good Book and Your Child

Sometimes it is easy to take for granted our ability as adults to read. It was so long ago that we learned this skill, it is likely hard to remember the time when we couldn't do it. For a child, learning to read can be exciting and rewarding. For some however, it can be a daunting task, and one that might be intimidating. Parents can do a lot to help their child get started with reading and help them continue to make progress. It can be an activity that brings parents and their children closer together and, in this day and age when we are all so busy, it can serve as a means to slow life down for 15-20 minutes a day. Look at the hints below for connecting with your child over a good book, helping them with their path to literacy and taking a breather from the hectic pace of life.

1. **Make reading together enjoyable** - Find a cozy spot to read, read away from distractions when possible and pack books wherever you go.
2. **Consider the reader's interest, experiences, and reading level** - Find books that fit your child's interest level and draw on past experiences. The size of print and spacing do make a difference. Less than 5 errors on the first page means the book is a good fit.
3. **Introduce the book in a relaxed conversation** - Read the title to your child and look at the pictures before beginning to read.
4. **Encourage the reader with specific praise** - Tell them exactly what they are doing right.
5. **Help maintain the meaning of the story** - Remind your child to think about the meaning of the story, use the pictures to support meaning and sound out difficult words.
6. **Read together on a consistent basis** - Just 15-20 minutes a day will make a huge difference!

## Flu Shot Clinics

The School Nurse will be available to give  
Flu Vaccines on October 10 from 8am-4pm and  
October 17 from 8am-2:45pm at North Penn

A parent must be present in order to complete a consent form for the vaccine.

The cost is of the Flu Shot this year is \$25.

If you have Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance that covers immunizations, the Health Department will bill that insurance *Medicaid and Medicare only*, otherwise it is private pay.

Please check with your insurance company about coverage for the flu shots.

For children 19 years old & under who don't have insurance that covers immunizations, the cost is \$15 through the Vaccines for Children Program.

The nasal Flu Mist is also available at the same cost as above.

Please contact the school nurse by calling 961-9797 or e-mail [lukowskk@pennfield.net](mailto:lukowskk@pennfield.net) to sign up for a Flu Vaccine.