



News from North



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October is Fire Safety and Prevention Month

And October 9-15 is Fire Prevention Week!

To kick things off North Penn Kindergarten students went to the Kellogg Arena this week to practice fire prevention awareness and safety exercises. Pennfield's Fire Department will visit North Penn First Graders, Second Graders and PREP students on October 5 to go over important fire safety and prevention information with them. Then, you and your children are invited to come to Bailey Park on October 13 from 6-8pm as Pennfield's Fire Department teams up with Emmett and Bedford Fire Departments to put on a Fire Safety and Prevention Open House for the public. Come see all the fire trucks that will be on display and learn about fire safety and prevention with the whole family.

College Students at North Penn

We again welcome Miller College students who have been placed with us to satisfy some of their course requirements. Courtney Ripley will be with Mrs. Vitantonio, Lindsey Rigel with Mrs. Briggs and Joshua Jacobus will be with Mrs. Frey. Thanks to our wonderful teachers for sharing their expertise and years of experience with these young future educators. Welcome to North Penn Elementary Courtney, Lindsey, and Joshua!

Fall is here!

Fall is here and soon cooler weather. Please be sure to keep an eye on the local weather and help your child plan what to wear to school. It is a good plan for students to keep an extra sweatshirt in their backpack and wear a jacket to school as the weather continues to change.

Staff Changes at North Penn

We have had a few staff changes the past couple of weeks that we wanted to take a minute to share with you. Mrs. O'Neill, who has been at North Penn for many years, has taken a job outside of the Pennfield Schools. Mrs. Brown, a noon supervisor, has moved into her position as a Literacy Aide. We thank Mrs. O'Neill for her many years of service to North Penn. Mrs. Campbell, one of our PREP teachers, took a position with the Kalamazoo Schools this week and Ms. Rhodes, the PREP Aide and also a certified teacher, has moved into her position. Mrs. Stevens (Mrs. Craft's Kindergarten Aide) has moved into the vacant PREP Aide position and Mrs. Boles, a noon supervisor is now Mrs. Craft's Aide. We are glad that we could utilize the experience of our own staff members to fill these positions. Finally, Mrs. Wollaston and Mrs. Crandall join us as our new noon supervisors! Welcome!

Hearing and Vision Screening

The Health Department will be doing hearing and vision screenings at North Penn October 10, 11 and 12. They will screen kindergarten and second grade hearing, first grade vision and PREP vision and hearing.

Dates to Remember!

- Oct. 4 Title I Parent Information Meeting
Purdy Elementary at 7pm
- Oct. 6 Pennfield Junior Wrestling Parent Meeting
5:30pm in North Penn's Gymnasium
- Oct. 7 North Penn Fall Fund-Raiser Kick Off
- Oct. 14 Pennfield Exchange Club Spaghetti Supper
- Oct. 20 NPAC Meeting at 3:45 in the Media Center
- Oct. 26 Picture Retakes Day and PREP Picture Day



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 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
to sign up for a Flu Vaccine.

Family Time on the Go!

The car can be a great place to have fun!

Families spend a lot of time on the go these days so we thought you might enjoy a few
simple "made up" games to make that car ride feel a little more like family time while helping your
youngsters to use their brains.

"Would You Rather?"

Offer two options and ask which one your child or children would prefer, and why?

For example, "Would you rather live near the beach or the mountains?"

Whatever answer they give, encourage them to tell you why.

"Three Favorites"

Someone picks a category (movies, food, sports).

Everyone tells their top three choices and what they like about each!

"What Doesn't Belong"

Take turns naming items and asking the others to explain which is the odd one out and why?

You'll be amazed at how your children will really warm up to these games and
the time you spend talking and listening to one another.

Their ideas will develop over time and they will treasure sharing them with you.

Good family time on the go!