



North Newton Elementary School  
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**Welcome Back**

It is so nice to see everyone’s smiling faces back at school this year. We are excited about beginning our second year as a World Culture School. As you move about the building, you will notice flags from different countries as well as different murals that have been painted to help us look the part.

This transformation is helping us to embrace our diversity even more than we already do. Our classrooms will be project based along with having a performance assessment approach. Our students will continue to have real world experiences with an emphasis on technology and service learning. Each grade level will have a specific cultural focus which is captured below.

Kindergarten—1st Qtr.-North America, 2nd Qtr.-Europe and Antarctica, 3rd Qtr.-Africa and Asia, 4th Qtr.-Australia and South America

- 1st Grade—Africa
- 2nd Grade—Australia
- 3rd Grade—North America
- 4th Grade—South America
- 5th Grade—Asia

The cultural focuses of each grade level will be embedded within the state adopted curriculum that we have to follow. We have partnered with UNC Chapel Hill to participate in some of their programs to help us with staff development so we are prepared for this change. We are extremely excited about this opportunity for our students and look forward to this endeavor.



**Upcoming Dates**

9/13—3rd Grade Beginning of Grade test in reading for all 3rd grade students.

9/13—Boy Scout Parent Mtg. @ NNE 6:00

9/15—Title 1/Curriculum Night @ 5:00

9/19—ESL Parent Mtg. @ 5:00

9/27—English class for ESL parents

**Car Riders: Students must be in class by 8:15 in the morning and must be picked up by 3:45 in the afternoon. Also, Car Riders should not be dropped off or picked up in front of the school. Thanks for respecting our instructional day.**

### Grandparent's Week

We will be celebrating grandparent's week September 12th-16th by asking grandparents to come have lunch with their grandchild(ren). We will follow the schedule below.

Monday 9/12—Kindergarten

Tuesday 9/13 1st Grade

Wednesday 9/14—2nd Grade

Thursday 9/15—3rd Grade

Friday 9/16—4th & 5th Grades

### Car Riders

When you are dropping your child off in the morning or picking him/her up in the afternoon, please do not block the entrances of the businesses on Ashe Ave. These entrances have yellow lines painted on the road in front of them. Also, please do not pass cars in line. This puts students and other parents in danger. We will move the line quickly in the mornings and afternoons.

### Grade Level Teams

In order to ensure the success of our students, we must work with parents as a team. Anytime you have questions about your child's progress, please be sure to contact his/her teacher(s). Below is a list of our grade level teaching teams.

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|--------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Kindergarten | Ms. Botero, Ms. Ferneti, Ms. Price, Ms. Gold       |
| 1st Grade    | Ms. Otalora, Ms. Fulbright, Ms. Pugh, Ms. Trivette |
| 2nd Grade    | Ms. Evans, Ms. Dudley, Ms. Hewitt, Ms. Hoke        |
| 3rd Grade    | Ms. Jarvis, Ms. Recker, Ms. Patton, Mr. Tillery    |
| 4th Grade    | Ms. Arndt, Ms. Goble, Ms. Courson, Ms. Xiong       |
| 5th Grade    | Ms. Lockwood, Ms. Bryan, Ms. Ramsey                |

### Title 1/Curriculum Night

We will be having our annual Title 1/Curriculum Night on Thursday September 15th. We will begin with a pizza dinner at 5:00 where we will discuss what it means to be a Title 1 school along with how we are serving our students with the federal funds we receive from this program. We will follow with two 30 minute breakout sessions where you will find out what your child(ren) will be learning this school year. Please make plans to attend this informational session so that we are able to work as a team to ensure the success of our students.

### Remind

One way that we will communicate with parents about events, activities, and other pieces of information is through a texting platform called Remind. The following is the link you can use to join the North Newton Elementary Remind. Please consider doing this as an additional way to receive information from the school.

<https://www.remind.com/join/northne>

## PBIS at North Newton



At North Newton we are a Positive Behavior Instructional Support School. This means that we gear our discipline around a positive approach rather than a negative one. We want to reward students for doing good, rather than just having consequences for inappropriate behavior in school.

We are changing our behavior management system here at North Newton this year to include more student ownership and a more positive approach to discipline.

In your child's classroom, a behavior management program called the clip chart is used. The chart is pictured on the left hand side of this page. Each child has a clip on the clip chart. Every student starts their clip on ready to learn or green. The student has the chance to move their clip up or down throughout the day depending upon the choices that they make. If a clip is moved up, it can be moved down if behavior worsens, and visa versa, if the clip is moved down, it can be moved up if the behavior improves. At the end of each day, the clip chart is recorded for record keeping.

As students end their days at the top of the chart, they earn points toward recognition on the "Super Achievers Wall" that is located in both buildings at our school.

This year, students will no longer be earning one grade for citizenship. Instead their behavior will be recorded throughout the 9 weeks on the 6 work habits that will be on the report card. These grades will come directly from their performance in the classroom and other areas in the school each day and their performance on the clip chart.

We are very excited about this new behavior management system, as it allows students the opportunity through out the day to improve behavior and be their best selves!

Students also have the opportunity to earn tickets throughout the day for making good choices. Tickets will be turned into a classroom bucket, and at the end of the week 2 tickets from each classroom will be drawn for various prizes.

In addition to daily and weekly opportunities to be rewarded for exhibiting excellent behavior, students in grades 3-5 have the opportunity to earn gold and silver BARK cards each nine weeks. When a student earns a BARK card they have special priviledges and rewards they receive throughout the nine weeks. Students in grades K-2 have the opportunity to be recognized as a "PUP" and have lunch with the principal once a month!