Welcome to Northside Elementary School
Please Do Now

According to *Job Outlook*, these 9 success skills are essential in today’s workplace. Can you name them?

- Strong work ethic
- Networks in and out of the organization
- Knows how to gather and analyze information
- Able to problem solve
- Strong communication skills—Not just talking
- Gets along with others/people skills
- Learns from mistakes
- Technical knowledge related to the job
- Motivated to learn more
“Doing well in school no longer guarantees a lifelong job or career as it did for previous generations of Americans…only people who have the knowledge and skills to negotiate constant changes and reinvent themselves for new situations will succeed.”

Our Mission
The mission of the Mechanicsburg Area School District is to develop:

• resilient, self-directed learners able to achieve personal goals;
• critical and creative thinkers capable of transferring knowledge to new situations;
• collaborative team players with effective communication skills; and
• productive, responsible citizens in a diverse and ever-changing global society.

Our Vision
A Learning Community
Inspired to Explore - Empowered to Innovate
At Northside, we do things the Wildcat Way:

C: Communicate with respect.
A: Achieve personal goals.
T: Tackle challenges
S: Serve others.
It takes TEAMWORK!
How can your school counselor help you?

**Inside of School**
- Contact me if you have a concern about your child’s:
  - Academics
  - Social and Emotional development
  - Behavior
  - Relationships with peers
  - General questions

**Outside of School**
- Need help connecting with resources:
  - Community resources such as before and after school care, Parks and Recreation programs, etc.
  - Mental health/counseling services
  - Assistance with basic household needs
Maintaining the school-to-home connection…

• Back to School and Open House Nights
• Parent-Teacher Conferences
• Student Agenda Books
• Wildcat Monthly—published monthly to share happenings and highlights via SMORE
• Northside’s website [MASD site](#)
• **Sapphire Notification System**—please sign up tonight!
• PTO-sponsored activities & other community events
• Teacher contacts- Email ([aecker@mbgsd.org](mailto:aecker@mbgsd.org)) or a phone call away 691-4581!
What does this…

Have to do with the school-to-home connection?!?

https://goo.gl/15FGt6
Arrival and Dismissal

*Breakfast eaters may enter at 7:25am
*NO DROP-OFFS or PICK UPS in the front bus lot.

*NO DROP-OFFS or PICK UPS in the side staff lots AT ANY TIME

**A GREAT option: DROP OFF/PICK UP on Portland St.!!**
Attendance

According to Pennsylvania Law, the only excusable reasons for absences from school are: illness, quarantine of the home, death in the immediate family or urgent and unavoidable family emergency.

If your child is unable to attend school…

1. Please phone the school office (691-4581) before 8:00 am. to provide the reason for the absence. If we do not receive a call when your child is absent, you will receive a phone call from the school.

2. Provide a written excuse (signed by the parent or guardian with whom the child resides) within three (3) school days of the absence so it is marked EXCUSED. (We’ll accept an email to dmcgowan@mbgsd.org !)

Other notes:
*Any student who is absent from school for three or more consecutive days is required to submit a doctor’s excuse to confirm the illness.
*Elementary Handbook and Agenda have more information about Ed Field Trips, impact of accumulated UNLAWFUL days, and other attendance information.
Volunteering at School

- A lot of state regulations governing this, but SO valuable and appreciated!!
- Information can be found on the district website and in the school office.

**Free TB Clinic for Volunteers**

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The results must be read by a MASD school nurse 48 to 72 hours later between the hours of 7:30 am to 3:00pm. A note from your doctor or a professional nurse reporting the results will be accepted if daytime hours are not convenient.
Empowering students
Help us change their world

Junior Achievement
of South Central Pennsylvania
What are Junior Achievement Classroom Programs?

JA Classroom Programs are the foundation of its K-12 curricula. Six sequential themes, each with five hands-on activities, working to change students’ lives by helping them understand business and economics. All five sessions are volunteer led.

Your students learn the importance of earning and saving money

Learn about different jobs and careers

They see what it takes to work in or own a business

And other important life skills
Who is Needed?

YOU!

Parents, grandparents, and community members. Our students cannot participate in Junior Achievement without a volunteer.
Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is needed to volunteer?**
  - Clearances - if you don’t already have these Junior Achievement will work with you to get the necessary documents. Clearances are good for five years and FREE to volunteers.
  - One-time orientation - You may attend a 30-45 min. orientation in person or complete it online!

- **Are materials provided?**
  - Yes! All volunteer guides and materials are provided by Junior Achievement

- **When do I need to present the program?**
  - Once you’ve got your clearances and completed orientation you will coordinate dates and times with your assigned teacher.
How Do I Sign up?

- Sign-up in your child’s classroom tonight!
- Contact your teacher by email.
- Contact JA’s Director of Classroom Programs, Mary Reinhard, at Mary@jascpa.org.
Tonight’s BIG Questions...

What can I do to help my child have a successful year as a _____grader?

In what ways can I show my child that home and school are on the same team…supporting their growth?
Thank You!!

Enjoy your evening!!
Grade THREE

Mrs. Chamberlain

Miss Snyder

Miss Varney
Grade TWO

Mrs. Thumma

Mrs. Sheely

Mrs. Bingaman

Mrs. Rudy
Grade One

Mrs. Robison

Mrs. Huffman

Mrs. Groff

Mrs. Young
YET
✔ THINK about successful people you know. Try to think of 3-5 skills or qualities that you believe have made them successful.

✔ PAIR with your neighbors sitting close to you.

✔ SHARE your success skills/qualities with them.