

NORTHRUP THE GLADIATOR

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Daylight Savings Time Ends

Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 2:00 a.m. Clocks are turned back one hour, moving an hour of daylight from the evening to the morning.

Our focus for attendance this school year is **punctuality**. As parents and educators, we all want our students to achieve their full potential. However, for that to happen, staff and parents need to work collaboratively to make sure that our students come to school regularly and on time. As you may know, when students are absent and/or come to school late, they miss out on important instructional time and may fall behind. However, parents, if you know your child will be late or out for the day, it is very important that you send in a note or call the school office. There are protocol and action steps that we enforce District-wide if students continue to miss school and/or arrive tardy. (Please refer to the District Handbook for Parents and Students for more information.)

Tardy? Don't Be Late

- Arriving late causes students to fall behind in their lessons and may bring negative feelings and attention to themselves
- Tardiness creates a disruption for learning of other students
- Frequent tardiness without a valid excuse is considered truancy under state law. If a student is late, he/she should bring an excuse from home to the school office.

Tips at Report Card Time

If there is a problem at school:

- **SIT DOWN** with your child and look over the report card
- **PRAISE YOUR CHILD:** Find at least one good thing: attendance, no tardies
- **BE CALM!** Let your child tell you about his/her poor grades
- **ASK** how you can help your child do better
- **ASK** what your child can do to earn better grades
- **MAKE A PLAN** with your child's teacher and your child to do better.

School Site Count

William Northrup is pleased to announce its newly elected School Site Council members:

Angela Giberti, Hilary Rubin, Monique Arreola, Lashawna Walton, and Corena Uriarte. Congratulations to you all and thank you for your commitment to our SSC! May this be the beginning of a rewarding experience for you.

We would also so like to thank the following members for their dedicated service to our School Site Council: Tresha Albayeros and Sally Padilla, Yolanda Razo. Thank you to all of the candidates who participated in this election.

Playworks

Northrup Elementary School is proud to be a Playworks school! Through Playworks, students develop a variety of social, emotion and physical skills. Components of the Playworks program are as follows:

- **Full-Time Playworks Coach** – Our Playworks Coach Joy is present during the school day, especially during the lunch and recess block.
- **Structured Recess** – Zones are established during recess time so students have the opportunity to engage in a variety of physical activities including but not limited to soccer, hula hoop, tag, four square, etc. The Playworks coach circulates throughout recess to encourage students to get involved.
- **Class Game Time** – This 30 minute lesson occurs every other week. Students, classroom teachers, and our Playworks coach are engaged together as they learn new games which will later be introduced to the recess block. By teaching the rules and expectations in a small setting, we increase the odds of inclusion during recess time.
- **Junior Coaches** – Junior Coaches develops the leadership potential of our 5th-6th grade students. Through an after-school program, students hone their skills in leadership and peer mediation. These students then serve as “junior coaches” for K-5th grade students during lunch recess.
- **Sports Leagues** – Playworks offers a variety of developmental leagues throughout the year for 4-5th grade students. These include volleyball, basketball, and soccer.
- According to Playworks surveys, there are several benefits to the program:
 - A decrease in bullying
 - An improvement in overall school climate
 - A reduction in disciplinary incidents
 - More participation in academics
 - An increase in students' abilities to focus on class activities
 - Be sure to ask your child what they love about Playworks.

November



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				<p>1 6th-8th Halloween Dance— 2-4 pm</p> 	<p>2 <i>Pupil Free Day—No School</i></p>	3
4	5	6	<p>7</p>  <p>PICTURE RETAKE DAY!</p>	<p>8 SSC mtg.</p>	<p>9 Pat on the Back</p>  <p>REPORT CARD</p> <p>Goes Home</p>	10
11	<p>12 No School</p>  <p>VETERANS DAY</p>	13	14	<p>15 School Fundraiser @ Blaze Pizza</p> <p>6:00pm Math Night</p> <p>Tri 1 Honor Roll Assembly</p>	<p>16 PTA</p>  <p>Family Movie Night</p>	17
18	19	20	21	<p>22</p>  <p>HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY</p>	23	24
	<p>Thanksgiving Break No School</p> 					
25	<p>26 Pupil Free Day— No School</p>	27	28	<p>29 PTA SNACKS SALE</p>	<p>30 6th-8th GOM ASB Spirit Day "Character Day"</p> 	