



NORTHWOODS EAGLE WIRE

Every Child, Every Day—Soaring High

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM NORTHWOODS PARTNERSHIP COORDINATOR,

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FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2016—JANUARY 4, 2017



CALENDAR ITEMS:



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Northwoods Chorus meets 3:45-4:45

Chess Club Sign UP FOR grades 4 and 5 ARE DUE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Northwoods Chorus Concert 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22
2017

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL—UNTIL JANUARY 3,

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

NORTHWOODS DAIRY QUEEN NIGHT



TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION

DECEMBER/ EARLY JANUARY QUICK LOOK CALENDAR FOR NORTHWOODS ELEMENTARY

WKM= Weekend Kids Meals

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
DECEMBER 19	DECEMBER 20 Chess Club sign up due back	DECEMBER 21 Northwoods Chorus Concert 6:30 PM	DECEMBER 22 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL <u>NO WKM</u>	DECEMBER 23 ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED	DECEMBER 24 Christmas Eve Hanukkah begins	DECEMBER 25 Christmas Day
DECEMBER 26 ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED	DECEMBER 27 ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED PTO Northwoods Dairy Queen night 5-10 PM	DECEMBER 28 ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED	DECEMBER 29 ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED	DECEMBER 30 ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED	DECEMBER 31 NEW YEARS EVE	JANUARY 1 NEW YEARS DAY 2017
JANUARY 2 ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED	JANUARY 3 SCHOOL RESUMES	JANUARY 4	JANUARY 5	JANUARY 6	JANUARY 7	JANUARY 8

Complimented Classroom Club FOR DECEMBER 16, 2016



Congratulations to Mrs. Walsh's first grade classroom for being recognized.

ATTENTION PARENTS.....



- **CHESS CLUB SIGN-UP IS HERE!** Attention fourth and fifth grade students. Our famous Chess Club will be starting after our winter break. Sign up forms went out **December 15** and must come back by **December 20**. **Chess Club will start on January 12, 2017.** If you believe your child would want to be in this and forgot his/her form, please contact me by replying to this email and letting me know. Form must be signed by parent
- **CHORUS CONCERT December 21** **6:30 pm Northwoods Gym**
Students will need to be in the Music Room **by 6:00 pm**
Northwoods staff, Family and friends are invited.



“Deck the Halls” Holiday Sing and Shoppes—

We sang and sang and
ate cookies, made
crafts and raffled
baskets and bought
scrip and Northwoods
Gear and enjoyed a
night of Holiday fun!
Ooops—and we met
Santa who attended
with his favorite elf.

Above—Families sat on the floor as we sang. Thank you to all the families who brought treats to share. They were wonderful.

Right—children and parents making crafts.

Below—Santa makes his visit with the kids and has his helper elf with him.





**FREEDOM
HONOR
FLIGHTS**
 THANK YOU GRADE
 5- MR. MEADS
 CLASS, FOR
 SUPPORTING THIS
 PROJECT.

AN OUTSTANDING
 JOB AT RAISING
 FUNDS!



Mr. Dave?



From the Northwoods Staff:
 Dear Parents,
 We wish you a wonderful, safe and warm holiday time with your children. We know how special this time of year is for all children and their families.

This year at Northwoods, has already seen so much change and growth in all of the children we work with each day. It is a remarkable thing to be able to help children learn, become the person they want to be, and strive to do their best.

We are encouraged by your support and understanding and commitment to their education and development.

Northwoods is a great place to grow and learn.
 Best wishes for the happiest of Holidays,
Northwoods Staff

THE PTO PAGE

JOIN US FOR

Northwoods Elementary PTO Night
at the Birch Street Dairy Queen



Tuesday, December 27th
5PM – 10PM

Drop off the flyer you will receive (or print this one) at the Northwoods Box
when you visit Dairy Queen for a chance to WIN!!

Thank you for helping support our school!

Name: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

**** PTO will make 10% of all sales. We do have \$10 DQ scrip gift cards available. Please email
Jessica Klesmit, jessica_milas@yahoo.com or turn in a scrip order form.**



Box Tops, Milk Moola & other labels --

All items due by Wednesday, December 21st!!! Prizes to be
announced and handed out after the Holiday break. Thank you for
your participation!!!

Scrip Gift Cards (order from inventory only this week)

Thank you for your support in the PTO's scrip gift card program! We have had great support
this month from families and staff and thanks to all that made purchases at the "Deck the
Halls" event.

We have the following scrip cards in inventory. All orders will need to be in by
Wednesday @ 3:30pm. Please turn in an order form with payment or contact Jessica Klesmit,
jessica_milas@yahoo.com. Regular Friday deadlines will resume in 2017!

Gordy's Market: 2 - \$25s

Micon Cinemas: 8 - \$20s

Mega Holiday: 4 - \$25s & 1 - \$50

Action City/Chaos: 3 - \$25s & 1 - \$50
Dairy Queen: 10 - \$10s
Amazon: 3 - \$10s & 2 - \$25s
Visa Debit: 2 - \$50s
Applebee's: 7 - \$10s & 3 - \$25s
Bath & Body Works: 9 - \$10s & 6 - \$25s
Burger King: 4 - \$10s
CVS Pharmacy: 5 - \$25s
Family Video: 3 - \$10s
Gander Mountain: 4 - \$25s
Great Harvest Bread: 4 - \$10s
Hardees: 4 - \$10s
iTunes: 1 - \$15 & 1 - \$25

JCPenney: 5 - \$25s
Kohls: 4 - \$25s
Kwik Trip: 5 - \$25s & 1 - \$50
Lands' End: 2 - \$25s
Little Caesars: 4 - \$20s
Menards: 3 - \$25s
Michaels: 3 - \$25s
Olive Garden: 5 - \$10s & 3 - \$25s
Panera Bread: 7 - \$5s & 3 - \$10s
Papa Murpys: 4 - \$10s
Red Robin: 5 - \$25s
Starbucks: 7 - \$5s & 8 - \$10s
Subway: 4 - \$10s
Target: 6 - \$10s & 5 - \$25s
Texas Roadhouse: 8 - \$25s
TGI Fridays: 4 - \$25s

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OUR FAMILIES FOR ATTENDING OUR HOLIDAY SING AND FOR BRINGING TREATS!

PICTURES – YEARBOOK NEEDS YOUR HELP! Have you taken pictures at our school events thus far. Please email them to northwoodspto@gmail.com and your pictures could be chosen for the upcoming yearbook.

2017 *Rachel's* READ-A-THON IS COMING IN JANUARY!

WHAT IS IT? The Read-a-thon is our way (and our only way—no other big fundraisers) of **raising important PTO funds that benefit our school** to support events and classrooms. Instead of selling candy bars or pizzas, we have come up with an idea that benefits all of our students, our teachers, and raises money for our school. At the same time it benefits each child as they focus on becoming a better reader. No sales, just pledges, to encourage the best skill we all can acquire—becoming great readers.



WHO DOES IT? **The whole school does it!** Every student, every teacher, every staff member. And this year we will be having staff teams competing with each other for minutes read.

WHY? Reading is the most fundamental skill and with the competition of electronics and technology, reading skills need to be encouraged. And the PTO, in order to be able to do all the wonderful things it does for this school – from events, to funding field trips- needs to raise funds in order to keep these things going.

INFORMATION WILL BE COMING HOME this week with the timeline of events as well as a pledge sheet that your child(ren) can start seeking pledges over the holiday break-

especially since they may be seeing family over the Christmas break. Read-a-thon Starts on January 13 and runs through January 30th, 2017

ECASD AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

AN UPDATE FROM YOUR PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



The first meeting of the 2016-2017 Eau Claire Area School District Parent Advisory Council (PAC) was held on October 4th. After initial introductions from the parent volunteers representing schools within the district, members of Support Eau Claire Public Schools (SECPs) presented information regarding the November 8th Referendum. The meeting concluded with the election of new PAC officers: Rob Geske (Northwoods) – Chair, Carl Bacon (Meadowview) – Vice Chair, and **Amanda Koelker (Northwoods) – Secretary.**

The second PAC meeting was held on November 1st. The School District's Director of Assessment, Michelle Radtke, presented the Opening of Schools Report Part I. The presentation highlighted the district's student and staff demographics, enrollment and capacity, and correlating data trends. Part II of the Report will be presented at the upcoming December 6th PAC Meeting and highlight student achievement data as well as the results of the parent/family survey.

About your PAC: The PAC presents parent concerns, opinions, and perspectives to the superintendent and school administrators. To learn more about your PAC, please visit:
<https://www.ecasd.us/District/About/Parent-Advisory-Council>.

Northwoods Parent Advisory Council representatives are Rob Geske and Amanda Koelker. If you have concerns about issues you are reading about or questions, please contact either of these parent representatives. Mr. Geske: rgeske@me.com and Ms. Koelker akoelker@shortstravel.com

THE ECASD HAS CREATED A SPACE ON THEIR WEBSITE SO THAT YOU CAN ACCESS ALL THE FLYERS that are currently out for this month. Go to the link provided below if you are interested in any of these programs or activities. **Community flyers such as this are no longer going to be sent home in your child's folders.**

***If you **do not** have computer access and need a flyer, please contact our Partnership Coordinator by calling 715-852-4107 and leave a message about a flyer that you desire. We can make sure you get one.

Currently listed--- to access, click on link below or click on this link:

<http://www.ecasd.us/District/About/Community-Events/Community-Announcement-Flyers>

FOR JANUARY THESE ARE THE LISTINGS YOU CAN FIND AT THE WEB ADDRESS ABOVE:

JANUARY 2017

[Chippewa Valley WellFEST Speaker Series](#)

[Eau Claire Indoor Sports Center Dance Classes](#)

[Eau Claire Indoor Sports Center Family Fest](#)

[Eau Claire Indoor Sports Center Youth Flag Football](#)

[Math Girls Do Rock: Registration for Sonia Kovalesky High and Middle School Math Day](#)
[UW-Stout Women's Basketball Blue Devil Buddies](#)
[webop Family Jazz Classes](#)
[Young Abes Sunday Afternoon Girls Basketball](#)

“WHAT IS THERE TO DO THIS WEEKEND??”— Please check out this link to Volume One magazine for wonderful ideas.

I HAVE NOT made suggestions here, because it is Christmas—need I say more. But there are some things for your kids on the 23rd, if you are looking for suggestions.

<https://volumeone.org/events/calendar/2016/12/23>



Enjoy your time with your children, it is the best thing you can do.

Love to all for the Merriest of holidays.

Laurie Erdman, Partnership Coordinator,

Serving our families, our staff and our children each day.

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