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**CALENDAR:**

- 1 – Mini Miner Kadet Workshop
- 2 - Groundhog Day
- 14 - Happy Valentine's Day
- 27 - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Study Trip to Marengo Cave

**YEARBOOK SALES:** Yearbooks will continue to be on sale until February 15. Please order now, because there will not be many extra books ordered. If you do not have your order form, you can put the money in an envelope with your child's name and the teacher's name. Checks should be payable to Lifetouch. Thank You, Mrs. Albright.

**MARCH IS KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT MONTH:** If you know of any child eligible for kindergarten next year (**students must be five (5) years old on or before August 1, 2019**), please look for the enrollment information in the March newsletter. Forms will be available March 1 in the elementary office and at the local pre-schools.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Please let our office staff know if you have moved, have a new phone number, or emergency contact information. It is crucial that we have current information in case of an emergency.

**SAFETY ISSUE:** When your child has practices or ballgames, we would like for each parent to come into the gym and personally pick up your child. This way the coaches know that each athlete has been picked up safely and taken home.

**END of DAY DISMISSAL:** Please be on time to pick up your child when school is dismissed. Teachers and staff members often have staff meetings, committee meetings and parent meetings after school and need to be on time for those meetings. Also, all students need to be picked up at the assigned pick up area behind the school. This is for the safety of all students.

**PHONE MESSAGES:** Please tell your child in the morning how they will be going home after school. Many times students worry all day long about how they are going home. Letting them know in the morning alleviates stress, and also avoids interrupting valuable class room instruction. If you must call with a message please call before 2:00 PM.

**ATTENTION PARENTS 3rd - 5th Grade:** Important IREAD AND ILEARN Information. Students in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will take the IREAD test March 19, and students in grades 3-5 will take ILEARN April 22-26. Please **do not schedule appointments or vacations during this time.**

**Contact your child's teacher today (by phone, note or email) and find out where your child needs more help from you at home. Commit to practicing NIGHTLY with your child. Failure to pass these tests are likely to cause your child to be retained.** If your child takes medication for focus and or behavior control, MAKE SURE that they do not run out during testing times.

Your child will lose points for these common careless mistakes. Read this list with your child.

1. Leaving out a capital letter at the beginning of a sentence and a period at the end. (Many students still do this constantly even in 5th grade)
2. Not writing about the topic they are asked to write about. (If the ISTEP asks you to write about Winter, don't write about owning a hamster.) Failure to follow test directions in this area can be a zero.
3. Not showing their work on math questions when the question clearly asks for ALL work to be shown.
4. Not carrying when doing addition.
5. Skipping questions and leaving them blank.
6. Answering questions without reading the passage. (This happens constantly in all grade levels)
7. Answering reading questions after only skimming the passage, or answering questions without reading the passage at all. (This happens in all grade levels and results in poor scores)
8. Answering questions without serious thought when they have the opportunity to go back into a reading passage and find the correct answer.
9. Leaving out steps in a multi-step math problem.

These common mistakes can and do cause students to fail. Please read over this above list with your child several times before the tests are given.

**BOTTLE CAPS:** As a Kindness Project, the Kindergarten Classes will be placing buckets in all three buildings to collect plastic caps. They are doing this to help the North Central students who are collecting caps to have benches made in memory of their classmates. Each bench needs 400 pounds of plastic to be completed. Buckets will be placed outside each of the building offices, in the cafeterias, and in the gyms.

**VALENTINE'S DAY REMINDER:**

Parents and Caregivers, please note that we no longer accept flower, candy, or balloon deliveries at school. Drop off deliveries will not be accepted.

