



Northridge Elementary Weekly Blast

12/15/17

Important Dates and Information:

- [Important Dates for the year](#)
- Nominate a staff member for the Apple Awards. Click [here](#) for the form.
- Items left in the Lost and Found after December 21 will be donated. [Please click here](#) to see the organized items.
- Reminder- No School for Students on Friday, December 22.
- Northridge will be closed from December 23 through January 7, 2018 for Winter Break. School resumes on Monday, January 8, 2018.
- Thank you to those who were able to come in for the PRIDE Assemblies last Friday. We value feedback for continual growth. Please consider taking a few moments to complete this [8 question survey](#).

Hours and Numbers:

School Hours: 8:35am - 3:30pm
AM Kdg: 8:35am - 11:35am
PM Kdg: 12:30pm - 3:30pm
Office Hours: 8:00am - 4:00pm
Attendance Line: 303-387-6527
Office Phone: 303 387-6525

The **Winter Parties** will be on **Thursday Dec., 21:**

K Full Day:	2:45-3:30
K AM Class:	10:45-11:35
K PM Class:	2:45-3:30
1st grade:	9:00-10:00
2nd grade:	2:30-3:30
2nd grade:	DISC: 2:30-3:30
3rd grade:	2:30-3:30
4th grade:	2:45-3:30
5th grade:	1:10-2:00
5th grade:	DISC: 2:45-3:25
6th grade:	8:45 Social in cafeteria

PTA INFO:

Mark your calendar for our upcoming NRE Community Breakfast:

Grandparents & GrandFriends Coffee

Thursday, January 11th @ 7:45 - 8:30AM in the NRE GYM

All Grandparents and Grandfriends or any special adult are invited to attend with their NRE Students for coffee, juice, and breakfast treats.

Donut, Muffins, & Juice Donations are encouraged
Other Ways to Support NRE:

Corporate Matching Gifts:

Employee Matching Gifts (or Matching Funds) are grants an employer makes to match its employees' charitable contributions. With any monetary donation you make, your employer could be making a matching donation to Northridge Elementary PTA. Please contact your Human Resources Department for more information and matching gift forms.

Amazon Smile

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[Click Here to link to Amazon Smile](#)

Notes from Administration:

Dear NRE Community,

This was another busy week at NRE. The excitement of the holiday season continues to build. Teachers are working on finalizing grades for the first semester and students are busy finishing a variety of exciting projects. In 4th grade, the students are creating habitats combining lessons learned in many different areas during the course of the year. 1st grade classes are preparing to share with parents during their celebration of their class created holiday. You can feel the excitement in the air.

I often find myself thinking about what it is that makes the Northridge community so unique. We met with our Building Leadership Team this week and one member shared how much she is enjoying being a part of Northridge and how it is unlike any other place she has ever worked. It really is the people who work here that make this place so special. We have a leader at the helm who values people and relationships and who

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Note: The NRE PTA parent organization is PTA Colorado Congress, this name shows up on NRE PTA's Amazon Smile account.

spends her time empowering others so they may also lead in many different ways. We have a support staff who feels valued and respected who give so much to make NRE a happy and healthy learning environment. We have teachers who never settle and are constantly striving to ensure that each and every student is set up for great success along the journey. We have the most fantastic support from our parent community-- always willing to give time and money to make sure that Northridge students and teachers are never left wanting. It is hard to believe that 2017 is coming to an end. At the end of another day, another week and even my 11th year, I am so grateful to work at Northridge where we continue to maintain such a great sense of community.

Sincerely,
Amanda Schmidt
Assistant Principal

District Information:

SAC News:

The next SAC meeting will be in January. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the SAC

Everyday Preventive Actions That Can Help Fight Germs, Like Flu

FIGHT FLU



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CDC recommends a three-step approach to fighting influenza (flu). The first and most important step is to get a flu vaccination each year. But if you get the flu, there are prescription antiviral drugs that can treat your illness. Early treatment is especially important for the elderly, the very young, people with certain chronic health conditions, and pregnant women. Finally, everyday preventive actions may slow the spread of germs that cause respiratory (nose, throat, and lungs) illnesses, like flu. This flyer contains information about everyday preventive actions.

How does the flu spread?

Flu viruses are thought to spread mainly from person to person through droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze, or talk. Flu viruses also may spread when people touch something with flu virus on it and then touch their mouth, eyes, or nose. Many other viruses spread these ways too. People infected with flu may be able to infect others beginning 1 day before symptoms develop and up to 5-7 days after becoming sick. That means you may be able to spread the flu to someone else before you know you are sick as well as while you are sick. Young children, those who are severely ill, and those who have severely weakened immune systems may be able to infect others for longer than 5-7 days.

What are everyday preventive actions?

- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you or your child gets sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you (or your child) stay home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. The fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.
- While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs like the flu.
- If an outbreak of flu or another illness occurs, follow public health advice. This may include information about how to increase distance between people and other measures.



For more information, visit:
www.cdc.gov/flu
or call 1-800-CDC-INFO



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

members with questions prior to January 19th.

Upcoming SAC Meeting Dates:
January 19, February 23, March 16, April 13, May 18



Douglas County School District 2018-2019 BUDGET PRIORITIES

The DAC updated the Budget Priority Process for the 2018-19 DCSD Fiscal Year by creating a new online survey and offering additional education and collaboration opportunities for SACs and staff. These opportunities provided context and helped clarify what the District's discretionary budget entails. The process was designed to provide additional transparency and collaboration.

The education process included a series of five online videos prepared by DCSD staff offering an overview of what monies are directly managed by schools, the District's budget as well as school-based budgets. The DAC also hosted a Special Budget Session allowing community members an opportunity to ask DCSD staff specific questions about the impact of budgetary decisions.

SACs were encouraged to watch the online videos, attend the Special Budget Session, and to meet both as a school leader community and as individual SACs. Each SAC was also encouraged to have a robust discussion with each other and their principals about the impact budgetary decisions might have on their school prior to completing the online survey.

The Online Survey

Please rank the following items 1 through 7, with 1 indicating the most important element and 7 indicating the least important element to your school. (1 is alphabetical.)

• **Capital and Infrastructure Repairs/Enhancements** (including technology (i.e. new carpet, roof repairs, painting, boiler repair/replacement, etc.))

• **Mental Health** (i.e. additional counselors, student & parent education forums/programming, etc.)

• **Safety/Security** (i.e. door locks, key cards, additional School Resource Officers, etc.)

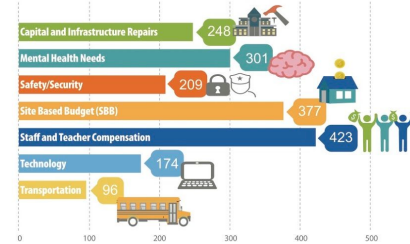
• **Site-Based Budget** (Additional SBB to schools (i.e. for purposes to use for additional programming options, more support staff, lower classroom ratios, etc.))

• **Staff and Teacher Compensation**

• **Technology** (i.e. additional computers in schools, etc.)

• **Transportation** (i.e. increased transportation options, lower bus fees, purchase of newer/additional buses, etc.)

District Wide Total Scaled Results TOTAL NUMBER OF SAC RESPONSES: 65



Budget Priority Response Totals*

* Each response total is a weighted score.