

February 2019

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Important Dates

Friday, February 1
Slushy Sales

Week of February 4-8
Parent-Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, February 6
2:10 Dismissal
No Boost/Daycare/Book Club
No Movie
Art Show 2:30-8:00 PM

Thursday, February 7
OSOB Movie
2:10 Dismissal
No Boost or Daycare
Art Show 2:30-8:00 PM

Friday, February 8
No School

Monday, February 11
No School
Boost Enrichment Day

Friday, February 15
Slushy Sales

Monday, February 18
Wendy's Night Out

Thursday, February 21
5th Grade Musical Program
YHS Theater
7:00 PM

Friday, February 22
All-Stars

Tuesday, February 26
Principal of the Year Celebration

February 28-March 4
No School (Spring Break)

February 28
Boost Enrichment Day

Y.E.S. Indeed!

York Elementary School Monthly Parent Newsletter

This past week, we were able to celebrate our 100th Day of School! It was exciting to see all of the fun activities that students were able to participate in throughout the building to celebrate how much growth and learning has been made in this time. As we venture into February, there is much work to do yet to continue to learn, grow, and improve. There are also multiple opportunities for parents and teachers to connect, for us to celebrate our building, and to work together to move forward! Let's have a great February!



School Celebration

Please join us in honoring Kris Friesen and the students and staff at York Elementary School on Tuesday, February 26! In December, Mrs. Friesen was named the NAESP National Distinguished Principal From the State of Nebraska. Our students will play an important role on this day, so parents and community members are welcome to attend. The celebration will begin at 2:00 in the Y.E.S. Gym. If you do plan to attend, please park in the back parking lot and enter through the gym doors.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for the week of February 4-8. Information from your child's classroom teacher was sent last week. If the time and date scheduled does not work, please notify the office. We are looking for 100% participation this spring!

School Survey

Please take a moment to help us continually improve during February. At conferences, a handout for a school survey will be given to you. Included on the handout will be a QR code and a link to our survey. Only one per family needs to be completed. We will also have Chromebooks available during our parent teacher conferences, February 4-8 if you would like to complete them at that time. We greatly appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts!

Kindergarten Round-Up/Registration

Kindergarten Registration begins Monday, February 4. We will be having Round-up on March 15. If you have a child who could be a Kindergarten student in the upcoming school year, you should have received a letter in the mail. If you did not receive one yet, please contact the office.

It is the policy of York Public Schools not to discriminate on the basis of gender, disability, race, color, religion, marital status, age, or national origin in its educational programs, administration, policies, employment, or other district programs.

Art Show

You do not want to miss the Y.E.S. Art Show! We will be featuring the students' self-portraits. The students have worked very hard and are excited to share their wonderful works of art with you. The show will take place within the Y.E.S. hallways and classroom 603 (our special black light room). We cannot wait for you to take it all in, so join us on February 6th and 7th! Doors are open from 2:30-8.

Science Expo 2019

Science Expo 2019 is just around the corner! We hope you are geared up to present your Science Expo 2019 project! February is a great time to start and complete your project! Scott Kohmetscher and the Chemistry students at York High School came to the elementary and pumped us up with some cool science demonstrations!

Information packets for Science Expo are located on the information rack outside of the office and on the school website at www.yorkpublic.org. The entry forms are also located on the information rack or on the website!

We are happy to help you make this fun! Be sure to look at the Science Expo Important Dates and Times that can be found in the packet. We will offer an Information and Resource Nights on Monday, February 18, from 5:30-6:30 (note change in date) and a Science Expo Help Night on Tuesday, March 5 from 5:30-7:00. The set-up is on Monday, March 18, and Science Expo 2019 is on Tuesday, March 19. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Bellows (5th Grade), Shawna Culotta (2nd Grade), or Molly McConnell (2nd Grade). We are excited to see many AMAZING science projects at Science Expo 2019! SCIENCE RULES!!

Girls on the Run- Coaches Needed!

Girls on the Run is gearing up for another fantastic season of fun, friendships and 5K fun! We still need two to three positive-minded, can-do women to coach after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Feb. 26 to May 9. You don't have to be a runner to get involved – you just need to live a healthy lifestyle, project a positive attitude and have passion to help young girls put their best foot forward!

Cooper Foundation Grant

The Jim B. and Lillian F. Cooper Foundation, along with Midwest Bank, award grants to local organizations annually. Our PLAY program recently received a \$1,000 grant from the foundation to assist in funding our very important early childhood offerings. Thanks to the Cooper Foundation for their contribution!

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Classroom Happenings

Kindergarten

Kindergarten students have been counting the number of days we have come to school, through our student-led daily math routines. On Wednesday, January 23, they celebrated their 100th day of school! How exciting to be 100 days smarter! Their 100 collections brought for Show and Tell were great!

In Reading, we continue to blend more and more of our letter sounds to read words. Those words create the sentences in our daily sight word readers. On February 12th, a visit from Abraham Lincoln will kick off our home reading program called, "Reading for Pennies".

We continue to look forward to our time with our 5th grade Kinderpals each week, as well as the mix of all Kindergarten students during our weekly Kinderblender time.

2nd Grade

We are into our 3rd quarter AR reading goal. Remember, students need to pass 6 AR tests in their level to earn an ice cream party at the end of the quarter! In math, we will finish working on subtraction and word problems and start our unit on telling time and graphs. For writing, we will work on opinion writing and using good reasons to persuade someone to think a certain way. We have started our body systems unit in science. The students are enjoying learning about the organs that belong in different systems and what they do for our body. If you are ever looking for things to do at home with your child, try having them count spare change. Money is something that we touch on a few times throughout the year, but what an important life skill to have! We truly appreciate your effort in attending Parent Teacher Conferences this month!

4th Grade

In fourth grade, we have been focusing on figurative language. It makes our writing more exciting! Ask your fourth grader about similes, metaphors, alliteration, onomatopoeia, personification, and idioms. We are also working on personal narratives in writing. Students are practicing writing stories about their lives. They are using quick sketches and quick notes to plan out their stories. We hope that students will use their figurative language knowledge in their writing.

Spelling Bee Contestants

Congratulations to these students for earning the opportunity to represent York Elementary School at this year's York County Spelling Bee:

3rd Grade

Gloire Musungay, Will Liston, Caleb Niemann, Claire Widga, Tim Spivey, and Cooper Bailey

4th Grade

Troy Schmid, Brody Mattox, Kinslee Kern, Allison Holmes, Calleigh Lones, and Kade Gieck

5th Grade

Kadin Tesar, Marcus Young, Jasmine Gonzalez Rodriguez, Zoey Eckert, Julio Humanes Chavez, and Payton Vorderstrasse



Preventing the Flu: Good Health Habits Can Help Stop Germs



The **single best way to prevent seasonal flu is to get [vaccinated](#)** each year, but good health habits like covering your cough and washing your hands often can help stop the spread of germs and prevent respiratory illnesses like the flu. There also are [flu antiviral drugs](#) that can be used to treat and prevent flu.

1. Avoid close contact.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.

2. Stay home when you are sick.

If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. This will help prevent spreading your illness to others.

3. Cover your mouth and nose.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.

4. Clean your hands.

Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

6. Practice other good health habits.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

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Education Leadership Search Service
Staff and Community District
Needs Assessment Visit - Invitation

To: Staff/Community Members of York Public Schools
From: York Board of Education
Date: Wednesday, February 13, 2019
Re: Superintendent Search – District Needs Assessment

The York School Board recently accepted the resignation of Dr. Mike Lucas, Superintendent of Schools, due to professional advancement. We are grateful for his service to York Public Schools and wish him well in his future endeavors.

The Board of Education is working diligently to prepare for the critical task of hiring a superintendent. Hiring a superintendent is one of the most important endeavors a board must face; therefore, we will approach this task with attention to each vital detail necessary to ensure a successful search. It is our goal to hire a quality and competent administrator to continue to lead the district forward in the years to come.

As the board plans for the hire, we value and seek the input of patrons, parents, students, staff, and administrators. The Nebraska Association of School Boards is assisting the board in the superintendent search and has scheduled a visit to our community on Wednesday, February 13, 2019. The board extends an invitation to the community to participate in this visit to share personal thoughts regarding the district and the superintendent position. Please offer suggestions pertaining to skills, qualities, or characteristics the candidate might possess in order to be successful in his or her role as superintendent and your views about the strengths of the school district and community. The community visit schedule is attached for your reference.

Time	Group
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Agriculture Leaders Group YPS Board Room
11:30 – 1:00 p.m.	York Business Leaders Chances R
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Parent/Community Meeting York Area Senior Center

In the event you are unable to attend the community meeting, please feel free to share your comments to the following questions:

1. What are the strengths and achievements of the York school district and community?
2. What critical issues will the district face in the next three years?
3. What background/training/experience should the new superintendent possess?
 4. What leadership style/personal attributes are important in the new superintendent?

You may submit your personal comments via one of the following methods:

- 1) **Access the online form at www.nasbsuptsearch.org**

Instructions for completing the online survey:

Click on Current Positions Available

Click on York Public Schools

Scroll to the bottom of the district web page

Click on Staff and Community District Assessment Survey

Complete the Survey

Click on Submit Assessment

Other methods: a copy of this form is available at the York District Office

- 2) **Email your response to the questions: sbecker@nasbonline.org**

- 3) **Fax: 402.858.4604**

- 4) **US Postal mail:
Nebraska Association of School Boards
Attn: York Supt Search
1311 Stockwell Street
Lincoln, NE 68502**

The board would like to thank you in advance for providing input through the Staff and Community District Needs Assessment Survey.

Respectfully,
York Board of Education

February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 ORANGE Slushies	2
3 4 PURPLE	5 GREEN	6 RED 2:10 Dismissal No Movie, BOOST, Daycare, or Book Club K-Registration	7 ORANGE 2:10 Dismissal No BOOST or Daycare K-Registration	8 No School	9	
	K-Registration	K-Registration	Parent Teacher Conferences Art Show 2:30 - 8:00 PM	Parent Teacher Conferences		
10	11 No School	12 PURPLE Friends/Family night at KFC	13 GREEN	14 RED	15 ORANGE Slushies	16
17	18 PURPLE Science Expo Resource Night 5:30-6:30 PM	19 GREEN	20 RED	21 ORANGE 5th Grade Musical 7:00 YHS Theater	22 PURPLE All Stars	23
24	25 GREEN	26 RED Principal Celebration At YES	27 ORANGE	28 No School Spring Break	1 No School Spring Break	2

Kindergarten registration will be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00-11:00 AM, and 1:00-4:00 PM. On Tuesday it will be from 9:00-11:00 AM and 1:00-7:00 PM.



Breakfast Choices

Available every day, breakfast includes:

- Breakfast entrée or Choice of cereals with toast
- Fruit
- 100% Fruit Juice
- Milk choices



Fruit and Juice Available Every Day

Start your day off right

Breakfast Meal Prices & Extras

Student Breakfast	\$1.45
Adult Breakfast	\$2.20
Extra Milk	\$0.45

Menus are subject to change without notice.



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
					1 A. Fresh Baked Cinnamon Roll B. Cereal Choices with Toast Juice Choices Pineapple Tidbits
4	A. French Toast Sticks with Syrup Dipping Sauce B. Cereal Choices with Toast Juice Choices Sliced Peaches	5 A. Pancakes with Syrup B. Cereal Choices with Toast Juice Choices Sliced Pears	6 A. Fresh Baked Biscuits and Gravy B. Cereal Choices with Toast Juice Choices Fresh Apple Wedges	7 A. Bacon & Egg Breakfast Pizza B. Cereal Choices with Toast Juice Choices Fresh Orange Slices	8 No School
11	No School	12 A. Iced Long John B. Cereal Choices with Toast Juice Choices Fresh Apple Wedges	13 A. Yogurt with Goldfish Grahams B. Cereal Choices with Toast Juice Choices Sliced Peaches	14 A. Pancake Sausage Stick B. Cereal Choices with Toast Juice Choices Sliced Pears	15 A. Dutch Waffle B. Cereal Choices with Toast Juice Choices Pineapple Tidbits
18	A. Egg & Cheese Omelet with Toast B. Cereal Choices with Toast Juice Choices Applesauce	19 A. Fresh Baked Biscuits and Gravy B. Cereal Choices with Toast Juice Choices Fresh Orange Slices	20 A. Waffles with Syrup B. Cereal Choices with Toast Juice Choices Whole Blueberries	21 A. Sausage Breakfast Pizza B. Cereal Choices with Toast Juice Choices Sliced Peaches	22 A. Fresh Baked Caramel Roll B. Cereal Choices with Toast Juice Choices Sliced Pears
25	C. Ham, Egg & Cheese Biscuit Bake D. Cereal Choices with Toast Juice Choices Mixed Fruit Cocktail	26 A. Fresh Baked Sausage Biscuit Sandwich B. Cereal Choices with Toast Juice Choices Fresh Apple Wedges	27 A. Iced Long John B. Cereal Choices with Toast Juice Choices Sliced Peaches	28 No School	March 1 No School

YORK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Lunch Menu

February 2019

Fruit & Veggie Bar & Milk Choices

Unlimited fruits and vegetables and choice of milk are included with the lunch meal every day.

Each student is now required to have 1/2 cup of fruits or vegetables on their tray.



Lunch Meal Prices & Milk

ES Lunch	\$2.85	Milk	\$0.45
Adult Lunch	\$3.65	Milk	\$0.45



Applications for Free and Reduced Price meals are available in the school office

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

This institution is an equal opportunity

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4 A. Chicken Fajita B. Pork Fritter Sandwich C. Pretzel Snackable Zesty Black Beans	5 A. Beef Stroganoff B. Corn Dog C. Fresh Baked Ham and Turkey Sub Garlic Herb Roasted Carrots Cherry Crisp	6 A. Turkey & Gravy with Dinner Roll B. Baked Breaded Steak Fingers with Dinner Roll C. Chef Salad with Roasted Flatbread Mashed Potatoes Brown Gravy Tortilla Chips	7 A. Traditional Beefy Lasagna with Garlic Breadstick B. Crispy Chicken Sandwich C. Pizza Snackable Green Beans Gelatin Dessert	1 A. Toasted Cheese Sandwich B. Pepperoni Pizza C. Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Mixed Vegetables
11 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">No School</div>	12 A. Creamy Macaroni & Cheese B. Grilled Chicken Sandwich C. Fresh Baked Turkey & Cheese Sub Crunchy Garlic Lentils Fresh Baked Cinnamon Stick	13 A. Breakfast Bowl with Fresh Baked Biscuit B. Cheeseburger C. Taco Salad with Tortilla Chips Steamed Carrots	14 A. Home-style Tater Hotdish with Dinner Roll B. Oven-Roasted Hot Dog C. Fajita Deli Wrap BBQ Baked Beans Fresh Baked Holiday Cookie	15 A. Pancakes & Sausage B. Mozzarella Bosco Sticks with Marinara Dipping Sauce C. Nacho Snackable Potato Smiles
18 A. Chicken Pot Pie B. Hot Ham & Cheese Melt C. Dual Cheese Snackable Crinkle Cut Fries	19 A. Soft Shell Beefy Tacos B. Mini Corn Dogs C. Fresh Baked Ham Turkey Sub Chili Lime Corn Frosted Pumpkin Bar	20 A. Crispy Chicken Sandwich B. Cheeseburger Macaroni Skillet with Breadstick C. Southwest Salad with Tortilla Chips Garlic Herb Roasted Carrots	21 A. Chicken Ranch Pasta B. BBQ Rib Sandwich C. Fresh Baked Italian Sub Green Beans Fresh Baked Chocolate Chip Cookie	22 A. Cheese Pizza B. Taquito C. Turkey & Cheddar Deli Wrap BBQ Baked Beans
25 A. Cheeseburger Soup with Dinner Roll B. Oven-Roasted Hot Dog C. Fajita Salad with Tortilla Chips Green Beans	26 Loaded Sack Lunch Turkey Sub Apple Celery/Broccoli/Carrot Mix Rolled Fruit Snack	27 A. Pork Roast with Dinner Roll B. Chicken Nuggets with Dinner Roll C. Nacho Snackable Mashed Potatoes with Chicken Gravy Home-Style Creamy Coleslaw	28 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">No School</div>	March 1 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">No School</div>