

Hello Norse Families!

The start of the next school year is fast approaching, and I am excited to see our building filled with students again! Every year is just a bit different than the last, and our school is continuing to improve how it helps our kids grow and learn. There are a few notes I would like to emphasize for you to prepare:



New updates

1. **The Open House will be the first day of school, aka August 25**, in the evening (kids will be able to show their adults around!) from 6:00-7:00 PM.
2. *Kids do not need to bring school materials (backpack, notebook, etc) on the first half day! They can set up their lockers, etc, at the open house. **Please: no stickers on or in the lockers!***
3. We have **new professional staff** this year: Mrs. Reinke (3rd grade) and Mrs. Hooker (social worker). Both are experienced and will help make our team stronger still, so please join me in welcoming them.
4. Our school is going to make a few additional efforts to involve parents this year, such as additional volunteering opportunities, Math Night, Reading Night, and others. Please let us know how you might want to be involved!

Reminders for families:

1. **Paperwork:** Please make sure your online FinalForms are updated as soon as possible. The tabs will turn green when completed.
2. You will need access to your child's PowerSchool account in order to make any online payments, which does include an activity fee to help our school continue to do field trips and other "extras". If you do not currently have an account set up, a letter will be attached to an email with detailed instructions.
3. **Pick up and drop off** can often be a bit tricky at North Muskegon. Thank you for your patience and care for the safety of all! Below is a map of where you can drop off your Norse students. **Please remember NO parking or driving through the elementary staff parking lot. Thank you!**
4. **Please plan to remain outside the building during arrival and departure** as we strive to keep things orderly and safe for our children.
5. **Please continue making every effort to get your child to school on time!** We hit the ground running every morning with a routine that students are familiar with and comfortable with. While sometimes "stuff" happens, missing those first few minutes of school typically does throw off a kid's morning and can interrupt class for others. Thank you for your support!
6. **Don't forget to download the North Muskegon Public Schools App!** It is free for both Apple & Android devices.
7. **As a reminder: no phones, tablets, or smart watches during the school day for students.** Thank you in advance for your support.
8. For reference, the rest of **our calendar** can be found on our website (<https://www.nmps.net/elementary/>)
9. The [School Supply List for 25-26](#) is available on our website under the Elementary tab.
10. **DK and Kindergarten parents:** Please schedule a time for your child to come in for a visit (attached to an email for DK/K students.)

I am grateful to be a part of our school and our school community. Thank you for entrusting your children to our staff here at North Muskegon Elementary as we help support them and their growth every day. We are looking forward to seeing them back very soon!

If there is ever anything that you have questions, concerns, or suggestions about, please contact me.

In Peace,
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Pickup and Dropoff:

Regardless of drop-off and parking locations, please ensure that you and your children ***use the crosswalks*** and don't just cross the road at any random spot. Thank you for driving slowly as well. We are doing everything we can to help keep kids safe, and appreciate your support!

