

Sept. 1 – Labor Day **NO SCHOOL**

Sept. 3rd – Frozen Food Fund Raiser orders/money Due

Sept 12th –Grade 4 - Fitness & Nutrition Day

Sept. 15th – Picture Day

Sept. 15th – PTO, 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 18th – Parent Teacher Conferences - 4:00 – 8:00 pm

Sept. 19th – **NO SCHOOL**
Reading Inservice/WFSG Kick-Off

Sept. 23rd – Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 – 8:00

Sept. 25th – Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00 – 2:00
NO SCHOOL for students

Sept. 26th – **NO SCHOOL**
Conference Break

Oct. 7th – Frozen Food Delivery

Oct. 17 – End of 1st Qtr

Oct. 17th – Grade 5 Bake Sale – 3:05 p.m.

Oct. 20th – PTO 7:00 p.m

Oct. 22nd – Picture Retakes

Oct. 24th – **NO SCHOOL**
Teacher Inservice

Welcome Back!

Welcome to the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year at Northeast Elementary. The students are practicing Safe, Respectful and Responsible behavior, which has allowed the year to get off to an outstanding start!

Northeast is pleased to welcome three new certified staff members to our team this year. They are:

- **Sara Olson** – Sara was welcomed to the staff as one of our second grade teachers. She comes to us as a new graduate from UNK – her passion for teaching is obvious and we look for great things from her in the classroom.
- **Rajeane Vance** – Rajeane joined our team as a kindergarten teacher after spending one year on staff in the Northeast Preschool. She brings much experience in early childhood education, which will be a tremendous benefit to the students in her classroom.
- **Crystal Staley** – Crystal will be working with our 3-year old preschool program. She has moved from teaching 5th grade students in Lexington to working with our little ones in preschool.

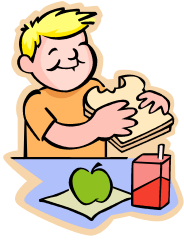
The new morning arrival procedure has gotten off to a good start. The traffic flow is improving each morning. Having the children inside the building allows our staff to assist each student in making sure each day starts in a Safe, Respectful, Responsible, and POSITIVE manner! Please be reminded that ALL students are expected to be dropped off curbside – Safety First! The “Kiss & Go – No Parking Zone” concept is intended for a quick stop, drop, and move.

Teachers are busy preparing for the school day prior to the 8:05 a.m. bell. If you need to speak to your child’s teacher, please leave your message in the office or set up a time to stop in after 3:05 p.m.

I look forward to working with each one of you and your children again this year. My goal continues to be focused on maintaining a Safe, Respectful, and Responsible school environment where learning is everyone’s number one priority! All students, parents and staff are fortunate to have the Northeast Elementary “Home Court Advantage.” Go Bobcats!

Mr. Joe Horky, Principal

LUNCHROOM NEWS / Times/Prices



10:50 Kdg. to lunchroom
11:20 1st Gr to lunchroom
11:40 2nd Gr to lunchroom
12:00 3rd Gr to lunchroom
12:40 4th Gr to lunchroom
12:40 5th Gr to lunchroom

Lunch prices are:
Students - \$1.90
Adults 2.60
Extra Milk -.35 cents

Students leaving for lunch will be dismissed at the same time as their class.

Any kind of pop, fast food items, or glass containers are not permitted in the lunchroom. Parents, please keep this in mind when bringing lunch for your students or yourself when eating lunch at school.

NEW
→

... beginning after Labor Day, Northeast Elementary School will be making a slight change in the seating plan for visitors during lunch. No longer will we have a separate table set up for visitors – we would like for parents to have the opportunity to interact at the lunch tables with other students while visiting your child for lunch.

BREAKFAST - is served each day in the cafeteria from 7:45-8:05 am. Our breakfast serving line will be closing at 8:00 am each day. Breakfast is \$1.10 for students and \$1.60 for adults. Extra milk is \$0.35.

* **AFTER SCHOOL PICKUP** *

The yellow section on the South side of the school is for bus and daycare van parking only. This is different than the “Kiss & Go” in the morning. We have a large number of buses and vans picking up students – each **MUST** have a place to park in order to not block traffic. Students are dismissed at 3:05 p.m. Due to the fact that supervision ends ten minutes later, we ask that all children are picked up by 3:15 as a safety precaution.

After School Bus and Van Riders



We have many Northeast students who ride a bus or van after school. It is very important that a call be made to the office to inform school if your child will not be riding after school. Drivers are instructed to not leave until all students are accounted for which makes it imperative that we know who will and who will not be riding!

Thanks for your cooperation!

SAFETY BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL ... Due to the inability to see children between parked cars, please do not pick up your children in the **north parking lot**. We also ask that you do not park in the yellow curbed areas. Curbs painted yellow are **NO PARKING** areas and are painted this color in the interest of student safety. Our busses pull up to the yellow ramp areas in the sidewalk for students with special needs as well. We appreciate your help concerning the safety of our students.

LOST and FOUND ... Many clothing items get misplaced during the school year. Parents, please mark your children's clothing! If your child's marked items are found, we can quickly return the items to you.



Health Screening ... the Kearney Public School nurses will be performing health screening on students September 16th and 17th. If you have any questions, please contact the principal or your school nurse at 308-698-8230.

VISITING SCHOOL

We love to have parents/guardians and grandparents visit their child's school. If you would like to visit your child's classroom please call the office at least 24 hours in advance so their teacher is aware that the classroom will have a visitor. This is a courtesy to the teacher and can help to avoid visiting the classroom during tests, etc.

The Board of Education, administration, and staff of the Kearney Public Schools welcome parents, members of the community, and others to visit our schools. All guests and visitors are asked to report to the school office upon entering the building. At the school office:

- All visitors will need to give a prior days notice of their desire to visit school and will need to check with their child's teacher as to the best time to visit. Identification may be required upon arrival. School visits will be limited to 60 minute time periods.
- Visits that include non-school age visitors will be limited to 30 minute periods in the classroom-or-lunch periods and the non-school age visitor must be accompanied by an adult who will monitor their behavior.
- School age visitors will not be allowed during school time hours.
- Visitors wishing to have lunch in the cafeteria will need to specify such in their notice to visit. If you are ordering a lunch, you must do so by 8:30 a.m. of the day you are eating.
- Anyone volunteering or visiting our school must sign in at the office and wear a name badge while in the building. (Inclusive of UNK students)
- Parents or designated adults who come to school to pick-up or drop off students during school hours must wait in the front office area while school staff calls for the child.
- Items left for students must be dropped off at the office. School staff will deliver the items to the student.

STUDENT ABSENCES Please remember to call the school, 308-698-8230, if your child will not be in school. We do have voicemail, so please leave a message if no one answers. If we do not hear from you regarding your child's absence, we will need to contact you at home, workplace, or an emergency contact. Also.. please be reminded that if you pick up your child anytime after 2:00 p.m., their absence from school will be coded with a G (guardian dismissal) which will show up as a tardy on their report card.

MEDICATION ... If your child needs to take medication during school hours, a medication permission form must be completed by the parent. Please stop by the office to obtain a form. All medications must be brought in and picked up by a parent ... medications will not be sent home with students.

CONFERENCES ... Sign up sheets for fall conferences are in the office. We ask that if you didn't sign up at Open House, you call the school or come in and set up a time (308-698-8230). If you cannot call or come in, we will assign a time for you. Closer to the conference dates, a note will be sent home with your child indicating the date and time of your conference.

General Mills "Box tops for Education" and Campbell's Soup Labels

will be collected again this year. The funds from the boxtops are used to purchase items for our school. Please send the boxtops and labels to school with your child. A big thank you to Laurel Badura for volunteering to run the Campbell's Label program this year!

EVACUATION ... in the event we should ever need to evacuate our school, First Christian Church will be our evacuation site. An all school evacuation will be practiced each fall. Procedures are in place for parents to pick up their children at this site.

IMPORTANT ... please let the office know ahead of time when you need to pick up your child for any reason between 8:10 a.m. and 3:05 p.m. We will try to have your child ready for you to pick up when you arrive. Parents must come to the office to both sign out and sign in students upon returning. Thank you!

OOPS ... I FORGOT ... if you need to drop off something at school that your child may have forgotten at home, please come to the office and give it to Mrs. Staab. She will make sure it gets to your child without interrupting class.

PTO OFFICERS - A big THANK YOU to our parents who have volunteered to be PTO officers for the 2008-2009 school year! We appreciate your hard work!!

Co-Presidents – Jolynn Kugler & Stacy Ringlein
Secretary – Karen Dahlke
Treasurer – Amy Worley



SCHOOL PICTURES - Sept. 15th

As in the past, the pictures will be on a pre-pay basis. Preschool children are welcome at 8:30 a.m. or at noon to have their pictures taken. More picture info will be sent home later.

Hello! My name is Lori McArthur. You or your student may see me in the hallways or classrooms at Northeast each morning. This is my first year and I am one of three social workers for Kearney Public Schools. As a social worker I will be the link between your family, the school, and our community. Mrs. Maloley and I will be working hand-in-hand to ensure each of our Northeast students achieve developmental and academic greatness. In addition to Northeast, I will be serving Emerson and Meadowlark schools. I received a Masters in Social Work from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 2006. My husband, John, is a teacher at Bryant Elementary and we have two daughters Olivia, 3, and Emily, 1. My stepdaughter, Allison, is a senior at Kearney High. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance to you and your family. You can reach me at 308-293-5507. I look forward to the new school year!



Have you checked the awesome events in the Community Activities folder lately?

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FOLDER
www.kearneypublicschools.org

“What is done by the family in the home environment has far greater influence on children than anything a school can do or undo.”

At Northeast, your child’s schoolwork is our top priority. Homework folders are an important communication tool for parents and teachers. The local fliers will no longer be sent home in the student’s Friday folders. KPS will be placing community fliers on the district website in an activities folder. You can point, click and print the fliers in which your family is most interested in – this is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! No more missing an event because it occurred before the homework folder came home!



Kearney High School
Student Season Athletic
Passes
are for sale in the office - at

SHOP TARGET!
Did you know that by using your Target charge card when shopping, Target will donate a percentage of that purchase to Northeast School. Thank you for your

