



# NORTHGATE INTERMEDIATE 4/5 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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## Focus on Academics

### Principal's Corner:

Hello,

This month's Principle at Windsor is Order: I am in control and organized. Parents, please talk with your children about this principle so they can apply it at home as well as at school.

Can you believe that the first couple of weeks of the 2016-2017 school year is behind us? We had a great start to the school year. Our students are Safe/Respectful/ Responsible and Ready To Learn.

Our annual Open House will take place on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. A reminder will go out in the upcoming weeks. This is a wonderful time to get reacquainted with your child's teacher, meet with community vendors and organizations, and learn about the exciting and wonderful things taking place at Northgate Intermediate.

Safety and security of your child is my Top Priority. I will continue to look at new ways to make sure your child is safe in the classroom, playground, and on the bus. Please remember to turn in the Emergency Cards to the office and keep us updated of new phone numbers and addresses. Please refer to the flyer regarding bullying. We have a school wide bullying program in place with posters throughout the building and procedures for students to report bullying if they see it or are the victims of bullying.

Parents are always welcome to come in and volunteer their services. Our goal is for parents to fulfill their requirements to volunteer at least 1 hour a month at the school either in their child's classroom, office or around the building. We also need parent participation to establish a PTA/PTO in order to strengthen our school and community. You are an important piece to the learning environment and we need your support as much as possible!

Thank you very much

Andre Jones, Principal

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## Fall 2016

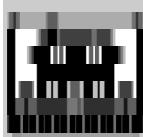
### IMPORTANT DATES

- Monday, September 5, 2016  
-Labor Day (No School)
- Sunday, September 11, 2016  
-Patriot's Day
- Friday, September 23, 2016  
-No School for students (Staff PD)
- Tuesday, September 27, 2016  
-Open House (6:00-7:30 p.m.)
- Friday, September 30, 2016  
-Interim reports sent home to parents
- Tuesday, October 4, 2016  
-School Picture Day!
- Friday, October 14, 2016  
-No school for students (Staff PD)
- Wednesday, October 26, 2016  
-No School (Record Day)
- Tuesday, November 8, 2016  
-Voting Day!  
-No school for students (Staff PD)
- Friday, November 11, 2016  
-Report cards go home to parents



### Northgate Intermediate School Website

You can access our school website by going the Columbus City School's website and pressing on schools in the top middle of the homepage. That will open a link to school websites where you can the school website you want to view. You will find our website under the name Northgate Intermediate.



Goal:100% Attendance at Open House  
So.....Remember to come!

Tuesday, September 27, 2016 (6:00-7:30 p.m.)



## NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS! FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2016

**Friday, September 23rd** is a Professional Development Day for teachers in Columbus City Schools (including Northgate teachers). School will resume on **Monday, September 26th**.

## NORTHGATE INTERMEDIATE 2016-2017 ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

	Math
	Social Studies
	Reading
	Writing

8:15	Staff arrives
8:30	Students arrive and go to breakfast
8:50	Students go to class
9:00-9:10	Morning Announcements
9:10	Academic instruction begins
11:30-12:00	4th Grade Lunch (Recess 12:00-12:30)
12:10-12:40	5th Grade Lunch (Recess 12:40-1:10)
2:50-3:05	4th/5th Grade Afternoon Recess
3:15	Students prepare for dismissal
3:20-3:30	Official School Dismissal (Walkers/Bus riders/Car riders)



## Parental Involvement in Schools



Parental involvement during the elementary years is vital in helping children attain academic success. Parent involvement tends to peak while the children are in the elementary school. The research also shows that the earlier parental involvement begins in a child's educational process, the more powerful the effects will be. Educators frequently point out the critical role of the home and family environment in determining a child's school success. It appears that the earlier this influence is instilled, the greater the likelihood of higher student achievement. There appears to be a relationship between the age of the child and the forms of parental involvement. Greater efforts to involve parents are seen at the preschool and primary levels. Efforts here focus on assisting in the classroom and reading to children at home.

Parental involvement at the elementary level requires work, dedication, and commitment from all parties involved. While some parents of grade-school level students may feel that "involvement" stops at bringing the children to and from school, those parents who immerse themselves in their child's education know that they must go much further. At the elementary level, using learning activities in the home helps promote academic skills. Students at this age level need the constant reinforcement of rudimentary skills to promote higher learning. Although children spend the bulk of their day at school learning to read and conceptualizing their thoughts with their teacher, learning should go beyond the classroom.

Knowing that parent involvement is vital to student success, Northgate Intermediate works with a school Parent Consultant in the building to improve parent involvement. The Parent Consultant's main goals are to work collaboratively with other parents, principal, counselor and staff to develop parent engagement activities as well as being a liaison for you (the parent) to communicate strategies and ideas to improve the overall climate of the school. Mrs. Skipper (Northgate's Parent Consultant) is at the building everyday and can be reached at 614-365-8815 if you have ideas, questions or concerns.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Each student is highly educated, prepared for leadership and service, and empowered for success as a citizen in a global community.

## **NORTHGATE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL PRINCIPLES**

### **1. Order:**

I am in control and organized.

### **2. Balance:**

I will work to achieve equality among my school, home & social life.

### **3. Harmony:**

I will work with others peacefully.

### **4. Justice:**

I will seek to set things right.

### **5. Reciprocity:**

What I give is what I get.

### **6. Righteousness:**

I do the right things and I am proud of it.

### **7. Truth:**

I believe in myself and I am honest.



## **NORTHGATE RECESS**

The weather in Ohio is often unpredictable and can change drastically throughout the day. Please monitor the weather daily and plan your child's attire accordingly. Unless it is raining or the temperature falls below 22 degrees, students will be outside for recess. If for medical reasons you wish for your child to remain indoors for recess, we require a medical note from your child's physician.

In order for recess to be a fun yet safe experience for all, we ask that the following basic playground rules are followed:

1. **Be Respectful** of yourself, others, and the equipment. Do not tease or hurt other's feelings. No fighting, spitting, graffiti, name-calling or swearing.
2. **Be Safe**. Keep hands and feet to yourself. "Friendly games" only. No tackling, slide tackling or grabbing other people or their clothes.
3. **Use Common Sense**. Know the difference between right and wrong. Your choice should not cause a problem for anyone else including YOU!
4. **Be Responsible for Your Own Actions**. Students are responsible to keep themselves dry, to keep track of their own personal belongings, and to help recess supervisors keep track of playground equipment. They should know and follow game rules and school rules and ask if they are unsure or if there is a dispute.



## **SEVERE ALLERGIES**

It is the responsibility of the parent to notify the school if your child has severe allergies. In dealing with known severe allergies, such as bee sting allergies, school personnel will call the emergency squad and the student's parents or guardian immediately.

## **Northgate Intermediate**

### **School Motto**

*We are Building Young Leaders While  
Maintaining A Love For Learning*



## **ILLNESS**



We want every child to learn and be successful. School attendance is linked to learning. However, there are times when your child may be ill and should stay at home until he/she feels better or is no longer contagious to others. Below are some guidelines to help you determine when your child should stay home.

- Temperature above 100 degrees by mouth
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Shortness of breath or wheezing during normal activity
- Cough that interrupts normal activity
- Pain from earache, sore throat, or recent injury
- Rash or draining sores



### **Parent Volunteering-One Hour a Month**

Parents, please remember to fulfill your obligation to volunteer at least two hours a month at the school. Your child will be excited to see you at the school and we desperately need your help in the office, classroom, lunchroom and outside during recess. Parent Consultants will be raffling off gifts/prizes for parents who fulfill their obligations each month.



### **Safety on the School Bus**

Safety and Security is a top priority at Northgate Intermediate. Please speak with your child about following bus rules and procedures. This will ensure that your child gets home safely every night. Students who repeatedly receive bus referrals will be removed from the bus.

### **EMERGENCY/INFORMATION CARDS**

Please make sure that your emergency cards reflect current information. Please request additional cards to make additions/corrections. The emergency cards are utilized to contact families during illness, a medical emergency, power failure, critical event situations, etc. It is imperative that we have working telephone numbers and current addresses. The office staff appreciates your cooperation.



**To excuse your absence from school, the school must have a signed note from your parent or doctor.**

#### **Bringing cell phones to school**



Please refer to the Parent Handbook regarding students bringing cell phones to school. Cell phones are not to be seen during school hours. If cell phones are taken, parents will have to come to the school to pick it up. Please help us with enforcing the cell phone policy. Parents, if you need to contact your child, please contact the school.

#### **PERSONAL PROPERTY:**

**Students must use good judgment when bringing personal property to school. The following suggestions are for your protection.**

- Refrain from bringing expensive personal items or sizeable sums of money to school. If it is necessary to do so, arrange to leave items in the school office for safe keeping.
- Always lock lockers and keep combinations to yourself.
- Do not leave items unattended. Keep personal property safely secured.

### **Arrival And Dismissal To/From School**



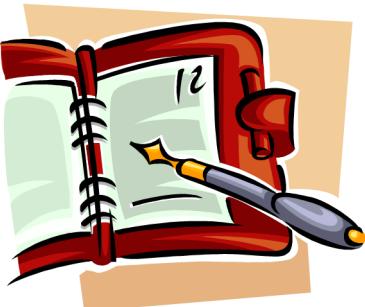
Parents, please remember that students should not arrive to school until 8:30 a.m. daily. Breakfast starts at 8:30 a.m. followed by Morning Announcements which begins at 9:05 a.m.

If your child is going to be picked up after school, students will be dismissed at 3:20p.m. from the parking lot next to the school. If you want to pick your child up before dismissal, we ask that you come before 3:00 p.m.

### **Homework**



Parents, please continue to monitor the homework your child brings home. Remember, homework provides additional practice for concepts being learned at school. Your child should read for 20-30 minutes per evening and you should read aloud to your child each day. There is bound to be improvements in grades, test scores, and confidence in reading when students & parents read daily at home.



### **Pre-Arranged Conferences**

We encourage our Northgate parents to schedule pre-arranged conferences with their child's teachers and administrators to make sure you receive the appropriate time needed to ask questions, address concerns and discuss academic needs. You can make appointments with your child's teachers or contact the office to set a time to meet with administration. If you come without an appointment, you are not guaranteed to speak with your child's teacher or administration.

# **NORTHGATE INTERMEDIATE**

## **THIS IS A BULLY FREE ZONE SCHOOL**

### **A BULLY FREE ZONE:**

- 1. Is free from name calling, teasing and making fun of people.**
  
- 2. Allows students to report all bullying activity to an adult (teacher, instructional assistant & principal).**
  
- 3. Allows students to feel safe and free from intimidation.**
  
- 4. Allows students to enjoy being at school.**