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Prepare • Challenge • Empower

Together with our community
Preparing students for a changing world
Challenging students to grow
Empowering students to achieve with purpose

July 12, 2023

Dear North Union Elementary Families,

I am excited to welcome you back to the 2023-24 school year. I would like to extend a special welcome to all of the new families joining North Union Elementary this year and welcome back all of our returning families as well. I am honored to be your head principal. Our goal is to ALWAYS *prepare, challenge, and empower* our students. In a collaborative effort, we want our children to thrive in all ways possible.

Student success is attributed to the partnership and the relationships we build within our community and this is most important now more than ever. Without the support of parent contributions through our extraordinary Parent Teacher Organization (P.T.O.) we would not have many of the programs that make NUES so unique and successful. I encourage families to please consider volunteering or joining our P.T.O. If you are new to the District this is a great way to meet people. You can email them at nuepto@yahoo.com for further details.

Important Dates to Remember:

- Kick Off to Kindergarten- Aug. 1-3 and Aug. 8-10 (Must be registered) 9-11:30 am.
- Aug. 14 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm - Open House
- Aug. 15 - First Day of School- Doors open at 7:45 am.

Important Reminders for the Beginning of the School Year:

- School is in session from 8:00 am- 3:00 pm. Monday-Friday.
- Family Drop-off and pick-up Grades K-5 - In order to keep everyone safe and keep family drop-off and pick-up as efficient as possible, NUES will permit drop-offs beginning at 7:45 am. Families are responsible for their children until our staff opens the main doors and greets the students at 7:45 am. Drivers must remain in their vehicles at all times. Please have the child exit on the curb side of the car. Children should have their things gathered and ready to unload as soon as the car is against the curb. Upon exiting the vehicle, children will follow the sidewalk to the door. Pick-up will begin at 3:00 pm. The children will enter the car from the passenger side. Please review the protocols to contribute to a safe school culture that demonstrates consideration and respect for all. This is for the children's safety. We are *not* responsible for any child walking to NUMS or NUMS parking lot.
- Bus - The parking lot/front sidewalk is the area where buses arrive and depart each day. Upon exiting the bus, students in grades K-5 will enter through door A-2. *No* family members will be permitted in the area of the buses or entrance to the school until after 8:00 am. Please do not enter the

flag pole area during the hours of 7:45-8:00 am or 3:00-3:15 pm. This is for the safety of all children.

- Attendance- Did you know that students who are chronically absent from school often read below grade level and struggle to understand math concepts? Children who are absent even a day or two, every few weeks often fall behind their peers. We at NUES have made it a building goal to improve our students' attendance. If at any time you have questions please don't hesitate to call and speak to an administrator. See the link for attendance guidelines:
[.https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/Attendance-Support/Ohio-Attendance-Laws-FAQs#FAQ4883](https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/Attendance-Support/Ohio-Attendance-Laws-FAQs#FAQ4883)
- School breakfasts will be \$1.75 regular and \$0.35 reduced and lunches will be \$3.00 regular and \$0.40 for reduced. If you feel you may qualify for free/reduced breakfast/lunch *please* complete the Free/Reduced Lunch form online: <https://www.payschoolscentral.com/>
- School Fees will be \$30.00 for the 2023-24 school year. You *must* complete the Free/Reduced Lunch form and be approved in order to be excluded from paying these fees. You may pay the night of Open House or online at Pay Schools: <https://www.payschoolscentral.com/>

I hope you will find that North Union Elementary School is truly a place where learning is joyful and children delight in coming to school. To all of our fellow Wildcats, let's make 2023-2024 a great year!

Yours in education,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mrs. Dar Allison". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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