



Leadership Habit of the Month

Our Leader in Me habit for this month is #7: “Sharpen the Saw” In kid-speak, this is called, “Balance feels best.” This habit encourages individuals to take time to nurture themselves with hobbies, recreation, and new learning. When pressure from everyday responsibilities dominates our time, research has found that taking some reasonable “me time” away from the hustle and bustle helps to make us more effective and productive during work time. We encourage our students and teachers to balance their homework time with regular activities that pursue other interests and strengthen themselves physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually. Balance feels best!

Here Comes SAGE!

April is traditionally the month when we start our end-of-level SAGE assessments. Though these tests are not part of our student grading system, they help students and teachers know how well essential skills have been learned. Please encourage your child to do his/her best. Watching a child try hard and get the wrong answer is not nearly so discouraging for educators as watching a child not care and mark anything that is convenient. As an incentive, the teachers are watching every child carefully to see if s/he truly tries his/her best. Those students who put forth a reasonable effort will be rewarded with a pool party at the end of the year paid for by the PTA!

We STRONGLY encourage parents and students to avoid all unnecessary absences during our test window. Students who miss testing sessions not only make it difficult for teachers to arrange make-up times, but they consistently score lower than those who take the test with their classmates.

To help ALL our students do their best, we encourage parents to ensure their children are here everyday, get a good night’s rest, eat a good breakfast, and have a positive attitude on the day they test. We want kids to do their best, but don’t want to scare them or have them stressed out over testing! We will keep parents informed as to which specific days each grade level will be testing.

Final Reminder: Teacher Requests

A final reminder that teacher requests at North will be available in the school office from April 18th to April 29th. Parents are reminded that filling out a form does not guarantee placement in the class requested. Students and parents will be notified of their child’s teacher assignment on the last day of school (May 27)—this includes those parents whose children currently attend Iron Springs Elementary and will be at North next year. Please don’t hesitate to call the school office (586-2845) with any questions you may have.

PTA News!

Dear North Elementary,
March was a fun month and again full of activities! We completed the following:

- Kindergarten Registration. It was fun to meet our newest students for North Elementary!
- Spring pictures.
- Penny Wars! We raised \$867! The winners were Kindergarten, 2nd grade and 5th grade!
- Ground Breaking Ceremony for our new school!

Here is what your PTA dollars provided this month:

- Student Leadership Team Vests
- Science Fair Movie Incentive
- Kindergarten Registration

Upcoming Events:

- April 13th -- PTA Meeting @ 1:45pm, teachers lounge. Scheduling Teacher Appreciation Week, Arts Night, and Field Day! Please come! Light Refreshments! Your kids are welcome!
- Polar Pride Fridays! Wear BLUE on FRIDAYS! Grand Prize Drawing in May!
- May 2nd -- Arts Night! Come enjoy arts and talent together as a family! More details to come!
- April 30th -- Kite Flight for Reading and Sight! 10am-2pm at Cedar Middle School! Enjoy reading with your kids! The Lions Club has \$15,000 they are anxiously waiting to donate towards the schools in Cedar City!

We have almost secured our entire presidency positions for next year’s PTA! Now we are looking for help in other North Elementary programs next year that include:

- Walk-a-thon
- Reflections
- Red Ribbon Week
- Fluoride
- BoxTops
- Polar Pride, etc.

Please consider this list and creating one of these fun events for the 2016-2017 year! Email us at northelementarypta@gmail.com or text Emily Green @ 435-590-5471! We appreciate all you do and are already gearing up for another incredible year at North Elementary!

For more detailed event information, please see the calendar link on our school’s website.

<http://north.ironk12.org/>