

September 14, 2018

Dear Jefferson Students, Families, and Patrons,

I hope you are having a great school year! We are completing our fifth week, and we are off to another great start! This letter is coming to you in the Student Progress Reports envelope; we will use this envelope from time to time to send important messages home.

We had fog this morning, resulting in a two hour school delay. Please monitor local media (or sign up for text alerts) to check on school delay and closing status. That's how we find out!

In the past, we printed and sent home interim grade reports for all students, but we have learned that most of our families regularly access Pinnacle (our online grade monitoring system). If you have any questions or concerns about academic progress, please refer to Pinnacle (online grade monitoring system) or call the school at 467-4825. Secretaries will be glad to connect you with the teachers you need or get information about Pinnacle for you.

The first grade period ends October 11, with October 12 as the Fort Wayne Community Schools Fall Break. Report cards will be distributed the week of October 15.

It has been great to see so many of you as the year begins! We have settled into our school routines and procedures, and classes are going well. We enjoyed good attendance rates at summer registration, sixth grade transition day, and our Back to School Night. Thanks for supporting the Patriots!

Our educational partnership is clearly off to a strong start. Please consider joining our PTSA if you haven't done so yet; it's a great way to support our school community! The PTSA reminds you that we participate in the General Mills Box Tops for Education program; families can send in clipped Box Tops throughout the school year. This is an easy way to support our students and staff. Information on our PTSA Fall Fundraiser was sent home yesterday following brief assemblies for the students. This fundraiser is win-win for our students; they benefit from the many programs our PTSA offers, and they can earn guaranteed cash rewards with a chance at "crazy money" (ask your student about this)! ☺ The next general meeting for the PTSA is set for Monday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m.; please join us if you are able. An important date change—the PTSA Fall Ball Dance Party has been moved to Friday, November 2.

We're busy! Fall sports are in full swing, and clubs are getting started. I encourage all students to get involved both in and out of the classroom. We have several events coming up at Northrop over the next few weeks: seventh and eighth grade musicians perform at Pizza and Pops September 24, and our volleyball (October 1) and football teams (October 3) play Shawnee Middle School in the annual Bruin Bowl contests. Research tells us that involved students have a higher rate of academic success than students who fail to get involved, so please encourage our students to get involved!

This year we are continuing our work on several goal areas relating to our school improvement plan. Look for news on how we are meeting these goals as the year progresses.

- 100% of students demonstrate ELA proficiency
- 100% of students demonstrate Mathematics proficiency
- 100% of students read at grade level
- 100% of students demonstrate positive behavior

Thank you for your continuing interest in growing student achievement!

Yours in Education,

Principal Jeff King

