



NORTHPOINT NEWS

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PRINCIPAL POINTS By Mike Callahan

Conference Time

We are at the mid-way point of the school year and conferences are already next week. Each teacher here at Northpoint has sent home notices about when your child's conference takes place. If you need to double check your conference time that will occur on Tuesday, January 31 and Thursday and Friday February 2 and 3 please contact the Northpoint Elementary office.

As I've shared in the past, parent-teacher conferences are one of the most important relationship-building events in the school year, offering the great benefit of face-to-face communication about your child's individual learning and achievement. Beforehand, or following your classroom conference, swing through to chat with your child's art, music, and physical education teacher. Our Academic Specialists in Basic Skills and English Language, and our Special Education teachers are also looking forward to your visit.

In October, we had 99% of our students represented at conferences. We are looking for 100% of our parents to participate at conferences so we can share your child's accomplishments as a unique individual. We look forward to seeing you!



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### Upcoming dates:

Thursday, January 26  
Early Release-2 Hours  
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Friday, January 27  
NO SCHOOL

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January 31- February 3  
WINTER CONFERENCES

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Friday, February 3  
NO SCHOOL



What a success Movie Night was this past Friday. Over 700 people wore comfy clothes, threw blankets and pillows down on the gym and cafeteria floor, and enjoyed Gnomeo and Juliet. Thanks to ALL who participated and thank you to Jessica Friedman for coordinating the event along with the many fantastic volunteers that night!!

The *Usborne Book Fair!* Come and see us in the Media Center during conferences.

Tuesday, January 31st and Thursday, February 2nd from 4-8pm as well as Friday, February 3rd from 8:30-3:30pm.

Books can also be purchased on-line until February 5th at:

<http://www.myubam.com/BF50621>



## FROM THE ART ROOM.....

The art room is bursting at the seams with beautiful art the children have created! We are getting ready for our first Northpoint Multicultural Student Art Exhibit on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will have art inspired by many countries around the world. Please join us for an evening of multicultural speakers, performances, and art by every student in grades 1-3 (and K+) at Northpoint! More details to follow in future newsletters.



**Kindergarten Plus** students have just completed a project on Russian matryoshka dolls and used their skills of creating patterns and shapes. Next they are creating their own teacups inspired by ancient Chinese pottery.



**1<sup>st</sup> Grade** students have been studying art from Asia by created Japanese origami houses and Chinese panda scrolls. They have just completed a project from “down under” after looking at dot paintings of the Aboriginal people of Australia.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** students are just finishing their handmade books. They decorated their own paper, bound the spine, wrote the stories with their classroom teacher, and illustrated them in art with several media, including computer illustration. Next we will study African art and create a miniature mask and an animal sculpture.

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade** students have just completed their story quilts that reflect personal memories and interests that are important to the students. For that project we compared Hmong storycloths, African American storyquilts and molas from Panama. Next they will study Native American functional art such as weavings and pottery.

# PTO NEWS

- ◆ Parent/Teacher Conferences begin in a couple weeks. The PTO coordinates meals for staff during these conferences so that they are able to stay nourished and energized while talking with parents. If you would like to participate in this important service, please contact Jes Mostek at [jessicamostek@gmail.com](mailto:jessicamostek@gmail.com).
- ◆ Don't FORGET - During Conference hours, we will have the Usborne Book Fair for you and your student to enjoy! The money raised from this book fair will go directly back into the library - increasing inventory and replacing irreparable books. We are in need of volunteers to help with the book fair - PLEASE let us know if you could help us with this event.
- ◆ Winter's not close to being over, but we are well-underway in planning the SPRING CARNIVAL!!! It takes a lot of volunteers to make the Carnival a HUGE success! If you are interested in volunteering for the Spring Carnival, in ANY capacity, Abbey Harklau would love to hear from you. Please contact Abbey at [abbeyharklau@yahoo.com](mailto:abbeyharklau@yahoo.com). The Spring Carnival is April 27.
- ◆ As a PTO, we're always looking and planning ahead to make sure that the activities, events and volunteer opportunities within Northpoint Elementary are the best that they can be. In continuing to look ahead, we are excited to start our search for individuals who would like to serve on the 2012-13 PTO Board. If you've considered serving on the Board or would just like further information about what is expected of a Board Member, please don't hesitate to contact Julie Jeppson at [julieljeppson@gmail.com](mailto:julieljeppson@gmail.com).