

Neponset Grade School December News

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Important Dates

12/1-12/4: Remote Learning for All/Bobcat Academy will be virtual for homework assistance and enrichment activities

12/4: T-shirt order and money are due (You may bring orders and money to the school between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. during the week of December 1st-4th.)

12/8: Hybrid/In-person learning resumes/Bobcat Academy After School Program resumes

12/14: Save-A-Lot Meat orders and money are due

12/15: Virtual Winter Family Fun Night for grades PreK-2/Join with Google Meet:
[Virtual Family Fun Night Link](#)

12/18: Regular dismissal: PreK @ 12:50 p.m. and K-8 @ 1:55 p.m.

12/21: Winter break begins

1/4: School resumes

Breakfast/Lunches for Week of November 30th-December 4th

If you have signed up your child to have food delivered this week, food will be delivered daily beginning Tuesday, December 1st between 9-11 a.m.

**If you have not signed up, please call the office at 309-594-2306.



Neponset Grade School
Virtual Family Fun Night
Grades PreK-2

Tuesday, December 15th @ 6 p.m.

This event is sponsored by the 21st Century Learning Grant and Title I.

In these hard times, we still wanted to provide our families with fun events and activities to experience virtually. Family Night "Goodie Bags" will go out Monday, December 14th. We ask that you use the materials in the "Goodie bag" and do the following:

1. Login to the Google Meet to hear the story, Snowmen at Night read to you by Santa and Mrs. Claus. [Snowmen at Night Read Aloud](#)
2. Make hot cocoa and complete the hot cocoa survey:
 - a. [Hot Cocoa Survey](#)
3. Take a picture of your family either making or sipping the hot cocoa and shared via email to dodge-bates@kcud229.org
4. Play the game included in the "Goodie bag." Take a picture of your family playing the game and share via email to dodge-bates@kcud229.org.
5. Either utilize the popcorn as a snack and/or make garland for your tree. Take a picture of the garland on your tree if you decided to make this old fashioned garland! Share pictures to dhodge-bates@kcud229.org.
6. We hope you enjoyed the activities and snacks! We value our NGS families.



Message from your principal:

First and foremost, I would like to thank all of the parents, students, and staff for their resilience during these difficult times over the past 9 months. While we would all like for things to go back to normal, we must carry on and be diligent to ensure the continued education and social-emotional well-being of our children. As a team, we can overcome these challenges! We understand that parents must take on many roles during this time; parent, teacher, employee, spouse, son, daughter, etc. We too, as educators, are overwhelmed by the many roles and responsibilities. Let's come together, work as a team and strive for excellence in every aspect of our lives! Communication is key! If you are not receiving Skylerts, emails, REMIND notifications, or Class Tag notifications, please reach out to the school or your child's teacher. We also have a Neponset Grade School Facebook page that has all important information posted weekly. We will get through this together! As always, we appreciate your input, dedication, and support to our Neponset Grade School! Have a safe and memorable holiday season with your family!

Mrs. Bates

From Kewanee #229 Administrative Office to Parents on 11/24/2020:

Parents/Staff,

After several days of discussions with our school nurses, Henry & Stark County Health Department Administrator Duane Stevens and the Director of Emergency Management Mat Schnepfle, it has been determined that all students will be learning remotely the week of November 30th to December 4th. Students will return for in-person instruction on Tuesday, December 8th.

This strategy is considered an Adaptive Pause by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Hopefully, taking this break from in-person instruction will allow you to identify symptoms that your child may develop after the Thanksgiving break. Thus, preventing pre-symptomatic students from attending school this week.

Free Grab n Go breakfast lunch meals can be picked at Central School or Kewanee High School. The District will be delivering lunches to Fairview, Lakeland, and Prairie Green housing locations. Neponset students will have meals delivered to those who have signed up. Any Neponset students who have not signed up yet for meals and would like them delivered, please call the NGS office Monday morning.

This week of Adaptive Pause, will only affect parents of Hybrid students for two additional days this week.

As a reminder, please keep CDC guidelines in mind when planning or attending events over Thanksgiving Break.

Stay Safe.

Kewanee Community Unit School District 229