



June 2, 2010

Parent News

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION:

The graduation was just beautiful and so much fun. We want to thank all of our families who came to support our students. The students did a wonderful job and were so excited. We would like to send out a special thank you to Rosemary Cervantes, Kionna Suttle and Aarica Johnson who took control of the kitchen, set up the luncheon for the graduates and their guest and helped clean up. Rosemary, Kionna and Aarica were a super team. We may need to get them to help at the upcoming school wide Dinner/ Dance (hint-hint). We would also like to thank Michael-David Cross who helped organize the Kindergarten parents in preparing the food for the luncheon and Tanesha Hampton who did the shopping prior to graduation. Our Kindergarten teacher, Emma Russell, had a wonderful year with her students and is so proud of their accomplishments. Good job, Emma!

GUYS AND DOLLS – OPENING NIGHT:

Tomorrow, Thursday, June 3 is opening night of our spring musical, Guys and Dolls at 7:00 p.m. If you cannot make it to the show on Thursday there is a second performance on Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. The play will be performed at the Valley Center for Performing Arts on Holy Names University campus. Tickets are \$5.00 for all ages. Come on out and bring your family and enjoy the show. You will not be disappointed. Thursday is TEAM MEGAN evening. Wear your Team Megan shirt to the performance.

CHILDREN PEACE CHOIR:

Our grade four Peace Choir, under the direction of Caitlin Kara, will perform for us during intermission on Friday evening, June 4 at the performance of Guys and Dolls. The students have been practicing for their upcoming trip to Shanghai, China where they will perform at the world EXPO 2010! We are very excited for them and look forward to Friday evening's performance.

NO EXTENDED CARE PROVIDED:

Please note the following for your planning:

Wednesday, June 9 – 2:30 dismissal – No Extended Care Provided – Students in grades one through seven should be back at school by 6:30 p.m. for the graduation, which will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 10 – 12:00 dismissal – No Extended Care Provided – Dinner/Dance in school gym - begins at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, June 11 – 12:00 dismissal – Last Day of School – Awards Ceremony at Morning Circle - No Extended Care Provided – Megan Lewis leaves for her mission in Bolivia! Go with love Megan, we will see you in January, 2011.



CLASS OF 2010 GRADUATION EVENING INFORMATION – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9:

The graduation will take place in the church this year. This is such a special time for all our students who will be singing during the graduation for the eighth grade students. Please make the time to join us to celebration their accomplishments and give them a true Northern Light School send-off.

- **2:30 DISMISSAL - NO EXTENDED CARE PROVIDED:**

Wednesday, June 9, is a 2:30 dismissal day for all students. No Extended Care will be provided. Please be sure to have your child picked up on time to avoid late charges. We need all the students at school from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to practice for the graduation ceremony. This includes the 8th grade students! We often make last minute changes that will affect the students if they are not at the final practice. School will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m. As a reminder, **No Extended Care will be provided.**

- **Dress clothing is required for the graduation.**

No jeans or clothing with logos on them. Boys must wear slacks, button down dress shirts, and dress shoes; ties are optional. Girls dresses or pant suits may not be backless or strapless. Age appropriate dress clothing should be worn. Clothing should not have images on them or loud designs. No dangling or hoop earrings or make up.

- **ARRIVAL TIME:**

The students should arrive by 6:30 p.m. in dress clothing; no hats please. Hats, coats or jackets will be left in the classroom and not worn to the graduation. The students should report to their assigned classroom and remain there until the commencement of the celebration at 7:00 p.m.

- **GRADUATES:**

The graduates should arrive by 6:00 p.m. and proceed directly to the 8th grade classroom. The 8th grade classroom will be **off-limits** to all other students, alumni, faculty, friends and parents. Please do not knock on the door. We ask that you honor this time for the students. This is a special time for the graduates.

- **VIDEO CAMERAS:**

We are asking that **all aisles are kept open during the celebration.** If you are going to use a video camera, please do so from your seat. We are asking that you take still photographs from your seat as well.



- **RESERVED SEATING:**

Signs will be placed on the pews that will be reserved for our returning alumni and faculty. There will also be signs marking the rows reserved for the families of the graduates. Please be sure that the families and friends of the graduates are seated before filling in these rows.

- **RECEPTION:**

A reception will be held in the school patio for the graduates, families and all guests. Please join us to congratulate the members of the Class of 2010.

Reminder - FINAL REPORT CARDS:

Final report cards will be sent home during the month of July. Prior to releasing report cards we must receive the FACTS Management report for June, which will be sent to us after the June 20, payment date. Once we receive this report and check that each account is clear, including Volunteer, Fundraising, Extended Care, Registration and lost book fees, your child's report card will be sent home during the week of July 5.

Final transcripts for transfer students or graduating eighth grade students will not be released until accounts are clear.

Reminder - WE ARE HAVING A BABY SHOWER:

As you are aware, Tonya Taylor, our pre-school teacher, had a baby girl recently named Ava. We are going to have a school-wide shower on the Morning of June 10 in Morning Circle. We invite all the students to bring a simple baby gift to Ava to present to Tonya. Baby powder, lotion, socks, outfits, rattles, baby wipes, are examples of just a simple gift to show her our love and support. Your child can bring his or her gift to school any day between now and the day of the shower. The classroom teachers will store the gifts until June 10. It is not necessary to wrap the gifts and in fact we are requesting that you do not. Be sure that your child's name is clearly written on the gift so that Tonya knows who gave the gift. We are not sure if baby Ava will be in attendance but we are hoping she will make an appearance. You are also welcome to join us for this special event. There is nothing more fun than shopping for a baby.



VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED:

We need parent volunteers who can help with the drama production by providing snacks, water bottles and dinner for the drama students. Items are needed tomorrow, Thursday, June 3 and Friday, June 4. The students work full time at the theater and get very hungry. Healthy snacks and dinner items would be greatly appreciated. In the past, parents have sent the following: casseroles heated and ready to serve, sandwiches, burgers, salads, trail mix, tacos, enchiladas, and water bottles to name a few. Please do not send any candy, chips or sodas. Drivers are also needed to help take the students to the theater on the following days and times:

Thursday, June 3 – 11:00 a.m.

Friday, June 4 – 2:00 a.m.

Please sign the form below and return to the school office or call Rosanne Esplanada if you can help with the above items.

SCHOOL WIDE DINNER/DANCE – RESERVE YOUR TICKETS BY TUESDAY, JUNE 8:

This is the first year we will hold the Dinner/Dance in our school gym to make it more convenient for our families. The dance is scheduled for Thursday, June 10, the day after eighth grade graduation. Thursday is a 12:00 dismissal and no Extended Care will be provided. (The following day, Friday, June 11, is the last day of school, which is our Awards Ceremony in Morning Circle.) A no-host cocktail hour begins at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. The children, pre-school through grade eight, have a wonderful time at this event. We are hoping to fill the dance floor.

Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children, graduates and alumni. All children, even pre-school, must purchase a ticket.

Come and dance the night away and help us celebrate the end of another school year. All seventh and eighth grade students are expected to attend. The Class of 2011 and will be introduced as the new leaders of Northern Light School as we say good-bye to the Class of 2010.

Fancy Dress Attire for children and adults is expected. Jeans, clothing with logos on them, or tennis shoes are not appropriate dress. Age appropriate dress clothing should be worn. Boys must wear dress slacks, button down dress shirts or dress pullover shirts and dress shoes. Jackets and ties are encouraged but not required. Girls must wear party dresses (long or short) or fancy pantsuits. Since this is a school event, students may not wear make up or hanging earrings. Dresses cannot be backless, strapless or cut low in the front. This is a time for our students to attend a dressy affair.



This is also a time to honor our eighth grade students and pass the torch on to our seventh graders.

This event is for families. It is so beautiful to see a student dance with his mom or her dad. Students may not be dropped off without adult supervision. They must be accompanied by an adult. In the past we have had 150+ attend this fun-filled event. We promise you an evening of laughter and memories to cherish.