



# The Eagle Wire

*Brave Learners, Hard Workers, Kind Citizens*

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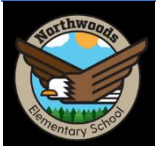
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~ Meeting news, event info., volunteer opportunities and more.



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# Principal's Message

Northwoods Families,

## ***Please Mark Your Calendars!***

The Wisconsin Forward Exam will be administered at Montessori to all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders on the following dates:

- **Grades 3, 4, and 5:**

<i>Monday, April 8</i>	<i>Tuesday, April 9</i>	<i>Wednesday, April 10</i>	<i>Thursday, April 11</i>
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- **Grades 3 and 4:**

<i>Tuesday April 16</i>	<i>Wednesday, April 17 (only Grade 3 date)</i>	<i>Thursday, April 18</i>	
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The Forward exam for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders consists of reading/language arts/writing and mathematics. The exam for 4<sup>th</sup> graders also includes science and social studies. Please try to avoid these dates for appointments as the best testing situation for your child to take the assessment is along with his/her classmates.

Although it is always important to get a good night's sleep and a good breakfast every day, we especially ask for your help with this during our assessment days. We are emphasizing these test tips with our students:

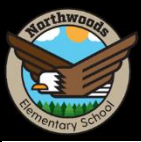
- Get a good night's sleep.
- Eat a good breakfast.
- Read questions carefully.
- Answer all the questions.
- Take time to do your best.

Thank you for encouraging your child to do their best. As a school and district, we use the information from the results to strengthen our educational practices. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or me at (715) 852-4110 or via e-mail at [lstordahl@ecasd.us](mailto:lstordahl@ecasd.us).

Sincerely,

Luke Stordahl

Northwoods Principal

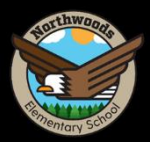


# School Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Apr 8 <b>C</b>  Culvers	Apr 9 <b>A</b>	Apr 10 <b>B</b>	Apr 11 <b>C</b>	Apr 12 <b>A</b>	Apr 13/14
Apr 15  <b>No School for Students</b>  Professional Development Day for teachers and staff.	Apr 16 <b>B</b>  PTO Meeting Media Center 6:00-7:30	Apr 17 <b>C</b>  Northwoods Apparel Store Closes Today!!	Apr 18 <b>A</b>  Kindergarten & 1 <sup>st</sup> grade field trip to The Bearenstien Bears	Apr 19 <b>B</b>  ECASD Spring Art Show  Board of Education Office 5:30-7:00	Apr 13/14

Soaring High for April 5<sup>th</sup>. Fantastic Job Eagles!





# Tips and Links

Northwoods Elementary School website: Click [HERE](#)

Northwoods Elementary School FB page: Click [HERE](#)

Northwoods Elementary PTO FB page: Click [HERE](#)

ECASD 23-24 School Year Calendar: Click [HERE](#)



There are so many wonderful events and programs happening in our community outside of the school district. Find out more about these ever-changing opportunities (such as **sport teams, clubs, and other events**) through the “Community Events & Resources” page on the ECASD website: Click [HERE](#)

Eau Claire Area School District Website: Click [HERE](#)

Click [HERE](#) for **April's** breakfast & lunch menu

**Student Drop Off is at the front of the building and students should walk to the playground between 8:30 & 8:45, unless they are eating breakfast. Staff is not supervising the school grounds or the cafeteria until 8:30am. Students shouldn't be on school grounds in the morning before the supervised time.**

**The playground is for staff and students only, please, before school and during school hours.**

**Please be reminded...** Students are generally not allowed in the building in the morning before the school day begins. **Exceptions:**

1. If the student attends Y daycare before school. Use door 3.
2. If a student is eating breakfast at school. Students should use the front door and head to the cafeteria. Students should not go to morning recess before breakfast but may go outside when they are done eating if there is enough time.
3. Indoor recess. A sign will be posted at the front of the school for “Indoor Recess” & students should use their designated door.



# News From the Nest

**Safety at Drop-off & Pick-up** When dropping off students in the morning, please drop off students on the school side of the street. There is not a sidewalk nor a crosswalk on the “woods” side and we hope to encourage the safest drop off possible. **Please also be aware that the handicapped parking spaces must be reserved for vehicles with the proper tags.** The lined area around those parking spaces should be free of cars as well as it may be needed for vehicle access.



## Weekends Kids Meals

Feed My People Food Bank offers a free bag of food to any student who requests one. These bags are distributed Fridays, or the last day before a longer weekend/break. There is no income requirement, you just have to sign up. The bags include cereal, shelf safe milk, applesauce or fruit, canned meals, and juice boxes. To sign up, please contact Mrs. Wiechert at [ewiechert@ecasd.us](mailto:ewiechert@ecasd.us) or call at 715-852-4107. You can also just click the link below:

[ECASD-Weekend-Kids-Meal-Paper-Form-English-8-25-21.pdf](#)



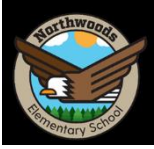
## Northwoods Goods



If you are interested in checking out Northwood's Goods, our school's free food pantry, please call or email Mrs. Wiechert. 715-852-4107 or [ewiechert@ecasd.us](mailto:ewiechert@ecasd.us)

If you are interested in donating to the pantry, please contact Mrs. Wiechert to find out what is needed. New **cleaning products and hygiene items** are greatly appreciated. Thank you!!





# News From the Nest

## All School Assembly

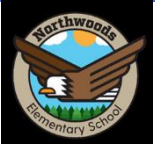
Our monthly All School Assembly was extra special this week. Mr. Mead presented the Honor Flight representative with a check for **\$1,800!!!** This was money raised by our own Northwoods Eagles when they had a coin drive earlier in the school year. The students were able to raise enough funds to pay for 3 honor flights. Great job Eagles, thank you for honoring our country's war veterans with such an amazing gift.

We also had a special guest at our morning meeting. Mrs. Ohlmann is a music teacher at Chippewa Valley Montessori in Eau Claire. However, Ms. Ohlmann was the music teacher at Northwoods Elementary when we first opened our doors thirty years ago. While she was here, she actually wrote the school song in collaboration with the students that were here at the time. Ms. Ohlmann is retiring this year after devoting decades to the Eau Claire Area School District. It was a great opportunity for the students to get to meet the person who penned the song that is so dear to our school.

Thank you Ms. Ohlmann, and congratulations on your retirement!!



In the center photo are a few of the Northwoods originals,  
Mrs. Arbukle, Ms. Ohlmann, Mr. Mead, & Mrs. Campbell



# News From Beyond the Nest

## North High School Summer Youth Wrestling Clinic

Summer 2024 Husky Youth Wrestling camp is happening in just a few months. The flyer can be found on the last page of this newsletter. Families can register their student for the camp through the ECASD Summer school program. The camp is FREE for all ECASD students and families and will run from Monday, June 24-Wednesday, June 26 from 12:30-1:15 PM at North High School.



## News from our ECASD Special Education Coordinator

Hi Families!

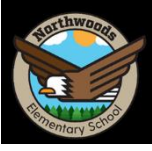
April is here! Take the family engagement survey here (for students 3-17):

<https://dpi.wi.gov/sped/about/state-performance-plan/indicators/8-parent-involvement>

This is your chance to influence change and what is helpful to your student and family when engaging with the school! It's a quick 22 question survey and is confidential. Make your voice heard! Questions or need your code? [hgriffith@ecasd.us](mailto:hgriffith@ecasd.us)

April's Family Engagement Newsletter: <https://www.smores.com/n/vqzt-family-engagement-newsletter>

Heather Griffith / ECASD Special Education Family Engagement Coordinator



# PTO Page

## April Meeting

Please join us at our April PTO meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> of this month.

**We need volunteers for open Board positions for the 2024-2025 school year. Please consider joining us, we would love to have new ideas and new members.**

Northwoods Media Center/Library ~ When: April 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm-7:30 pm

## Box Tops For Education

Help earn some funds for Northwoods by scanning your grocery receipts! Get started today by using the referral link.

[https://btfe.smart.link/c2jjdifkw?referral\\_code=HNRV21WV](https://btfe.smart.link/c2jjdifkw?referral_code=HNRV21WV)



## Culver's Night

Monday, April 8th  
4-7pm Brackett Avenue



If we earn over \$600 that night, Culver's will give each student and staff a coupon for free custard.

## Scrip

Scrip Gift Cards! The PTO has gift cards that have been in inventory for a bit. You can message your order here on Facebook or email

[northwoodspto@gmail.com](mailto:northwoodspto@gmail.com)

2 \$25 American Eagle	3 \$10 McDonald's	4 \$25 Scheels
4 each \$10 & \$25 Bath & Body Works	4 \$25 Old Navy	1 \$25 Sephora
4 \$10 Caribou Coffee	2 \$25 Olive Garden	4 each \$10 & \$25 Starbucks
2 \$25 Children's Place	4 \$25 Panda Express	2 \$10 Subway
2 \$10 Claire's	2 \$10 Papa John's	3 \$25 Target
4 \$10 Cold Stone	3 \$10 Papa Murphy's	2 \$25 TJ Maxx
5 \$10 Cousins Subs	2 \$25 Pet Smart	4 \$25 Ulta
5 \$5 Dairy Queen	4 \$25 Red Lobster	1 \$50 Walmart
3 \$50 Festival Foods	4 \$25 Red Robin	2 \$20 Maurice's
3 \$25 JCPenney	2 \$25 Kohl's	2 \$25 Dunkin Donuts
2 \$25 Jimmy John's	3 \$25 Kwik Trip (grocery only)	4 \$10 Domino's
3 \$20 Little Caesars	2 \$50 Kwik Trip	





# FUN AND FUNDAMENTALS HUSKY YOUTH WRESTLING CAMP

The goal of the fun and fundamentals wrestling camp is to get wrestlers focused on learning new techniques while having fun in a relaxed environment. This camp is for anyone who is new to wrestling all the way to advanced wrestlers.

**JUNE 24-26  
COST: FREE!**

- ✓ Tumbling Skills
- ✓ Isometric and plyometric strength
- ✓ Developing wrestling-skills
- ✓ Fun games & matches



**REGISTER THROUGH ECASD SUMMER SCHOOL**

For: Students entering grades K-5  
**Time: 12:30-1:15 PM**

**NORTH HIGH SCHOOL DOGHOUSE GYM**  
1801 Piedmont Road Eau Claire WI 54703

Registration QR Code



More Information

<https://www.ecnwrestling.org/camps>

## National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Saturday, April 27th  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Dispose of your expired or unwanted medications at a drop-off location!

### Altoona Emergency Services

1904 Spooner Avenue

### Eau Claire County Government Center

721 Oxford Avenue

## National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Unused or expired medications should never be flushed, poured down the drain, or tossed in the garbage. Safely dispose of prescription medicine, over-the-counter medications, ointments, patches, creams, non-aerosol sprays, vials, and pet medications at a Prescription Drug Take-Back event on Saturday, April 27th from 10a.m. to 2p.m.!

This information is provided by the Eau Claire Health Alliance - Substance Misuse Action Team, which works to prevent alcohol, tobacco, and other drug misuse.

Learn more at: [EHealthAlliance.org/News](https://EHealthAlliance.org/News)