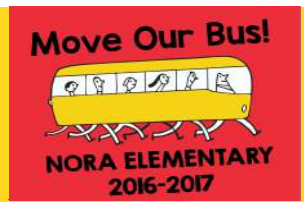


# NORA NOTATIONS



AMBER K. WALTERS, PRINCIPAL

BRITTNEY BROWN, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Spring is almost here. It is so nice to be able to get the students outdoors for recess and to allow them to participate in physical activity. I hope that you and your families are able to do the same.

We have many exciting events taking place at Nora this month that I hope you will help support and be a part of. Our Nora students will participate in our annual Norathon on April 12! This is fun day of exercise for all. Also, towards the end of the month we gear up for the Spring Book Fair, International Night and Muffins with Moms!

Grades 3-5 parents don't forget that to wrap up the end of April all grade 3-5 students will take the final round of ISTEP. Please help us ensure your child's daily success by scheduling appointments for your child so that they do not interfere with ISTEP testing. I am so proud of each student at Nora for their hard work and perseverance during this testing time of year.

☺ Amber

## Nora Attendance Line

317-259-8856

\* Parents must call in their child's absence to the Nora Attendance Line by 9am on the day the student is absent.

## Dates to Remember

April	
3	Return from Spring Break
4	MSDWT Choral Festival
5	K-2 Book It Celebration
7	First grade goes to the Zoo
7	Autism Awareness Day @ Nora
12	3-5 Book It Celebration
12	Norathon
13	Mobile Dentist at Nora
17	Multiple Choice ISTEP begins
19	Food Pantry 3:30-5:00pm
19	Hispanic Outreach @ 4pm
19	Book Fair Opens
20	International Night & Book Fair @ 6pm
21	Muffins with Mom @ 7:30 am & Book Fair
28	ENL Tea @ 9:30am

### Important Safety Reminders

- All adults picking up students MUST be listed as an emergency contact.
- All adults picking up a student or visiting Nora must present a photo ID.
- All changes in afternoon transportation must be made by 2:00pm
- Students picked up after 3:15, must be picked up at car rider line.
- An adult must bring medication to school.
- Parents who would like to observe in their child's classroom need to arrange this with the teacher in advance.
- Birthdays are celebrated at lunchtime. Please check with your child's teacher for any allergies in the class.

### After School Activities in April :

Building Buddies: April 26  
 Butler Group: April 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19  
 Student Council: April 5  
 Junior Coaches: April 19  
 Folk Dance: April 3, 10, 17, 24  
 Garden Club: April 5, 12, 19, 26  
 Robotics: April 5, 12, 19, 26  
 Book Club: April 5, 12, 19, 26  
 Track & Feld: April 5, 12, 19, 26



### Nora Teachers are Amazing!

#### Meet Mrs. Callie Owens- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher!



**Favorite Book:** Divergent  
**College:** Anderson University  
**In my spare time:** In my spare time I love to just relax at home with my husband and son. I also really enjoy going to the movies, watching sports, crafting, and dancing!  
**IB Learner Profile:** Balanced

**I wanted to become a teacher** because when I look back on my elementary school years I have so many wonderful memories of the projects we did, field trips we took, and most importantly teachers I had. I wanted to become a teacher so I could hopefully create some of those wonderful memories for other children!

May	
1-5	Teacher Appreciation Week
10	Middle School visits
11	5 <sup>th</sup> grade PYP Exhibition
12	5 <sup>th</sup> gr MSDWT Track & Field Day
17	Food Pantry 3:30-5:00pm
17	Hispanic Outreach @ 4:00pm
17	5 <sup>th</sup> grade Trip Downtown
18	Kindy 500
19	Honors Breakfast @ 7:30 am
19	ENL Tea @ 9:30am
19	PBS 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Celebration
22	Nora Field Day
23	Superintendent's Awards @ Nora @ 9:30am (formerly Personal Best)
24	5 <sup>th</sup> grade Recognition @ 9:00am
24	Last Student Day

June	
1-16	Summer School
5-16	Learning Under the Sun @ Nora

### M.S.D.W.T. Mission Statement

*The mission of Washington Township Schools is to develop life-long learners and globally-minded citizens by fostering the academic, creative, and social skills needed to achieve excellence in a multi-cultural environment.*

Keep collecting BOX TOPS  
for Nora! Send them in  
with your son/daughter!



Nora Food Pantry is open to families from  
3:30-5:00 on the dates listed below:

April 19

May 17

**The PTA needs you! Come join the fun!**

We need volunteers to help us in planning our events for the upcoming school year. No amount of time is too big or too small.

Join us on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

Email the PTA at [NoraPTA1000@gmail.com](mailto:NoraPTA1000@gmail.com)

### International Night

Nora's International Night will be on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. This event is one that all families will want to attend, as we have many fun activities planned, as each person will take a walk around the world on this family fun night. At each continent / country each person will create a craft that is native to the country, enjoy live performances, participate in games from that region of the world and enjoy many snacks from around the world. We hope that you will join us for this fun filled family night, as we all work to learn more about the world around us.



**Re-balancing Enrollment & School Hours**  
Spring - Summer 2017 Community Feedback  
Survey:

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/  
rebalancing\\_studentday](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/rebalancing_studentday)  
(MSDWT Website for Direct Link)

Over the next 18-24 months we will be working on rebalancing enrollments for elementary and middle schools as well as reviewing school hours. Your feedback on these two important topics will help us as we begin this comprehensive planning process.

### At Your School: AYS Summer Camp Registration

Sign up today for great summer opportunities with AYS. A registration form and more details can be picked up in the Nora front office or at AYS.

Follow NORA on Twitter & Facebook!  
We work hard to post pictures and important information.

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Nora Elementary School

### NORATHON~ WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>

The Norathon is a one-mile walk-a-thon on the Monon Trail to raise money to promote making healthy decisions and living a long, active life. We walk to help develop healthy habits and increase our knowledge and skills to achieve and maintain a health enhancing level of physical activity and fitness. You can help by reaching out to family and friends to sponsor your child for Norathon. Return all donations to Nora by April 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support of this wonderful event.

### April is Autism Awareness Month!

Nora will celebrate this all month long by engaging all students in activities and lessons on Autism. **Our Best Buddies will be selling Autism Spirit Sticks for \$1 and stickers for 25cents.** Here are a few tips for communicating with someone with Autism: 1. Be as positive as possible. Praise often. Be specific when praising. 2. Avoid Reprimands. Use set rules that are consistent and neutral, reprimands have little meaning and will not change behavior. Example: Avoid saying, "You know better than that", instead say, "The rule is rocks stay on the ground". 3. Label Feelings. It helps to teach the feeling in the moment. 4. Behavior is often a form of communication. Try to determine what they are attempting to communicate and give them the words to more appropriately express their wants/needs.

## DON'T LET THE SUMMER BEACH YA!

The 2017 Washington Township Schools Summer Programs



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### LEARNING UNDER THE SUN 2017 "SCIENCE SLEUTHS USING TECHNOLOGY--PARTII" FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 4-8.

**DATES:** JUNE 5-16, 2017

**TIME:** 7:45- 3:00 pm

**Cost:** \$240 for 2 weeks

**LOCATION:** Nora Elementary School

Pick up a registration form at the Nora office

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