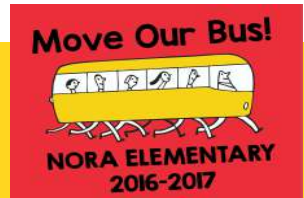


NORA NOTATIONS



AMBER K. WALTERS, PRINCIPAL

BRITTNEY BROWN, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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N O R A Fundraiser- You can help sell! Starts September 8th



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

September 27th is National Voter Registration Day!
Our goal is to have EVERY eligible MSDWT parent registered to vote before the October 11th deadline. Register online at indianavoters.com

If you registered at one of our back to school events, you may confirm that your updated registration is in the system



and look up your polling location for November 8th on the same website. Remember to take your driver's license or state issued photo ID with you when you go to vote.

September

5	Labor Day- NO SCHOOL
8	Cookie Dough Sales begin
8	International Literacy Day- Dress up as your favorite character from a book
9	Midterms Go Home
13	PTA Meeting at 6:30
17	Fun Saturday with CATC 10-noon
19	Cookie Dough Fundraiser ends
21	Food Pantry OPEN 3:30-5:30
21	Hispanic Outreach 5:00-6:00
22	Early Release Day at 2:15pm
22	Skate Night @ Skateland 5:30-7:30
23	NCHS Homecoming
29	Fall Picture Day
30	End of 1 st Quarter
30	ENL Parent Tea @ 9:30am

Nora Teachers are Amazing! Meet Mr. Jake Skillman~ Spanish Instructor



A few things about Mr. Skillman:

Favorite book: Bunnica – A Rabbit Tale of Mystery

College Attended: Elim Bible College & Oita University, Japan

What Mr. Skillman enjoys doing in his spare time:

I am an appointed Goodwill Ambassador for Okinawa, Japan, so I spend a lot of time promoting and sharing Okinawan culture. I also spend a lot of time in the community supporting different immigrant groups. I favorite thing is to take time in the great outdoors.

Why does Mr. Skillman like working with children: I like working with children because I feel like I'm making an investment in the future. My greatest life accomplishment would be for the kids to remember that Mr. Skillman valued and loved them unconditionally.

October

3-7	Fall Break – No School
14	Report Cards Go Home
17	Nora Coat Distribution
17-19	Vision & Hearing Screenings
19	Food Pantry Open 3:30-5:30
19	Hispanic Outreach 5-6pm
21	Dad's Club BONFIRE 6-8m
24-25	Nora IB Evaluation
24-28	Red Ribbon Week
28	ENL Parent Tea @ 9:30am

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
3:30-5:30 on the dates listed below:**

September 21	
October 19	November 16
December 21	January 18
February 15	March 15
April 19	May 17

**Do you have a question for the PTA?
Email them at NoraPTA1000@gmail.com**

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Beginning Piano/Keyboard Classes

Nora Elementary School and Keyboards Unlimited Piano Studio, a neighborhood piano studio, have again teamed up for the 18th year to provide a unique, innovative opportunity for your child. For one half hour per week, **during your child's recess period at Nora**, s/he can learn to play the piano and enhance musical skills in a high-quality, high-integrity small group setting. Many of our students have gone on to perform in North Central's Counterpoints, Band and Orchestra. This fun and exciting class is available for all grades and is an excellent opportunity to develop your child's musical talent, prepare a 4th or 5th grader for middle-school band/orchestra, or to just try something new. Did you know that recent studies suggest that playing music may improve learning, memory, logic and general creativity? We want to make this opportunity convenient and available to your family, helping you manage your family's time. The class will be held on Tuesdays for 14 weeks, beginning October 25. The total cost is \$190, which includes music and supplies, and can be paid in monthly installments (\$180 if paid in full). **For more information about the class, look for the flyer coming home in your child's take-home folder, or contact John and Diane Haines of Keyboards Unlimited @ 257-0406 or pianodj@comcast.net.**

Skyward Parent Access A wonderful new resource that is available to every parent this school year is Skyward Parent Access. As a parent, you can login to this website/ app to check your child's grades on assignments, access their end of the quarter report card and update their information with new phone numbers, etc. We encourage each of you to login and check your child's academic progress regularly. **Website: Skyward.msdwt.k12.in.us**

Follow NORA on Twitter & Facebook!

We work hard to post pictures and important information.

Favorite us  **@Noraelem**

LIKE US ON  **Nora Elementary School**

Lexia & Moby Max at HOME

A great reading and math resource to use at home is Lexia and Moby Max. If you have access to the internet at home, your son/ daughter can log in each day and work to improve their reading and math fact mastery. If you do not have access to the internet at home, the public library has free access for students to use each day. This would be a great opportunity for the whole family to visit the library. If your son/ daughter cannot remember their login and password, please contact their teacher.

Lexia at Home
<http://www.lexiacore5.com>

Moby Max at Home
<http://www.mobymax.com>

The PYP @ Nora: International Baccalaureate

Gone are the days of students sitting in rows and the teacher doing all of the talking. At Nora, an International Baccalaureate World School, your students are: collaborating, making connections, questioning, exploring, predicting, reflecting, acting, and problem solving. Your students are learning through inquiry, a key component of an IB-Primary Years Program (PYP) School. Nora was authorized as an IB-PYP school in 2012. The IB sends a team of 3-4 visitors every 5 years for an Evaluation Visit. This is a time for the IB to help us reflect on our implementation of the IB-PYP Standards and Practices and how we're progressing as an IB World School. All MSDWT elementary schools will be evaluated this fall. Nora's Evaluation Visit will occur Oct. 24-25, 2016. We need your help! We are looking to create a parent panel (10-15 parents) who would be willing to meet with the IB visitors either on Oct. 24 or 25 during the school day to talk with them about their child's experience (and yours as a parent) at a PYP school. Your student will also be invited to join us. There will be a parent meeting beforehand (time TBD) to prepare for this visit. If you have seen growth in your child as a learner or inquirer, if you have seen your student apply their learning outside of the classroom, if your student is taking action to make our world a better place, if your student is becoming an independent learner, or if your student enjoys the way he/she learns at school, then we want you to join our parent panel and share those experiences with our IB visitors in October. If you are interested in this opportunity please contact PYP Coordinator Ashley McAllister at amcallister@msdwt.k12.in.us or 317-844-5436 ext. 16192 (Library) for more information.

**Join the MSDWT Family on
Friday, September 23rd at 5pm for the
2016 North Central Homecoming Pre-Party.**
Game time is 7pm. Nora students are invited to walk the track with us at halftime.

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