NORA NOTATIONS



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MSDWT *Planning for the Future* Facts November 8th, 2016 – School Referenda on Ballot

On November 8th, 2016 Washington Township voters will go to the polls and shape the future of Washington Township Schools. Two referendum questions will appear on the ballot.

The first question will determine if the MSDWT is able to maintain our current staffing levels and address future staffing needs. Currently, \$4 million of staffing costs are supported by a referendum. If passed, the November 8th Operating Referendum continues funding for current teachers and support staff, includes additional funding to staff an 8th elementary school, and provides funds for additional student support.

The second ballot question will determine if the MSDWT is able to provide upgrades to every building in the district. The funds generated by the November 8th Construction Referendum would be used to provide items such as fire sprinklers, handicapped accessibility to classrooms, stages, gymnasiums and playgrounds, repair and replace roofs, replace heating and cooling systems, secure entrances to our school buildings, and upgrades to our high school's performing arts department and auditorium.

Referendum funds would also eliminate the need for trailer classrooms by adding an 8th elementary school. To review the exact questions as they will appear on the ballot, please review http://www.msdwt.k12.in.us/referenda/

We encourage everyone to learn the facts regarding school funding, our community-based planning process, and the two ballot questions. You will find many helpful presentations and documents on our website: www.msdwt.kl2.in.us. Just click on our <u>Planning for the Future</u> link.

Nora Teachers are Amazing! Meet Mrs. Amy Ayers ~ Cafeteria Manager



Favorite book/books: Anything from Dean Koontz (suspense) College attended: University of Louisville and Ivy Tech Community College

In my spare time: I enjoy camping in our RV with my family and watching my three kids play sports.

I enjoy working with kids because: Children are special, some need love, and some need attention, and all just need your time.

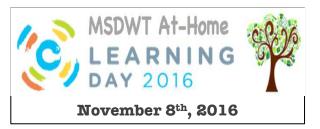
Nora Attendance Line 317-259-8856

* 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

	November
1	PTA meeting @ 6:15
3	Early Release Day @ 2:15
4	Colts Spirit Day
5	Advancement Center Bash
7-11	Vision (gr K, 3,5) & Hearing (gr 1,4)
8	At Home Learning Day- No School
10	Healthy Families @ 6:00
11	Mid Terms go home
16	Food Pantry 3:30-5:30pm
16-18	Book Fair
17	Hispanic Outreach 5-6pm
18	Donuts with Dads @ 7:30
18	Kona Ice Truck Celebration- \$2.00-\$5.00
19	Fun Saturday @ 10:00 am
21-25	Thanksgiving Break

	December
1	Retakes
7	Choir to Capital Group (during the day)
7	Book It! Grade K-2 Celebration @ 3pm
10	Winter Wonderland Dance 6-8pm
14	Book It! Grade 3-5 Celebration 3pm
16	ENL Tea @ 9:30am
17	Fun Saturday @ 10am
21	PBS Quarter Celebration
21	Holiday Sing @ 2pm
21	Food Pantry 3:30-5:30



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:

November 16 December 21 February 15 April 19

January 18 March 15 May 17

Do you have a question for the PTA? Email them at <u>NoraPTA1000@gmail.com</u>

SPIRIT STICKS! ON SALE every Friday Cost: \$1.00 per stick

Spirit Sticks are for sale EVERY Friday morning. All spirit sticks are \$1.

Nora Spirit Rings for \$5 each.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Saturday, Dec 10th Nora's 3rd Annual Winter Wonderland Dance

Join us on Saturday, December 10th for our Winter Wonderland Dance. Come together with your family for a night of dancing, pictures, light snacks and great company. Dress your best and bring your whole family to this amazing event to spend time with the ones you love the most. One night, One BIG Nora Family!

November 16-18: Scholastic Book Fair

Join us November 16-18 for the Scholastic Book Fair. The book fair will be located in the Nora Media Center. Each class will tour the book fair and students will have an opportunity to purchase books. Books also make excellent gifts for children and teachers for the holidays. Help us promote READING everyday and visit our book fair for some great book selections for your child.

Also, this week we invite you to join your child:

Friday, November 18- Donuts with Dads @ 7:30 am The book fair will be open during both of these times!

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Students will be at home on November 8th for an At Home Learning Day. Students will have assignments to complete on this day. Teachers will be sending home soon the assignments students are to complete.

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Nora Elementary School

Movie Night @ Nora! November 1: Grades K-5

Admission is \$5.00 and will include a snack. Additional snacks will be available for \$1.00 each. Students will need to be picked up at 5pm by parents.

Cans for Kona

Nora Student Council is collecting canned food items starting October 31-November 18. All canned goods will be given to Gleaners to distribute to



those in need. On November 18, our students who participate in the canned food drive will have the opportunity to celebrate by purchasing a special Kona treat. Please send in money with your son/daughter to purchase a Kona Treat on November 20th! Treat prices are from \$1.00 to \$5.00.

Class DOJO! Are you connected?

Class DOJO has been a great system to inform parents of your child's choices in the classroom throughout the day, but also as a way to share pictures of their day and for a way for the office to share important information with families!

Have you signed up and been connected to your son/daughters

classroom DOJO? If not, please contact the teacher to get this set up.



A few important reminders about Nora Procedures:

- Please bring birthday treats in to be eaten during LUNCHTIME. All treats must be store bought. Please keep balloons at home.
- We invite you to join your son/daughter during lunchtime. Please make sure you bring money to purchase a school lunch. Fast food will not be allowed in the cafeteria. If you do bring fast food, your child will need to eat lunch with you at our outside picnic tables.
- If you would like to observe in your child's classroom, please make arrangements prior to the visit with the classroom teacher.

Donuts for Dads: Friday, November 18th @ 7:30am

Dads, Uncles, and any other important men in a Nora student's life is



invited to come to Nora for Donuts with Dads. Come let us celebrate you and the powerful impact you have on our amazing Nora students.

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