

NORA NOTATIONS



Allyson Smith, Interim Principal Jill Kropa, Assistant Principal

May 2019

Nora Families:

It has been a true honor to serve as interim principal this semester. You are so fortunate to have a strong group of talented teachers and staff members teaching and raising your children every day. It truly takes a village, and Nora is a very special village. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with and learning alongside your students. They are special people who have left their handprints and smiles on my heart for years to come.

The search for a new principal has begun, and I am confident that he/she will love Nora and your students as much as I do. A formal announcement will be made when the final candidate is selected, and I plan to spend time with them in May and June to ensure a smooth transition into the 2019-2020 school year.

Thank you for letting me serve you,
Allyson Smith



**Many Families,
One Nora.**

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SPRING FUN

There are a lot of fun activities planned in May. Check the events listed in this newsletter and stay current on DOJO. We wouldn't want you to miss anything. Please remind your student that end of the year activities are privileges earned by students being safe, respectful, and responsible. I am looking forward to all of the spring fun!

May After School Activities:

- 1: Nora Tutoring, Student Council, Brebeuf Field Trip (Permission Slip Only)
- 6: Track and Field, Nora Tutoring
- 8: Nora Tutoring
- 13: Nora Tutoring
- 15: Building Buddies, Nora Tutoring



Nora Attendance Line

317-259-8856

** Parents must call in their child's absence to the Nora Attendance Line by 9 a.m. on the day the student is absent. Also, if your student is a car rider, please make sure they are here by 8:30 a.m. each morning.*

Dates to Remember

May	
6	NWEA Testing Begins
6-10	Teacher Appreciation Week Write your teacher a special note!
10	Honors Breakfast District Track and Field Meet
13	NORATHON
14	5 th Grade Trip
15	5 th Grade Visits Middle Schools Food Pantry Best Buddies
16	4 Kids Luncheon Kindy 500
17	5 th Grade PYP Exhibition
20	Unified Sports
22	Nora Field Day
23	5 th Grade Celebration Last Student Day

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Put the Screens Away

It will be tempting this summer to keep the TV on or play on our phones, but too much screen time is hazardous to our student's health. Too much screen time can lead to obesity, sleep problems, behavior problems, educational problems, and violence.

Put the screens away this summer and commit to DEVICE FREE family dinners, family game nights, and road trips.

Consider a digital detox for the whole family and unplug for a night or really challenge yourself and try a whole week. Note what it does to everyone's physical and emotional health, as well as your family's relationships. You might even have some fun!

Residency Verification

MSDWT requires the parent/guardian of each student to provide valid residency verification within the MSDWT boundaries at the time of enrollment. If you have not already provided the front office with the following documentation, you must do so immediately.

Proof of residency must be in the name of the legal guardian.

Documentation must include one of the following:

- Current mortgage statement
- Homeowners insurance
- Current property tax statement
- Warranty deed
- Current and valid lease

Documentation must ALSO include one of the following:

- Current utility bill
- Current paycheck stub
- Government document
- Current bank statement
- Current bill
- Valid Indiana driver's license or state ID

If you are residing with an MSDWT resident, all parties must complete a Residency Verification Affidavit Form. This form is available through the school social worker.

Know Your Zone: Balancing Enrollment

As our public schools continue to grow, MSDWT is working to ensure enrollment is stabilized at our schools. On May 9, 2018, the MSDWT School Board approved attendance boundaries, to begin in 2019-2020, for the District's eight elementary schools and three middle schools. Many families will be required to change schools beginning in 2019. Make sure you know where your student will be attending school by checking out the KNOW YOUR ZONE

map: www.croppermap.com/msdwt

Tips for Preventing Summer Learning Loss

Summer learning loss is not a myth. It is a real thing and a real problem for our students. Help prevent summer learning loss with these simple tips.

1. **Schedule:** Develop a routine for summer learning. Consider scheduling learning first thing in the morning, so you always have time for it.
2. **Space:** Establish a place where your student will do their summer learning each day. Create a calendar or checklist of activities for them to do.
3. **Supplies:** Gather books, learning games, paper, pencil, and other materials to make learning fun.
4. **Read Every Day:** Every student should be reading for at least 20 minutes a day. Make reading fun. Read as a family. Read in the car on vacation. Go to the library.
5. **Practice Math Facts:** You can use an app on your phone or homemade flash cards. However, you do it, make sure your student is practicing and maintaining their math fact mastery.
6. **School Tools:** Your student will have access to Lexia and Dreambox all summer. Take advantage of this free resource.
7. **Play!** Remember, students learn best when they are playing and having fun. Explore new places, tell stories, build something, play board games, sing songs...



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Help earn money for Nora Elementary School every time you shop simply by registering your Kroger Plus card online.

Follow these instructions to register:

- 1 Go to: <http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com>
- 2 Login to your Kroger account or create one with a valid email address and a rewards card. (Your rewards number is the number under the barcode on your Kroger Plus card)
- 3 Once logged into your Kroger account, search for NORA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA either by name or YS962 and then click Enroll.



Nora Nightly Homework for every student:

Read for 20 minutes

Practice math facts for 10 minutes



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