



# Parchment North's "House Happenings"

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## New name, still news about North: Our

newsletter has gotten a makeover with a new name. We hope that your student has shared with you about our exciting sorting ceremony and our new House system. Each student participated in



an all school assembly to sort them into 6 different "houses" in January. Each group has a name, color, and animal symbol and represent different characteristics of a leader. Students will meet with their "houses" once a week to build relationships, participate in leadership lessons, and receive rewards as a group. The house assignment was at random, and there are both 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade members in each group. This provides an opportunity to create relationships school-wide and next year our current 4<sup>th</sup> graders can mentor our incoming students. Each House will receive points through our Liveschool behavior system and encourages the students to be accountable to one another for their actions. The entire staff is very excited to see the positive reactions from students and look forward to sharing more information as this system progresses.



Here is a quick look at each "house" and their corresponding colors and symbols:



Dynami - Strength, black, dragon, tree



Tharros - Courage, purple, lion, sun



Oneiro- Dream, white, pegasus, feather



Alithis-Truthful, blue, bear, torch



Symponia - Compassion, green, elephant, anchor



Ekthesi- Fair, Red, owl, harp

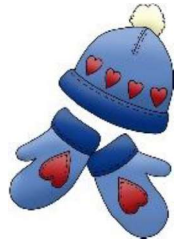
**Winter gear needed every day:** You should

have received a reminder call that students go outside for recess and many students have been coming to school without proper outside attire.

**Students must have their winter coats, snow pants, boots, hats, and gloves each day.** We do not have enough extra winter clothing to provide for all

the students who have not been coming prepared. **Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather.** If you have any questions or concerns about what items

your student has or needs, please contact the office at 269-488-1400.



**Spring Pictures:** Lifetouch will be back to North on **Wednesday,**

**March 27th** for spring pictures. If you would like to have your child's picture taken, please fill out the order forms that will be sent home in

the next couple of weeks. Only students who have their picture order form completed or a pre-order online will be photographed.

Missing something? Please come check the lost and found tables at North. They are loaded with coats, hats, gloves, sweatshirts, etc.



## SAVE THE DATE for "Lucky to Have You" Dance: Please

join us on Saturday, March 16th at Parchment High School for our combined elementary dance. We are inviting all Parchment elementary K-5 students to join us for a special evening of dancing and fun. Bring your cameras for our selfie stations and dress to impress. Concessions will be available for purchase. The cost is \$2 per person. **(Parchment K-5 students only please)** If you would like to volunteer or have questions about this event, please call the office at 269-488-1400.



**Mobile Dentist Coming back to North on March 21st:** The Mobile Dentist will be in the building again on March 21<sup>st</sup>. If you wish for your child to see the dentist, please return the dental form sent home a few weeks ago. There are additional forms in the North office. Please turn in forms by Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 488-1400.

**Annie's Big Nature Lesson:** Our fourth grade students have an exciting opportunity to spend a week (February 25<sup>th</sup> - March 1<sup>st</sup>) at the Kalamazoo Nature Center. This is not a traditional field trip, but rather a hands on study trip. The cost for one class to attend Annie's Big Nature lesson for a week is typically \$1,400. Amazingly, our 4<sup>th</sup> grade class gets to attend for free, thanks to a grant. Our PTO is going to cover the cost of transportation for the week, but they will gladly accept donations to cover the cost. If there are any adults interested in chaperoning the trip, please contact the office for the paperwork.

### Upcoming dates to remember

**February 22, 2019, Friday: FULL DAY OF SCHOOL (make-up day for snow days)**

February 25, 2019-March 1: Annie's Big Nature Lesson

February 28, 2019 Thursday: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade EFA trip

March 8, 2019, Friday: 2nd Tri Ends K-8 -  $\frac{1}{2}$  day students,  $\frac{1}{2}$  Teacher Workday

March 12, 2019, Tuesday: K-5 - Full day students (Evening conferences)

March 14, 2019, Thursday: K-5 -  $\frac{1}{2}$  day students (Afternoon & Evening conferences)

March 15, 2019, Friday: K-5 -  $\frac{1}{2}$  day students (Afternoon conferences)

March 16, 2019, Saturday: All elementary school dance at high school 6-7 pm

March 21, 2019, Thursday: Mobile Dentist at North

March 23, 2019, Wednesday: Spring Pictures

March 29, 2019, Friday: No School

April 1-5, 2019, Monday-Friday: No School - Spring Break