

# Northside Elementary School Newsletter

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## February 2012

- Fri. 3            \*Early Dismissal, 11:30 am
- Tues. 7           \*PTA Meeting, 6:30 pm, Gym  
                     \*Monthly Pest Inspection after school
- Thurs. 9          \*School Board Meeting, 6:30 pm @  
                     the Unit Office
- Tues. 14          \*Valentine's Day Class Parties,  
                     start @ 1:40 pm
- Mon. 20          \*No school - Teachers' Institute

### Northside Used Book Exchange

A BIG thank you to all of the wonderful ladies who took time out of their busy schedules to help with the annual Northside Book Exchange on January 25th, and also to Mrs. Ellen Nelson and Mrs. Paula Vermost for organizing this event. Things went very smoothly thanks to all of our great helpers. The students were excited about choosing some "new" books.

### ISAT Testing

Just a heads up on the dates for the Illinois Standards Achievement Test that our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will be given during the week of **March 5th through 9th**. This high stakes testing takes several hours spread out over the week and scheduling make-ups can be very difficult. Please keep this in mind when making dentist and doctor appointments. Thank you!

### A Word from Nurse Helen Johnston

February is Dental Health awareness month. Our younger students will have a presentation on how to care for their teeth and receive a new toothbrush. When the new brushes come home please take this opportunity to make sure that all the toothbrushes in your home are in good shape and that everyone in your home has a routine for keeping their teeth healthy and clean. It would also be a good time to schedule those dental check ups to be done

during the summer, so your child will not have to miss class in order to see their dentist.



### Northside School Procedures for Dropping Off and Picking Up Students:

**Car Riding Students:** Parents are asked to drop off and pick up students transported by car in the designated area on North Aldrich Street (west of the School). This drop off and pick up area was constructed for the safety of our students. **Picking up or dropping off students on East Wells Street or North Russell Ave. is prohibited.** Schedule your drop off of students after 8:00 am, as students are not allowed in the playground area or in the classrooms until after that time.

**NEW THIS MONTH for Walkers:** If your child is walking home from school, he/she may be a few minutes later in arriving home starting Feb. 1st. All walkers will be waiting to leave the building until car riders have been picked up. This change is in response to students crossing the street near the car line and is in line with the end of day routines at both Southwest and Millikin Schools. If you are walking home with your child, please meet them on the sidewalk near the main entrance.

**For All Students:** If there is a change in your child's after school routine, ***you must send a note*** telling us who is picking up or walking home with the child. Otherwise, we will defer to the routine established at the beginning of the school year.

**Northside School 50th Birthday Celebration** If you know anyone who has artifacts or can share stories from attending Northside during the 1960's through 1980's, please contact Paula Vermost as soon as possible. Our community wide open house celebration will be April 22nd from 1:00 - 3:00 pm in the Northside Gym.

### P.T.A. News, submitted by President Abbey Roodhouse

\*\* Northside PTA has a big spring event we are planning in conjunction with the PTAs at Millikin and Southwest. On Sunday, April 29th we will be hosting the **STEP INTO SPRING FUN RUN**.

Although more information will be coming home with the students, please mark your calendars now! This will not only serve as a way to promote health and wellness but as a fundraiser with the proceeds to be divided equally

among the three elementary school PTAs. We are very excited about this event and hope that you invite as many friends and family as possible as it will be a great afternoon of fun!

We will be sending more information home, but please feel free to check out the following websites for more details and registration information:

<http://www.dist228.org/pdfs/STEPINTOSPRING5KREGPTAVer3.pdf>

[https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get\\_information.php?event\\_id=5923](https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=5923)

\*\* Please remember that you're able to renew and order magazines anytime at [www.qsp.com](http://www.qsp.com) and the Northside PTA will receive credit for this.

Please plan on attending our next PTA meeting on February 7, 2012 at 6:30 pm in the Gym. We will be discussing Northside's upcoming spring events, including Fine Arts Day, Book Fair, Spring Assemblies, Northside's 50th Birthday Celebration and much more. We are also in need of PTA officers for next year, if you are interested or know someone who may be, please contact me.

We hope to see you at the next PTA meeting!

Abbey Roodhouse

