

In the News

Return Educational Benefits Form

Educational Benefit forms have been sent out. We are asking that EVERY family please complete and return the form at Open House or via mail. The information gathered from this form is critical for our school.

Each application brings additional funding to our school that can be used to provide additional academic support and interventions to our students. By completing this application, you can also receive discounts on other fees.

Open House Aug. 30

A Back-to-School Open House will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 30, from 4 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. All students and families are invited to come see your classrooms, teachers and friends. Dinner will be provided.

Meeting for Parents of Seventh Graders

There will be a seventh-grade parent meeting in the Library at 5:30 P.M. on Wednesday, Aug. 30, during the school open house.

School closing announcements

If school is in session and busses are sent home early and/or after school activities are canceled, notice will be sent out via the JMC Alert System. The school's announcement line, option 4, will also be updated. JMC is also the system used for student grades.

Should Northome School experience a late start, or close due to the weather (or other circumstances), notice will be sent out via the JMC Alert System. Be sure your correct information is on file at the school.

It's that time of year again! We have places to go and goals to achieve!

**By MacKenzie Lehn
Principal**

I would like to welcome everyone back to the 2023-2024 school year. I truly hope everyone had a chance to enjoy some of the wonderful weather our summer season had to offer and that our students are well rested and ready for a return to another fantastic school year.

Our Theme for this year will be "Together we go far... and we are going places."

Mr. Steve Adelman and his staff have been working diligently to ensure our building is in great shape to kick off the school year. My sincere appreciation to Mr. Adelman for taking such pride in our school

TOGETHER we go far

... and we are going places!

Where will your Road Map take you?

and making the building and grounds look so great.

Our school day starts at 8:30 a.m. and our dismissal bell rings at 3:15 p.m.. Breakfast is served daily starting at 8:00 a.m. Our child nutrition staff do a fantastic job of keeping our students well nourished so they can focus on student learning.

I would like to welcome all of you to join us for Open House on Wednesday, August

30 from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Students will have the opportunity to visit their classrooms and meet their teachers. Dinner will be served in the Commons from 4:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Families will be able to complete important Back to School paperwork while the kids participate in different games, activities and PRIZE drawings.

All incoming seventh grade parents should plan to attend the seventh grade transition meeting in the Library at 5:30 p.m. Teachers will review what to expect in seventh grade and how to help make it a successful year.

There have been some changes made to the student handbook. These changes have been highlighted in this edition of *The Mustang Express*.

A great way to learn what is going on in our Northome School Community is to "LIKE" Northome School on Facebook.

I cannot wait to see all of your smiling faces! Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns by calling 218-897-5275 Ext. 155.

Important Dates

Teacher In Service Days begin Monday, Aug. 28 and continue through Friday, Sept. 1.

Northome School Open House on Wednesday, Aug. 30 from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served

The first day of school is Tuesday, Sept. 5. There is no school, Monday, Sept. 4 in observance of Labor Day.

Volleyball for grades 9-12 began on Monday, Aug. 14 with practice running from 7:00 - 10:00 a.m. at the Northome

School. Coaches will have more information about practices, schedules, forms, expectations.

Volleyball for grades 6-8 will begin on Monday, Aug. 21 with practices running from 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at the Northome School. Coaches will have more information about practices, schedules, forms, expectations.

Football for grades 9-12 began on Monday, Aug. 14 with practice running from 8:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. at the Kelliher School. Coaches will have more information about prac-

tices, schedules, forms, expectations.

Football for grades 6-8 and 4-6 will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 5 with practices running from 4:00 - 5:30 pm at the Kelliher School. Coaches will have more information about practices, schedules, forms, expectations.

First Volleyball Games: The first game for Volleyball is on Tuesday, August 29 in Northome. The Mustangs host the Bagley Flyers. Climax-Fisher will be in Northome on Thursday, Aug. 31 for the second game of the season. On Sept. 5, the Mus-

tangs travel to Remer to take on Northland. On Thursday, Sept. 7, the team heads to Walker to play Walker/Hackensack/Akeley.

First Football Games: The first game for Football will be on Thursday, Aug. 31 in Kelliher. The Mustangs will host the Cass Lake-Bena Panthers. Northwoods will be in Kelliher on Friday, Sept. 8 for the second game of the season.

The first Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, October 9 starting at 3 P.M.

District faces challenges, prepares for new school year

**By Jeremy Tammi
Superintendent**

The upcoming school year is roughly one month away and it is really hard to believe how fast the summer has gone by. The 2023-2024 school year brings change to the South Koochiching-Rainy River School District. As most readers know, the South Koochiching-Rainy River School Board made the difficult decision to close the Indus school effective July 1, 2023. Needless to say, this has been a challenging and emotional time for our school district.

This past week, the school district learned that the decision to close the Indus School has been challenged at the Minnesota Court of Appeals by some members of our community. The school district's insurance company (EMC) has retained legal counsel through the law firm of Lind Jensen Sullivan & Peterson

to represent the school district during the appeal at the expense of EMC. I understand that the court will review the decision to close the Indus School and determine whether it was necessary and practicable to close the Indus School in light of the evidence. With the insurance company handling the appeal, I plan to focus on creating a positive experience for our wonderful students and staff and work to ensure that the appeals process will cause little to no disruption to the operations of the school.

As you are no doubt aware, one of the main factors the School Board used when voting to close the Indus campus was due to the financial challenges that are facing our district and many other districts across the state and country. ISD #363 is not alone in this situation (see the June 29, Minnesota Public Radio article

discussing the many school districts facing financial challenges: <https://www.mprnews.org/story/2023/06/29/minnesota-schools-just-got-unprecedented-funding-heres-why-theyre-still-making-cuts>.

Brady Martz will be conducting the school district's annual audit later this month. Our preliminary numbers show a roughly 1 million dollar deficit for Fiscal Year 23. The final audit numbers will be available later this year and will be shared with the school board. Some explanations for the deficit include declining enrollment, rising cost of inflation, the remaining amount of the roof construction payments, and increased cost of food and fuel prices.

I wish everyone nothing but the best moving into this upcoming school year. Feel free to reach out if I can be of assistance.

South Koochiching/Rainy River ISD #363 Notice Of Nondiscriminatory Policy

The South Koochiching/Rainy River Public Schools are committed to providing equal education and employment opportunities to all persons and do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, mar-

ital status, with regard to public assistance, disability or any other group or class against which discrimination is prohibited by Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, MN

Statutes Chapter 363, and other applicable state or federal laws. Inquiries regarding compliance should be referred to Jeremy Tammi, Affirmative Action Coordinator, 897-5275.

Know Your Right To Request Teacher Qualifications

Our school receives federal funds for Title I programs that are part of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Throughout the school year, we will continue to provide you with important information about this law and your child's education.

You have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s). If you request this information, the district or school will provide you with the following as soon as possible:

a. if the teacher has met state licensing requirements for the grade level and subjects in which the teacher is providing instructions;

b. if the teacher is teaching under an emergency status for which state licensing requirements have been waived;

c. the type of college degree major of the teacher and the field of discipline for any graduate degree or certificate; and

d. if your child is receiving Title I services from paraprofessionals and, if so, his/her qualifications.

If you would like to request this information, please contact: Jeremy Tammi, Superintendent; ISD #363, P.O. Box 465; Northome, MN 56661; 218-897-5275, ext. 153 or jtammi@northome.k12.mn.us.

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AND WE ARE GOING
PLACES!

WE CAN'T
WAIT TO
SEE YOU!

**OPEN
HOUSE**

BACK TO SCHOOL

Get ready for the new school year by coming to open house and finding your new classroom and meeting your teacher

**AUGUST 30, 2023
4 TO 6:30**

DINNER WILL
BE SERVED IN
THE COMMONS
FROM 4:15 TO
6:15

Did you know???

Each completed and approved Educational Benefits Form brings an average of \$1,400 for academic supports, interventions and technology funding to our school!

It's more than a meal application!

When you complete an educational benefits form, you:

- ★ Increase school funding
- ★ Increase technology access
- ★ Receive discounts on
 - Activities
 - Athletics
 - College applications
 - Academic test fees

We need everyone's help to reach our goal of receiving forms from 100% of our families.

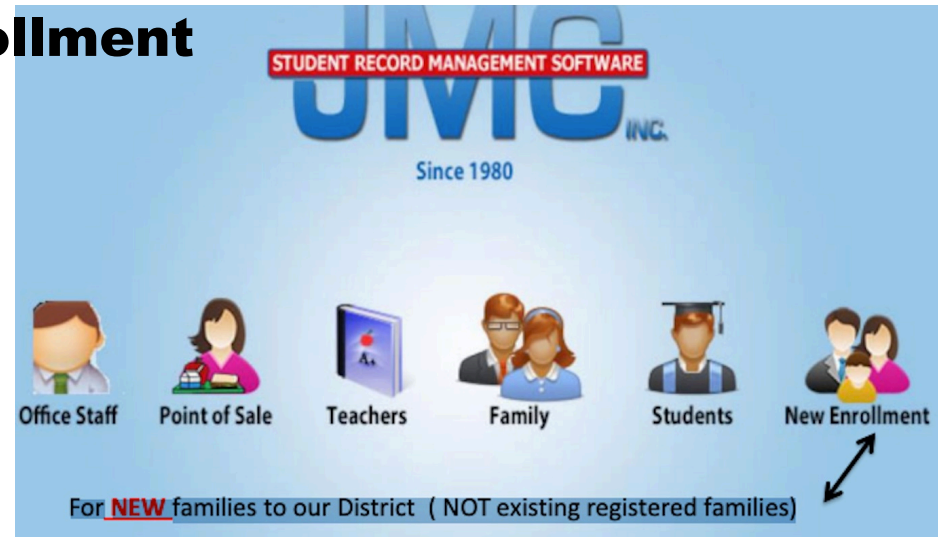
Northome School allows online enrollment

We love it when new families/kids move to our district. The new family enrollment feature in JMC allows new families to quickly enter their demographic data and information. This feature is for families looking to enroll their student(s) for the 2023-2024 school year.

To get to JMC New Enrollment use <https://northome.onlinejmc.com/> For NEW families to our District (NOT existing registered families). When completed select [Save] Your Data will be sent to the Northome School JMC Office for review/acceptance. We will need prior school records for all new students, before a start date can be given. Your Student is not officially enrolled until we notify Parents/Guardians.

Open Enrollment Notice

If you live outside of the Northome School District and would like your children to attend our school for the 2023-24 school year, please stop in for an open-enrollment form or call 218/897-5275, and we will mail one out to you. We are located at 11731 Highway 1, in Northome, MN 56661. Northome School is a pre-12 school all under one roof. We boast small class sizes, exceptional teachers, and up-to-date technology, and hands-on learning. Our campus is set in the beautiful north woods and is the "Natural Place to Learn."



Note recent changes in the student handbook

As we approach the new school year, plans are still in progress as final arrangements are made with the schedule, the staff and building.

Changes made to the handbook have been finalized and are shared here.

P. 7- ADD: E-Learning Day

Elementary Students

Students are expected to log in with their teachers and follow the designated schedule developed by their teachers

Attendance will be taken by classroom teachers

Elementary instruction will be a combination of live instruction (through Google Meet) and independent work (through Google Classroom or SeeSaw)

High School Students

All students are required to log in to Google Classroom/ Google Meets for every class, beginning with homeroom at 8:30am.

Attendance will be taken every hour just as it is during a typical day

Cameras are required to be turned on unless a student has permission from administration to have it off.

Students are required to participate in both the live and independent instruction

If students do not check in to each class, they will be marked unexcused and will be expected to make up the work within 2 school days

P.10 Lunch/ Breakfast

Lunch and breakfast are to be eaten in designated areas only. Breakfast is served from 8AM to 8:25AM. Lunch times vary by

classroom. Students will be notified of their assigned lunch time on the first day of school. Students may receive one breakfast and one lunch at school or bring a prepared lunch from home. Students may choose to have seconds but the family will be responsible for this additional cost.

The school office will assign each student a personal identification number (PIN) that will be entered at breakfast and lunch.

P.12: School Closing Procedures

School may be canceled when the superintendent believes severe weather or other circumstances threaten the safety of students and employees. The superintendent will decide as early in the day as possible about closing school or school buildings. School closing announcements will be sent out to all families via call, text and email through JMC Messenger. The notification will also be posted on social media.

P. 17 Transportation: PARENT'S' RESPONSIBILITY

1. Have students properly dressed and ready to board the bus when it arrives. No child will be transported in any district vehicle without a: It is strongly encouraged that students are ready to board the bus with a jacket, pants, closed toed shoes and/or boots during the winter months. If your child is in need of winter clothing, please contact the front office or school nurse.

P. 25 - Cell phone rewording

Electronic devices may not be used during class time. Students are permitted to use

their cell phones during breakfast, lunch and passing time.

1. Cell phones and other electronic devices must be turned off or silenced and left in the classroom storage pocket or stored in their locker.

2. The phone must remain in the classroom storage pocket if a student leaves the classroom for any reason (other than leaving the school premises).

3. No cell phones, recording and/or video devices are allowed in the locker rooms or bathrooms at any time.

4. If any staff see this equipment at any time other than during student's assigned lunch, passing, or other teacher designated times, they will take it away and bring it to the office.

5. Headphones and earbuds must be placed in the classroom storage pockets with cell phones. Earbuds are only to be used during breakfast, passing time, and lunch unless special permission is given from the teacher.

P. 26 Dress and Appearance

Take out hats and replace with: Hoods may not be worn during school hours.

P.28 Tobacco-Free Schools; Possession and Use of Tobacco, Tobacco-Related Devices, and Electronic Delivery Devices; Vaping Awareness and Prevention Instruction [**]

School district students and staff have the right to learn and work in an environment that is tobacco free. School policy is violated by any individual's use of tobacco,

tobacco-related devices, or carrying or using activated electronic delivery devices in a public school, on school grounds, in any school-owned vehicles, or at any school events or activities. Students may not possess any type of tobacco, tobacco-related devices, or electronic delivery devices in a public school, on school grounds, in any school-owned vehicles, or at any school events or activities. Any student who violates this policy is subject to school district discipline.

For detailed information on the school district's "Tobacco-Free Environment; Possession and Use of Tobacco, Tobacco-Related Devices, and Electronic Delivery Devices; Vaping Awareness and Prevention Instruction" policy, see Appendix 10. Contact the Principal if you have questions or wish to report violations.

[Note: A limited exception to the tobacco prohibition exists for adult members of an Indian tribe, as defined under Minnesota law, who may light tobacco on school district property as a part of a traditional Indian spiritual or cultural ceremony.]

P. 31 (New Requirement)

Suicide Prevention Information

Dial 988- Suicide and Crisis Hotline
The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals in the United States.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Annual Notice of Student Education Record Privacy

The family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive federal funds.

FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their child's education records. When a student reaches the age of 18 or attends a post-secondary school or college, the parent's rights transfer to the student and the student is then an "eligible student" under the law.

Under FERPA, parents and eligible students have the following rights

1) To inspect and review the student's education records maintained by the school within 45 days of the school's receipt of a written request. The request should identify the record(s) being inspected. The school is not required to provide copies of records and may charge a fee if copies are requested.

The following staff person may be contacted to seek access to your child's record: Makenzie Lehn, 218-897-5275, ext. 155, mlehn@northome.k12.mn.us.

You will be notified of the place and time the record(s) may be available for review.

2) To request that a school correct records believed to be inaccurate or misleading. The request must be in writing and clearly specify: (a) the part of the record requesting to be changed, and (b) why it is inaccurate or misleading.

If the school decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student has the right to a hearing.

After the hearing, if the school still decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student has the right to place a statement in the record about the contested information.

The school is not required to consider requests for grade or disciplinary decisions, opinions of school officials in the education record, or the child's special education determination.

The following staff person may be contacted to request an amendment to your child's record: Mr. Jeremy Tammi, superintendent, 218/897-5275, ext. 153, jtammi@northome.k12.mn.us

(3) To control the disclosure of their child's personally identifiable information from their education record. Parents may request that the school, with certain exceptions, obtain their written consent prior to the disclosure of student information. An exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to schools staff with legitimate educational interest, such a person employed by the district; a person serving on the school board; a person or company with whom the district has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a grievance or disciplinary committee or assisting another school official; and/or an official of another school district in which a student seeks to enroll. A school official has a legitimate education interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill a professional responsibility.

(4) To file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school district to comply with the requirements of FERPA at the following address:

Family Policy Compliance Office; U.S. Department of Education; 400 Maryland Avenue, SW; Washington, DC 20202-4605.

2023-2024 School Calendar

South Koochiching Rainy River Isd. 363
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 Northome, MN 56661
 Phone (218) 897-5275 FAX (218) 225-1130
www.isd363.org

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July 4	4th of July Holiday
Aug 28, 29, 30, 31	Teacher In-Service
Aug 30	Northome School Open House
Sep 1	Teacher In-Service
Sep 4	Labor Day-No School
Sep 5	First Day of School
Oct 9	Teacher Workshop/Parent Teacher Conf
Oct 19-20	MEA Conference-No School
Nov 3	End of First Quarter
Nov 6	Fall Celebration-No School
Nov 23,24	Thanksgiving Break - No School
Dec 22-31	Christmas Break - No School
Jan 1	New Years Day-No School
Jan 2	Classes Resume
Jan 15	MLK Day No School
Jan 19	End of Second Quarter
Feb 19	President's Day - No School
Mar 4	Teacher Workshop/Parent Teacher Conf
Mar 22	End of Third Quarter
Mar 29	Good Friday - No School
Apr 1	Easter Monday- No School
May 24	End of Fourth Quarter
May 24	Graduation
May 27	Memorial Day-No School
May 28	Teacher Workshop
Jun 19	Juneteenth Holiday
PLCs Meet Mondays 8:00 AM-9:00 AM	
Bus pickups are 30 minutes late on Mondays	



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Quarter Dates
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Quarter #2 S Days 44, T 44
Quarter #3 S Days 43, T 44.5
Quarter #4 S Days 43 T 44

P/T Conferences - 2 half days
October 9, P/T Conferences 1:00-7:00PM
March 4, P/T Conferences 1:00-7:00 PM

Number of Days
171 Student Days
180 Teacher Days

Graduation May 24
PLCs Mondays 8:00 AM-9:00 AM Bus Mondays=30 min Late Pickup Time

ISD #363 District Calendar Final

School Bus and Bus Stop Rules

The School District school bus safety rules are to be posted on every bus. If these rules are broken, the School district's discipline procedures are to be followed. Consequences are progressive and may include suspension of bus privileges. It is the school bus driver's responsibility to report unacceptable behavior to the School Office.

*** Bus Service is a privilege, not a right.**

Rules at the Bus Stop

1. Get to your bus stop five minutes before your scheduled pick-up time. The school bus driver will not wait for late students.
2. Respect the property of others while waiting at your bus stop.
3. Keep your arms, legs, and belongings to yourself.
4. Use appropriate language.
5. Stay away from the street, road, or highway when

waiting for the bus. Wait until the bus stops before approaching the bus.

6. After getting off the bus, move away from the bus.
7. If you must cross the street, always cross in front of the bus where the driver can see you. Wait for the driver to signal to you before crossing the street.
8. No fighting, harassment, intimidation, or horseplay.

Rules on the Bus

1. Immediately follow the directions of the driver.

2. Sit in your seat facing forward.
3. Talk quietly and use appropriate language.
4. Keep all parts of your body inside the bus.
5. Keep your arms, legs, and belongings to yourself.
6. No fighting, harassment, intimidation, or horseplay.
7. Do not throw any object.
8. No eating, drinking, or using tobacco or drugs.
9. Do not bring any weapons or dangerous objects on the school bus.

South Koochiching Public School Asbestos Notice

As a result of federal legislation (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act), each primary and secondary school in the nation is required to complete a stringent inspection for asbestos and to develop a plan of management for all asbestos-containing building materials.

The South Koochiching School District has a goal to be in full compliance with this law and is following the spirit, as well as the letter, of the law. As a matter of policy, the district shall continue to maintain a safe and healthful environment for our community's youth and employees.

In keeping with this legislation, all buildings (including portables and support buildings) owned or leased by the South Koochiching School District were inspected by EPA accredited inspectors and samples were analyzed by an independent laboratory.

Based on the inspection, the school prepared and the state approved a comprehensive management plan for the safe and responsible handling of asbestos within its buildings.

This past year South Koochiching School District conducted the following with respect to its asbestos containing building materials: Implemented our Operations and Maintenance Program.

Federal law requires a periodic walk-through (called "surveillance") every six months of each area containing asbestos. In addition, the law requires all buildings to be reinspected three years after a management plan is in effect. Northwest Service Cooperative will accomplish this under contract. Areas where management issues are noted during inspections and surveillances have been, and will continue to be, dealt with promptly.

Short term workers (outside contractors i.e., telephone repair workers, electricians, and exterminators) must be provided information regarding the location of asbestos in which they may come into contact. All short-term workers shall contact the lead maintenance person before commencing work to be given this information.

The South Koochiching School District has a list of the location(s), type(s) of asbestos containing materials found in that school building and a description and time-table for their proper management.

A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is available for review in the school office. Copies are available at .25 cents per page. Questions related to the plan should be directed to Northwest Service Cooperative, or by contacting the South Koochiching School District at 218-897-5275.

South Koochiching/Rainy River ISD #363 Public Notice Parent Rights and Procedural Safeguards for Special Education

1. You have the right to review and receive copies of all records or other written information regarding your child which are in the school's possession.

2. You have the right to participate as a team member in developing and determining your child's educational program, including special education services and/or to provide information relative to his or her assessment and the development of the program plan.

A convenient time will be set with you and you will be informed of the procedures for planning your child's program.

3. You have the right, upon request, to receive interpretations of assessment or reassessment procedures, instruments and data or results, and of the program plan from a knowledgeable school employee.

You also have the right for that conference to be held in private. The specific procedures and time for this meeting will be explained following your request.

4. You have the right, to have included on the team that interprets the assessment data and/or develops the individual program plans, a person who is a member of the same minority or cultural background or who is knowledgeable concerning the racial, cultural, or handicapping differences of your child. The specific procedures and time for this meeting will be explained following your request.

5. You have the right to obtain an independent assessment at your own expense. You also have the right to request information from the district about where an independent assessment may be obtained. You may obtain an independent assessment at public expense if you disagree with an assessment obtained by the District. However, a District may initiate a due process hearing to show that its assessment is appropriate after at least one conciliation conference. If you refuse the offer of conciliation, the District shall initiate a due process hearing to show that its assessment is appropriate.

6. You have the right to know that the District will not proceed with its proposed initial formal assessment of proposed initial placement without your prior written consent. "Initial" means the first time the district has proposed to assess your child or to place your child in any special education program in this district. If you do not respond to the initial assessment or placement, a conciliation conference will be called by the school.

7. You have the right to discuss the methods of instruction that are available for your child.

8. You have the right to know that your consent for assessment or placement is voluntary and that you may revoke it at any time. If you do not revoke your consent, however, the district may not agree, in which case the due process procedures on file in the school district Office would be followed.

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If your student is in need of school supplies,

please contact Stephanie Skaret

sskaret@northome.k12.mn.us or 218-897-5275 ext 141

Students will receive a backpack & grade level supplies while supplies last.

*Supplies will be distributed until gone.

Herbicide Application Notice

State law requires schools that apply herbicides to maintain an estimated schedule of pesticide applications and to make the schedule available to parents and guardians for review or copying at each school office.

NORTHOME SCHOOL ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF HERBICIDE APPLICATION

Round Up is frequently used twice a year to control weeds and grass on school grounds. Sprayings normally occur the week after the student school year ends, and one month prior to the beginning of the student school year.

State law also requires that you be told that the long-term health effects on children from the application of such herbicides or the class of chemicals to which they belong may not be fully understood. If you would like to be notified prior to herbicide applications made on days other than those specified in the estimated schedule (excluding emergency applications), please complete and return the form below and mail it to:

If you have any questions regarding
 Ms. Alissa Carlson, Northome School
 Ms. Diana Swalboski, Northome School
 PO Box 465 Northome, MN 56661
 Phone: 218/897-5275 Ext. 153

Request for Herbicide Notification

SOUTH KOOCHICHING/RAINY RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT

I understand that the school will make available an estimated schedule of herbicide applications for review and copying at the school office. Should a herbicide application be scheduled on a day different from the days specified in the original schedule, I would like to be notified. I understand that the school may ask me for reimbursement for the costs of notification.

Please print neatly.

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____ Address: _____

Day Phone: (____) _____ Evening Phone: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Please Return to:

Ms. Alissa Carlson
 PO Box 465
 Northome, MN 56661

School Building Hours

School building hours are 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Students may be dropped off beginning at 8 A.M. and picked up at 3:15 P.M. in the school parking lot. The area in front of Door #1 is reserved for bus pick up and drop off between 8:00 A.M. and 8:30 A.M. and between 3:00 P.M. and 3:15 P.M.

Bus Route Times

Bus route times for student pick up and drop off will be sent home within the next two weeks. Please locate your name on the list to find what times your child will be picked up and dropped off. Please call the bus garage directly with any questions regarding your route, at 897-5985. If adjustments are made to bus routes prior to the start of school on Tuesday, Sept. 5, that substantially change those times, families will be notified.

Things to consider on your

Application for Educational Benefits form

Most people associate the Application for Educational Benefits form with Free and Reduced meals for our school nutrition program, but the benefits for those who qualify extend beyond school meals.

In addition to your student receiving Free or Reduced meals, there are other benefits your student will receive: Reduction in athletic fees, priority for receiving technology equipment for distance learning if needed, free ACT testing, waived college application fees, waived registration fee for some community and various camp programs.

Simply save the verification letter that qualifies your student for the free and reduced meal program after your application has been processed to access these benefits.

The Application for Educational Benefits is also critical for receiving compensatory revenue from the state: Compensatory Revenue is a state aid that is generated from the number of qualified free and reduced applications we process. These funds directly benefit the school site your student attends. There are many uses for this funding that allow us to improve the quality of education. For example, keeping class sizes low, purchasing instructional materials and provide technology to meet the needs of students are some of the ways funds are distributed. The funding also supports programs like Title 1 that assists students struggling in the areas of math or reading.

By submitting your student's application for educational benefits, you are directly helping generate funds for these programs and resources in your student's school.

For questions and more detailed information on how to access or fill out the educational benefits form, please call the Indus School office at 218-634-2425 or the Northome School Office at 218-897-5275. ISD 363 Superintendent Jeremy Tammi

Northome Classroom Expectations

1. Show respect for yourself, others and our school.
2. Be on time and ready to learn.
3. Cell phones and ear buds need to be put in the storage pockets at the beginning of the hour. Teachers will let you know when you may use your cell phone and earbuds.
4. There is NO food allowed in the classroom.
5. Water is the only beverage allowed in classrooms.
6. Hoods are NOT allowed to be worn during the school day.

