

This is a very busy week at North Pines, we will begin our **conferences** on Tuesday, if you have not set up a conference time for you and your child let me know. The purpose of the conferences are in two parts:

1. Input and Updates about how your student is doing in school. You will receive a copy of current grades and test information including the WASL.
2. Student efforts to create a goal to work toward during this school year. You will hear about grade level goals and content area goals, but the main focus should be on your child and the personal goals you set with them. You will be provided a NCR sheet of paper to work on with your child. We will have tables set up in the gym for you to work with your child. When you complete the form, leave a copy with your advisory teacher.
3. If you desire a longer more detailed conference the advisory teachers will have signup sheets for you.

Our **schedule for the week** will be:

Monday-Regular School Hours

Tuesday – Friday: School will dismiss at 12:30 PM, bus students will be picked up between 12:30 PM and 1:00 PM.

Thursday will be a late start day as always: 9:10 AM

I want to take a moment to congratulate our **athletic teams**, they are working very hard and every event I have attended. They are displaying great sportsmanship and respect. This is an important part of Cub Pride, I am very proud of them and their coaches.

We have **Cub Pride t-shirts** available in the office for only \$7.00, they look very sharp and make great gifts.

**H1N1 Update**-We continue to have a slightly higher absent rate then normal, our peak was 14% over a week ago. We are running between 7% and 10% most days. We have had students absent confirmed with H1N1. Just a reminder if your child has a fever they should not be coming to school until 24 hours after the fever breaks. We are working hard to encourage students to wash their hands often, please help us at home by developing that habit.

**Fall Sports** are winding down and we are preparing to start **Volleyball and Wrestling** next week. All students must have a physical prior to turn out.

Welcome **new staff members**: Beth stulz-Fox will be teacher two special education resource room classes 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> period. We would also like to welcome Elaine Dailey who will be with us in the afternoons as a special education Para. She will work with Mrs. Fox.

As always, don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, comments or advice. I appreciate the input. I will look forward to seeing you at conferences.

Sincerely,

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