

THE NORTH COLEMAN NEWS

JANUARY 2021

HAPPY 2021!!

December Students of the Month: COOPERATION

In December, we celebrated COOPERATION. The following students exemplified consistent cooperation, which supported their growth as learners and good citizens of North Coleman. January's character trait will be Caring.



First Row: Reem Ghonem, Antonio Roldan, Owen Westervelt, Stevie Cutillo, Brinna August, Francesca Mulzoff

Second Row: Kacey Bonamico, James Castelli, Emely Lema, Gianna Silvestro

Third Row: Liliana Giametta, Lea Gucciardo, Kayla Aksan

Not Pictured: Jason Nucci

Reporting Student Close Contact

I know Disney likes to think they are the greatest place on earth, but truthfully, it's North Coleman. You, our parent partners, are one of the major secrets to our success!! There have been a few questions about what you should report to the school. Call the main office at 631-285-8660 or email me at grodney@mccsd.net and let me know if your child comes in contact with anyone who tests positive for COVID-19. This is regardless of if they, or the positive person, has symptoms or not. In the rare occasion that the student themselves tests positive, please let me know that also.

It is very important that I receive this information as soon as possible, so call or email me when you first find out.

Keeping North Coleman Open

Thank you to all of you moms and dads for everything you do at home, and in the community, to keep your children healthy and safe. The North Coleman staff is working hard to make sure students consistently practice safety here at school, including:

- ✓ Washing their hands often
- ✓ Keeping at least 6 feet from their friends
- ✓ Wearing their masks to cover their nose and mouth.

Our students and staff absolutely love being able to be in the building for in-person learning - and we don't want to stop. We need your help.

Please go to the Middle Country homepage and complete the **COVID-19 Rapid Test Parental Consent Form**. In the event that the number of positive cases in the community go up, we will need to be able to test 20% of the students to continue in-person instruction.

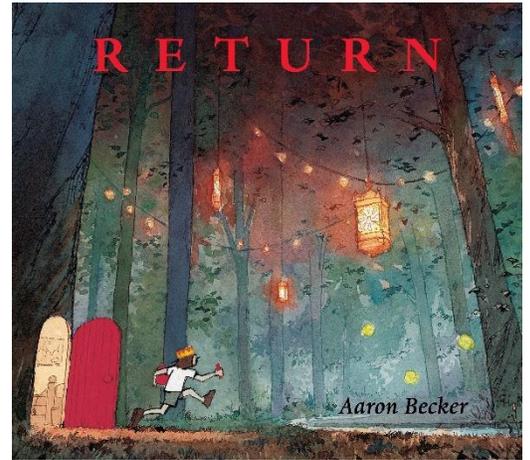
There is also a short video showing exactly how we will administer the test. The test is quick, and results will be shared with you.

North Coleman is doing great things, but we would not be able to do any of it without you! Thank you, in advance, for trusting us to take great care of your children.

January's Book of the Month

Return, by Aaron Becker. Is the sequel to December's Book of the Month, *Journey*. The reader gets another opportunity to use the intricate illustrations to sharpen their inferencing skills. This can also be the chance for those kiddos, young and old, who love to create stories to really dive in!

Each classroom will receive their own copy of this month's book.



Picking Up Early

We value every moment your child is in school. That is why North Coleman's teachers instruct students all the way up to the end of the school day. While it is important for your child to be in school for all instruction, we understand that emergencies do happen.

If there is an emergency which requires a student to leave school early, please send in a note to let the classroom teacher, and office staff know in advance. Additionally, in order to avoid conflict with the dismissal process, please make every effort to schedule the early pick-ups before 3:15 pm.

Reporting your Child's Absence

Please call the Main Office at 285-8660, to report an absence. Remember to include your child's name, his/her teacher's name, the date, and the reason for the absence. It's important to note that New York state law requires that a note (or doctor's note) be sent to the school when your child returns to school. If you do not send in a note, the absence will be recorded as unexcused. Please review the MCCSD attendance policy which can be found in the school district calendar online at www.mccsd.net.

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Even though it is January, our students will go outside for recess unless it is raining, snowing, or the wind chill factor is lower than 32 degrees. Please make sure you send your child to school with socks, closed-toe shoes, and jackets. They may even need caps and gloves. Physical activity is an important part of our students' day and helps them maintain their focus in the classroom.

NOTEWORTHY DATES FOR JANUARY

As we prepare to welcome in the new month, we are also preparing for the certainty of new learning and growth through the many exciting events that we have planned for the month of January. Please make note of the following dates and times:

- January 1st - No School - Happy New Year!!
- January 12th - PTA Virtual Meeting 7pm
- January 13th - Board of Education Meeting at 7PM-VIRTUAL
- January 18th - Martin Luther King Day - No School

"Parents make the difference!"

Every Friday is NCR Spirit Day!! Students should wear their spirit wear, or anything red, to show their school spirit.