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# NORTH STAR **n e w s**

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Parents/Guardians: As you know, students are not naturally equipped to independently manage their Online School day. As we covered in our Information Session during the application process, it is incredibly important to keep the following in mind while planning for your child's success:

- In a brick-and-mortar setting the school staff managed the school day in every way
- Bell schedules to manage time spent on each subject
- Lesson presentation checks for understanding
- reteaching opportunities ALL based on interactions with their students
- Management of student behavior and workmanship
- Management of brain breaks, snacks, lunch breaks

At an Online School things are much different. It is imperative that the parents/guardians set a school day schedule with incentives and consequences built in. This must be consistent in order for it to work. Additionally, online teachers are not able to control the speed at which your child is going through the lessons. It is important that you hold the expectation that your child take notes, complete each component of the lesson, and that they demonstrate a strong understanding of the new concepts before allowing them to submit quizzes and tests.

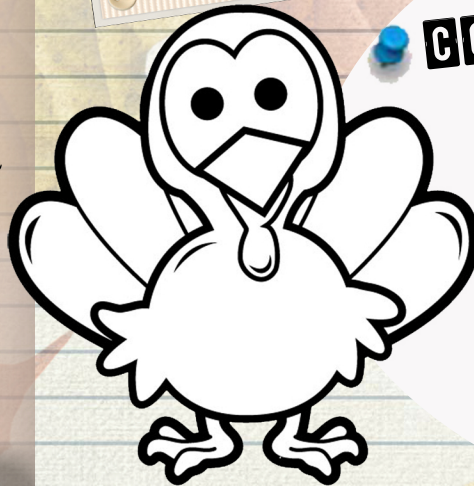
While the student may be a motivated and successful student without the structure and support inherent in a brick and mortar classroom, he/she may struggle with what to do with reading, processing, implementing tasks and activities, and double checking to see that all lesson requirements have been met before submitting. That is why the Learning Coach duties are so important to student success.



Thankful



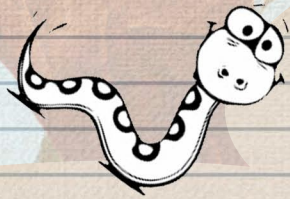
## COUNSELING CORNER



"Please welcome Dr. Pressey who is the new counselor for the students grades K-8. I am excited to be here at North Star. I have been a school counselor for 10 years. I am dedicated to helping support students, families, and staff with all aspects of overall success. I have two kids, and both enjoy playing sports, which keeps me busy. I like sports as well, mostly NFL... GO Niners ☑ I hope to make this year fun while learning at the same time."

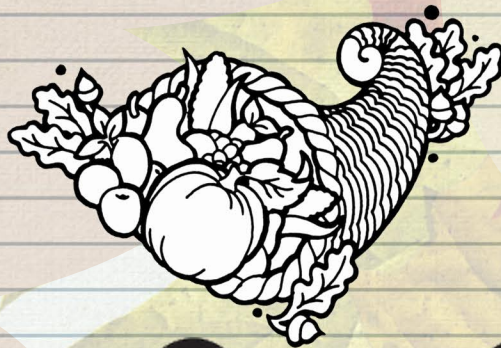


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"I am so thankful for great first grade writing!"  
-Ashley Wade  
I went to the lake and saw a snake. It was eating a cake! Ssssss!

I am thankful for my husband and my two little girls. I am also thankful to spend the holidays with my family.  
-Abbey Casey

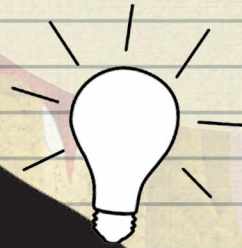


Every now and again I remember to be grateful. It usually requires some catastrophic or monumental event to inspire me to remember to be grateful for my little spot on this earth. I have had two such reminders in the span of six weeks - lucky me. A little over a month ago a delightful opportunity presented itself - a new school I had been at my previous school for 13 years and I was hesitant and sad to leave that family but I knew in my heart that this door was opening for a reason. I am so very grateful that I took a chance left the comfort of familiarity but incredibly toxic environment and joined the North Star family. My second gratitude opportunity happened just yesterday - I live in a neighborhood that was threatened by a wildfire. We did have to evacuate but ultimately our home and family were safe. When we were staying with friends gracious enough to host a ramblant family of four on a school night my friend said that I must be feeling anxious not knowing the state of our home. I thought on it and realized that I truly didn't care well maybe not totally truly but ultimately I did not care what happened to our house and stuff. The only thing I NEED is my family while cheesy it is true and I am ever grateful. Andrea Tonkel

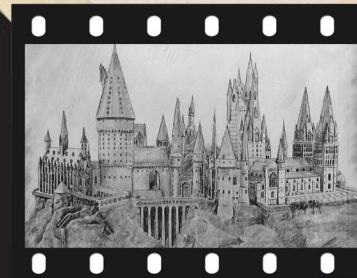
I'm Thankful for the cheer a grandson brings during this challenging time.  
Declan born May 12th  
-Paula Glogovac



GRATEFUL



I am thankful for:  
Our school  
My family  
My home  
-Stephanie Vega



Grateful for our senior class this year! They are hardworking and dedicated. The class of 2021 is one of the best classes North Star has ever had!  
-Julie Stelzriede

I am so thankful for my family, friends, students, and good health.  
-Janice Pearson



I am thankful for so much!!!  
To name a few things at the top of my list, I am thankful for the ability to work remotely during this pandemic. I am thankful for my family, coworkers, and friends. I am thankful for my health!!  
-Victoria Hardy



Coffee and kitties that greet me in the morning. My husband's, "Good Morning!" shouted from his office. Funny memes sent by good friends. My daughter Autumn, even though she has a boa constrictor as a pet, EEKK! My daughter Maddalyn who is as tall as an Amazon Warrior and just as tough. My students who make me smile and keep me young. My co-workers who always have good things to say despite the tough times that surround us. The sunrise every morning and the sunset every night. -Deborah Baran

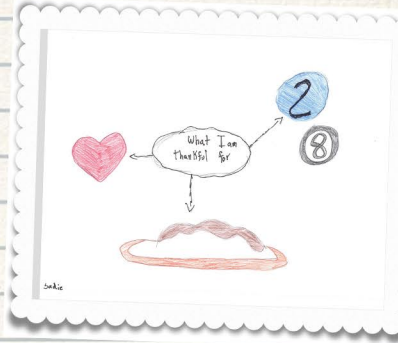




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"I am thankful for my brother,  
mom, dad, family, life, and god."  
-Anugya



What I am Thankful for Poem.  
I am thankful for all that I have.  
I am thankful for my school.  
And my uncles house where I play pool.  
I am thankful for my friends.  
And the Love that never ends.  
I am thankful for my brother.  
And my father and my mother.  
I am thankful for my family's Thanksgiving feast.  
Where my brother eats the Least.

The sweetest sentiments.  
from students and staff.  
So many pictures of kitties.

I had to laugh.

Intelligence displayed.  
via written word and art:  
the kids at North Star  
are special and smart.

Im thankful to work  
at this stellar online school!

The contributions to this  
newsletter, show that the Wolves  
RULE!



I am so thankful to get  
to work from home and  
catch the sweetest  
moments with my  
daughter because she is  
growing so fast and I  
otherwise would have  
missed so much of this.  
-Meghen Hadley





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