



North School of the Arts Newsletter

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Dear Iron Mountain Families,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2021. On behalf of IMPS and the Board of Education we hope each student and family had an enjoyable Winter Break! Our busy schedules certainly makes time go quickly. Before we know it, we will be at Spring Break and the end of the school year! However, we have now started second semester. I hope that all of our students are ready to go. As we take on January and February please keep an eye on our website and our social media sites for weather related delays, cancellations, or changes to schedules. As always, we strive to make the best decision regarding school and student safety. Once we make a decision, we work to get the information out as soon as possible so you have as much notice for a change in the school day schedule as possible.

We are happy to have all of our students back in the building for the first time in a very long time. Our goals are to keep our students and staff safe, provide the best education possible, and be able to stay in our live classroom instruction on-site model. We believe this is best for the overall growth and betterment of our students. We continue to work closely with our local Department of Public Health and monitor the data provided to our district to help us make decisions, which will help us meet our goals. We also consider the things we learned as we navigated through the first semester and experienced quarantines, shut downs, and the daily challenges. We are continually grateful for our families' resilience, flexibility, and support as we have navigated these challenging times together. Please keep an eye out for any changes we may make along the way in order to help us meet our goals of keeping all of our students in the buildings as safely as we can.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child's schools or central office. Thank you and we hope your 2021 year is off to a great start.

Respectfully, 
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2021 WILL BE THE YEAR WE STAY STRONG AND CONTINUE TO BE SAFE

Our children need to be in our classrooms listening to North Elementary teachers TEACH. When children look at me in the hallway, office or on my classroom visits, I see their enthusiasm to learn and I feel they are so happy to be in school with their teachers and our entire North education team. *We sure do not know what we have until we lose it! Virtual learning at home just is not the same. I have given many 'elbow hellos' this year and I see the big smiles on their faces.*

Please let's all continue to practice the **3 W's** that help us stay healthy: **WASH HANDS, WEAR MASK, WATCH DISTANCE!** Because our teachers, staff, students and parents are exhibiting resiliency and strength – 2021 will be a successful year for building capacity to learn and preparing children for future learning.

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MRS. PEG GEYSER

NOBODY DOES IT BETTER! Upon entering the main office at North Elementary School of the Arts you will find Peg Geysler always engaging with children and staff and working at her computer. *If you have a question, just ask Peg, our Administrative Assistant. Peg's compassion and empathy transcends across all ages. Remaining nonjudgmental at all times and being so kind to our North children is what Peg is all about! Thank you Peg for nurturing all of us at North Elementary.*

MRS. TRACY MCCAIN

Tracy McCain is North's new **Special Education Teacher**. Tracy left Louisiana to be closer to her family and enjoy our hurricane-free weather. Tracy is one of those special educators who loves teaching special students! Welcome Tracy.



MRS. PAM PIRKOLA



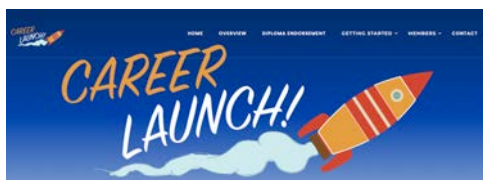
MRS. PIRKOLA loves to read and so do her students love to read. Recently we heard her second graders chanting about how to wear a MASK. We cannot see their faces, but we sure know they are SMILING when they learn from this amazing master teacher!



BETH BRAY & WILL TRABER



2021 PARENT CAREER TOOL KIT



PARENT CAREER TOOL KIT is a valuable resource describing information on career awareness to discuss with your son or daughter: Kindergarten to Grade 4 Conversation Ideas.

Visit Our IM Career Website!

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