

"Education is not filling a pail but the lighting of a fire."

~William Butler Yeats

Allen Road Elementary School

Gator Gazette E*News

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UPCOMING EVENTS...

- 2/2—Report cards available online
- 2/6—MGR
Players visiting for 3rd and 4th Grades
- 2/7—6:00—PTO Meeting
- 2/8—MGR
Players visiting for Kindergarten.
- 2/8—6:00—PTO
Labor of Love Valentines Dinner
- 2/19—2/23—
February break

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Gator 'Tales'...

I'm not sure about you—but no matter what the groundhog does tomorrow morning, I've had enough cold and snow already! Here's hoping that Phil is in a great mood in the morning!

February is short on days but long on announcements, events, and activities—beginning with a reminder that the 2nd marking period report cards will be available online Friday, February 2nd. **Page 5-7 of the full newsletter** shares step sheets explaining the easiest ways to access them from any device. We hope you take some time to look over this important feedback together!

Additionally this month we sent home a letter to the parents of all 3rd and 4th graders regarding the change to taking



NYS ELA and Math tests online this year. Students have already started working with the technology, preparing to show off all they know in April.

February also means it's time for Labor of Love! We celebrate more than ten years of this event next week with all proceeds being donated to **AccessCNY**. Our PTO newsletter and Facebook pages offer more details.

Across this month, the North Syracuse district is also seeking your feedback. I would love to hear the Allen Road parent voice if you could spend a few moments sharing your thoughts on the building and district through our **Community Survey**.

And finally, this month our students have the opportunity to enjoy more PTO sponsored performances by the **Merry-Go-Round Players** and **Jack Gramlich with 'Eco-To-Go'** at three different grade levels.

There is never a dull moment at Allen Road—and I can only hope that our active schedules help pass the winter days a little more quickly. Have a great month and look for some vital Race For Education

-I Dave

PTO News and Views

I can't believe January is already over and winter break is upon us! This month we have our annual Labor of Love event on Thursday, February 8th from 6-8pm. Bring the family and join us for a pasta dinner, crafts, music, silent auction and raffle. Not only will we have amazing pottery pieces done by our Allen Road staff but some fantastic "teacher experiences" to raffle off as well! This year ALL proceeds will go to benefit AccessCNY. Come learn about project adapt and see some of the different aspects of this organization. Visit

www.accesscny.org/ to learn more about this truly amazing organization!

The February PTO meeting will be on the 7th at 6pm in the library. We encourage all to come and childcare is available. This month we will discuss our schools mission statement and look ahead to our upcoming events Literacy Night, STEAM, Race for Education, and Carnival. If you have some new fresh ideas, we would love to hear them!

Gina Baker
PTO president
arepto@gmail.com



In the Spotlight

Have you seen what's coming?

Do you know what it is?

Visit the
[ARE PTO Facebook page](#)

To watch some videos about something strange—and BIG—about to happen at Allen Road!

North Syracuse Board of Education:

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NORTH SYRACUSE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The students, residents and staff of the North Syracuse Central School District will work collaboratively to ensure a respectful and diversified learning environment. Our collective focus is to provide educational experiences and opportunities that inspire students to reach their individual potential as productive citizens.



Adopted by the Board of Education, August 11, 2014

Central Office Administration:

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Building Principal

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Secretaries

218-2300

Fax: 218-2385

Anna Werksman

School Nurse

218-2303

School Hours: 8:30-4:00

Student Hours: 9:00-3:20

*A leader is a
dealer
in hope.*

*~Napoleon
Bonaparte*



Labor of Love

We hope to see you this month at our Labor of Love pasta dinner on February 8th at 6pm at our school. Tickets will be \$5 a person or \$20 per family. A silent auction and raffle will be held also. All profits from the event will be donated this year to AccessCNY. Volunteers are still needed for the night of the event. If you could give a half hour of your time, please contact us at arepto@gmail.com or <http://bit.ly/2DCKWkl>

Afterschool Enrichment – 3rd Quarter

Deadline for ASE sign ups is February 23rd. No late applications will be accepted.

This quarter the following will be offered:

- Baking (k-2 only Tuesdays)
- Karate (Wednesday)
- Drama Club (Thursday)
- Bricks 4 Kidz (Wednesday)
- Jr. Robotics(3rd & 4th only Monday)

Yearbook

Yearbook fliers will be going home soon. Please send in your order form no later than Friday, March 2nd . Any questions, please email AREPTO@gmail.com

Race for Education Committee

We are starting the planning for Race for Education. We are looking for volunteers for our school fundraiser. If you could help in any way, please email us at arepto@gmail.com Date will be announced at our February PTO meeting.

Box Top for Education

Box tops are found on numerous consumer products and these \$.10 items can add up quickly to help fund our school programs! **Please send in your Box Tops throughout the year!!**

General PTO Information

Have you considered being an officer on our PTO Board? We are expecting openings next school year. Positions will be discussed at our March PTO meeting. If you have any questions, please contact us at arepto@gmail.com

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build strong
children than to
repair broken
men.*

*~Frederick
Douglass*

From the Health Office...

Well, we are moving fast through the winter months!

Continue taking good care of yourselves and your children is the key and doing the following enhances it:

Good handwashing (about 80% of infectious diseases are transmitted by touch)

Getting enough rest

Eating healthy

Getting exercise

Making sure you have breakfast

Making sure you and your children have regular check- ups at the Doctors.

Friendly reminders:

Cough drops are NOT ALLOWED in school without a Doctor's note.

If your child had an accident, surgery or for some reason need to be out of Physical Education – I require a note from the Doctor, ER and a note for being released back into Physical education.

LOST & FOUND: Our lost and found boxes are overflowing, please come and take a look if your child is missing anything. I will bring the contents to the rescue mission at the end of the month.

Wellness wakeup call: this month we will be learning about: Plant Foods. Recipe of the month is- Red bean Hummus, look for it on my website!

As always – any questions or changes in your child's health, feel free to contact me.

Mrs. Werksman RN

315-218-2303 or awerksma@nscsd.org

I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them.

~Phyllis Diller

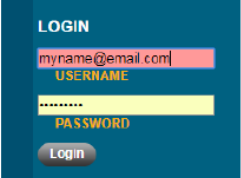
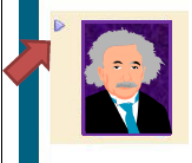

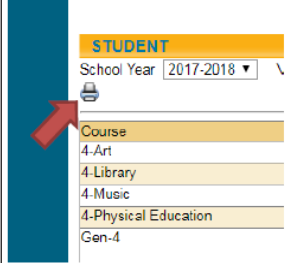
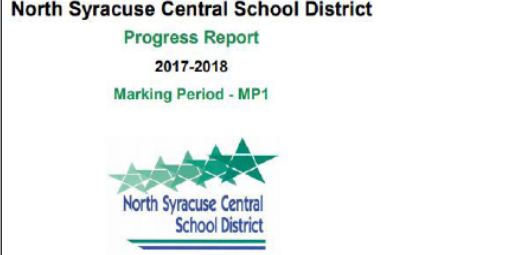
Accessing your child's report card from a PC

Starting this year, you must access your child's elementary report card through the parent portal of School Tool. Follow the directions below to login and view the report card.

***Please note: If you are using the app version of School Tool, you must click "View Full Site" to see the report card. A computer is recommended for viewing the report card.**

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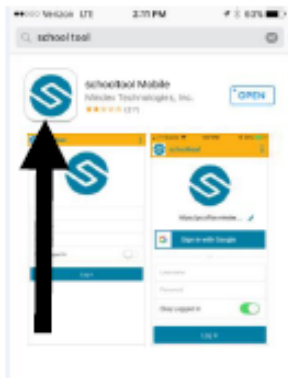
<p>1. Go to the School Tool Parent Portal. (This can also be found under the "Resources" tab of the district website under "Parent Resources.")</p>	<p>https://cns.schooltool.cnyric.org/SchoolToolWeb/</p>
<p>2. Login using the email account on file with the school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can reset your password on this screen if you do not remember it. This account will be the same one as used to view older students' grades. 	
<p>3. Click the small blue arrow next to your child's photo.</p>	
<p>4. Click the "Grades" tab on the right side of the screen.</p>	
<p>5. Click the "Print" icon on the left side of the screen.</p>	
<p>6. View, save, or print the report card!</p>	

Accessing your child's report card from a Smartphone or Tablet (page 1)

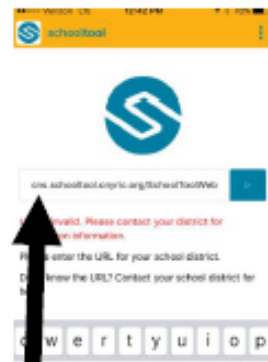
NSCSD directions for viewing Elementary Report Card using Smart Phones & Tablets

Please note: To view the complete report card, you must use a PC computer. Apple products only offer a "light" version.

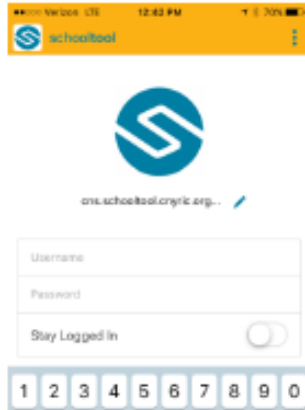
Step 1
Download the "Schooltool" App in the App store



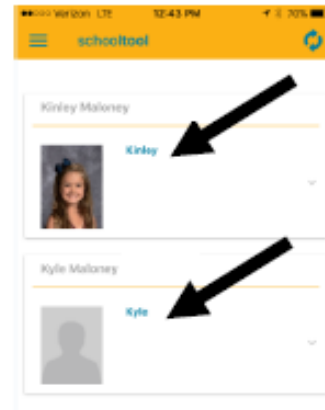
Step 2
Open the App and type: cns.schooltool.cnyric.org/SchoolToolWeb



Step 3
Enter your Username and Password



Step 4
You will now see all of your children within NSCSD.



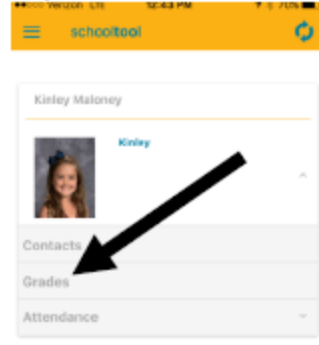
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Accessing your child's report card from a Smartphone or Tablet (page 2)

Step 5

Choose "grades" from the Dropdown menu



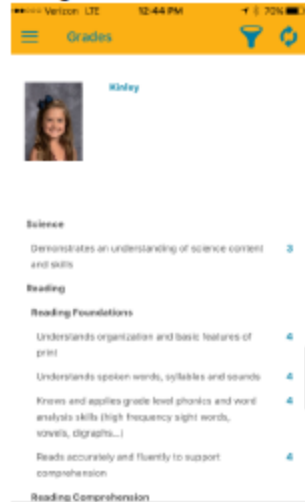
Step 6

Select each subject to view grades



Step 7

View grades



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FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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			February Break			

Elementary School Menu

February 2018

Menu Subject to Change

North Syracuse School District Is An Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Available with All Lunches

Assorted Fruit Cups
Milk Choice

5 Pizza Crunchers
w/ Sauce

Seasoned Carrots
Seasoned Green Beans

12 Hot Dog on Bun

Baked French Fries
Seasoned Carrots

6 Turkey & Cheddar
Panini

Sweet Potato Bites
BBQ Baked Beans
Fresh Fruit

13 Beef Nachos w/
Cheese and Salsa

Cheesy Bean Dip
Seasoned Corn
Fresh Fruit

7 Mini Waffles
w/ Sausage

Hash Brown Patty
100% Fruit-Vegetable
Juice

14 Toasted Cheese
Melt

Tomato Soups w/ Crackers
California Blend Vegetable
Heart Pretzel
Valentine's Day

8 Chicken & Potato
Bowl w/ Biscuit

Mashed Potatoes
California Blend
Vegetable
Fresh Fruit

15 Tangerine Chicken
w/ Egg Roll

Vegetable Fried Rice
Stir Fry Veggies
Fresh Fruit
Fortune Cookie

2 Assorted
Homemade Pizza

Garden Salad w/
Dressing
Seasoned Broccoli
Fresh Fruit

9 Nardone's
Pizza

Garden Salad w/
Dressing
Seasoned Broccoli
Fresh Fruit

16 Stuffed Crust
Pizza

Garden Salad w/
Dressing
Seasoned Broccoli
Fresh Fruit

19 Winter
Recess

No
School

26 Mini
Corn Dogs

Sweet Potato Fries
Seasoned Carrot Fries

20 Winter
Recess

No
School

27 Egg and Cheese
Breakfast Sandwich
w/ Sausage
Hash Brown Patty
100% Fruit-Vegetable
Juice
Fresh Fruit

21 Winter
Recess

No
School

28 Macaroni & Cheese
w/ Dinner Roll
Seasoned Green Beans
California Blend
Vegetable

22 Winter
Recess

No
School

Free and reduced meal
applications may be filled
out any time during the
school year.
Call us if you have questions
(315) 218-2176

23 Winter
Recess

No
School

Second Choice

Monday – Burger

Tuesday – Popcorn Chicken
Wednesday – Burger

Thursday – Chicken Patty
Friday – Burger

PB & J and Yogurt Meal
also available

Breakfast

Lunch

\$1.75

Elementary Schools \$2.25

Middle Schools \$2.50

High Schools \$2.75

Milk \$0.65

Visit our website to print an
application and to
view menus.

www.nscsd.org

Chinese New Year

February 16, 2018

The food service
department is looking for
food service substitute
workers. We have

positions open, apply on
the district website or call

315-218-2175