



Northeast School Principal's Newsletter

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Northeast Shared Experiences

One of the greatest things that can happen at a school are shared experiences. These are moments that we either design or arise by accident. They may be educational, emotional or both. The one critical component is that, as a community, we share in the learning, feeling and growth which ultimately solidifies the bond that is Northeast.

Please enjoy some highlights from the past few weeks. These are some of our schoolwide shared experiences!



What a Cast of Characters!



In October, Northeast celebrated the fall, through our annual Fall Festival, Halloween Cast of characters and classroom activities. At the Fall Festival, families could be found enjoying a taste of food from around the world, while watching international performances on stage. Additionally, carnival games that lined the hallway were played by kids eager to win a prize or raffle!



In the classroom teachers helped students design and paint pumpkins or complete other projects centered around working collaboratively and respecting each other's personal ideas. On October 31st the students and staff were welcomed to dress as their favorite character to celebrate Halloween and individuality. In the afternoon the school was invited to line up and parade our costumes around the building. As we walked, we were met by cheering parents who helped us validate the characters we chose to represent.



The Whole World Inside Northeast!

On November 1st and 2nd, the Northeast PTA brought the world inside Northeast! Students' jaws dropped as they were confronted by the Earth sitting in our gymnasium! Every grade level was treated to the Earth Dome assembly by *mobile ed*. Each presentation was geared to the different age groups and took a tour of global topics including geography, cultural practices, language, agriculture, and food! Students literally traveled around the world in an engaging and interactive program. This was no typical day at Northeast!



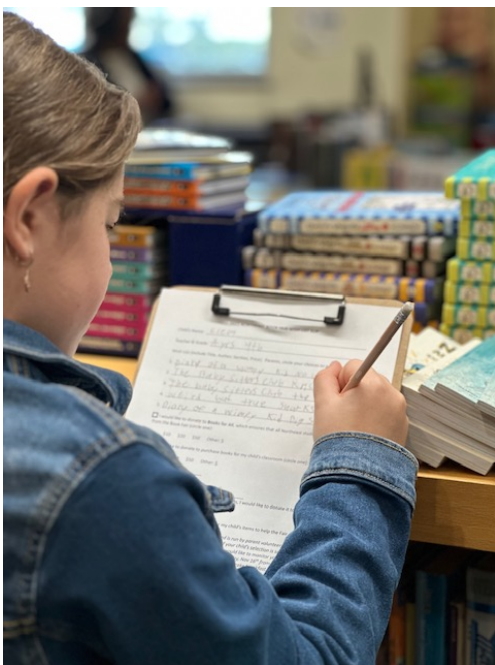
My Head has a Bellyache!

I can only imagine that your children came home laughing on Wednesday! Author Chris Harris treated the entire school to a bellyaching presentation which included excerpts from his newest and hottest book “My Head has a Bellyache”. As a kickoff to the Northeast PTA Bookfair Mr. Harris punctuated that we can find humor in our everyday experiences and that those moments can make great stories!



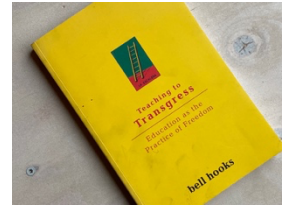
The Northeast PTA Book Fair will end this Saturday after the Pancake Breakfast, which will be held from 9:00am – 11:00am. “My Head has a Bellyache” can still be ordered so your whole family can share in the laughs!

We hope to see you at the Pancake Breakfast!



A Moment of Bonding!

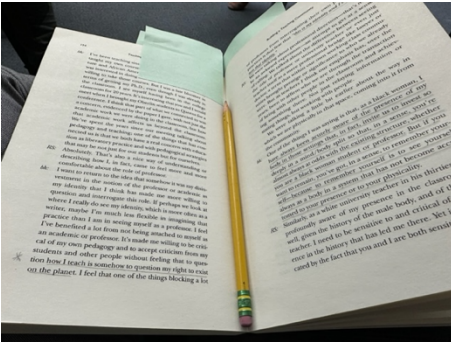
Last night over 20 staff and community members gathered at Northeast for a book discussion of *Teaching to Transgress* by bell hooks. As the Principal of Northeast and a community member, I could not have been prouder to be part of this conversation. Led by Ali Campbell and Lorrie Hunter, we were tasked in groups to hone in on certain chapters to extract take aways and make connections from Ms. hooks teachings to our school and life experience as learners and teachers. At the end of the session, our shared thoughts were tied together by Ali and Lorrie.



I think I can speak for the group when I say we all found the design of the discussion to be a safe space and easy to engage in. If you know someone who attended, I'm sure they shared their positive experience.

We will be reading two more books before the end of the year and hope to inspire even your participation!

For those who attended... remember to keep stepping in front of the podium to foster self-love. Thank you for the courageous conversation.



**Northeast
PTA
Pancake
Breakfast
November 18th
9:00am –
11:00am**

**Early Dismissal
November 22nd**

**School Closed
November 23rd
&
November 24th**