

Dear Northeast families,

As we approach Thanksgiving, I asked myself, what is the purpose of Thanksgiving and why our traditions? The word Thanksgiving means the act of expressing or feeling thankfulness. In other words, it's the act of giving thanks for what you're grateful for. I have shared with our teaching staff that you can't complain when you are grateful. We got a chuckle with that statement. As we gather with our families, many of us will have an empty seat at our tables for many reasons. Let us hold hands as families and be thankful that we are present in this life to love and care for each other.

Please be mindful of your travel plans and how it will impact your return to school. Check with the district's website regarding travel and review again the information there. Please be reminded that **after school**, we have observed many children on the playground unsupervised by adults. Be certain to monitor the activities of your children as issues have come to the staff the following day. Thank you for your anticipated help.

You will notice that we have placed three cones at the entrance of our parking lot after school, as the area has become dangerous for children, adults and cars. Please park and wait for children where it is more appropriate. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Take this song with you into the Thanksgiving season. Enjoy.

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Have a safe and enjoyable time during this festive season.

Until we meet again,

Mike Chiles

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

11/24 Early Dismissal at 1:10 pm

11/25 & 11/26 District Closed, Thanksgiving Holiday

11/30 Picture Retake Day

12/8 Early Dismissal at 1:10 pm- Evening parent/teacher conferences

12/9 Early Dismissal at 1:10 pm- Afternoon parent/teacher conferences

12/10 Early Dismissal at 1:10 pm- Afternoon parent/teacher conferences

FROM THE PTA:

There is still time today (until 6PM) to **drop off a fresh or frozen turkey or turkey breast and a store bought pie for the Salvation Army**, who prepares cooked Thanksgiving meals. **Drop off is the back porch of Northeast (red door, aftercare pick up)**. Thank you for those of you who contributed yesterday.

PEDIATRIC VACCINATIONS

Essex County is offering Covid-19 vaccinations for children ages 5-11. [Here is the pediatric vaccination schedule.](#)