



# FIELD SCHOOL

Northview Public Schools

Dear Northview Families,

We are proud to announce that our outdoor learning program, Field School, is expanding next year! Northview believes that children are inspired by nature, and Field School is one way our district can use that inspiration to encourage learning.

This past year, Field School operated one multi-age kindergarten/1st grade class of 22 students and one multi-age 2nd/3rd grade class of 24 students. Our program was located in the portable classrooms at East Oakview, and our teachers were Jenna Rykse (K/1st) and Matt Fenech (2nd/3rd). We are thrilled to announce that we are growing next year! For the 2019-2020 school year, Field School will add an additional K/1 classroom and a 4th grade classroom. Our teachers are yet TBD, but our new classes will be housed at West Oakview! West Oakview has an amazing outdoor space and a fantastic staff. Like this year, Field School will continue to be supported by Northview's Coordinator of Outdoor Learning Rich Youngberg and Interim Deputy Superintendent Liz Cotter.

Field School provides an immersive outdoor learning environment, along with student-centered teaching practices. It fosters students' mastery of all core subject knowledge, while also encouraging curiosity, stewardship, community, leadership and adventure. Students attending Field School develop a connection to the natural world, a strong growth mindset, the ability to understand and solve complex problems, and skills to communicate with the world in many ways. Students spend time outdoors through all seasons, and learn how the natural world is a living textbook.

Families who are interested in sending a student to Field School should fill out the form at this web address: <http://bit.ly/2lbFPgZ>.

Information about enrolling in Field School, curriculum themes and other school details are also available on our website at [www.nvps.net](http://www.nvps.net).

We are excited to offer this opportunity to connect students with nature, while also providing teachers an opportunity to use their unique gifts and talents.

We'll see you outside, Northview!

Sincerely,  
Liz Cotter



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Values:

**Curiosity**

**Growth**

**Stewardship**

**Community**

**Leadership**

**Adventure**



**“This is the kind of school where you are learning a lot, but the kids have no idea that they are actually learning. It’s just happening.”**

- 3rd Grade Field School Student