

May 4, 2020

Hello Northview families,

Below is your Monday update for the week of May 4, 2020.

### **May 5 Bond Election**

As you know, tomorrow is election day for Northview Public Schools. If you are a Northview resident and have any last minute questions regarding the proposed bond or the voting process for this election, please call 616-363-6861. We are happy to answer your questions.

### **Northview High School Announces Graduation!**

View the graduation video announcement for the [Class of 2020](#). And, just in case you missed it, check out this short celebratory video: [SENIORS, THIS IS FOR YOU!](#) Northview High School and the student leadership of the Class of 2020 have been sending out informational updates via email. If you are not receiving these communications, please contact Lisa Charland at [lcharland@nvps.net](mailto:lcharland@nvps.net).

### **Free and Reduced Lunch Benefits**

Due to COVID-19, some families may be experiencing a reduction or loss of income. Although breakfast and lunch are not available daily at school due to the closure affecting all of us, there are additional benefits available based on free and/or reduced meal status. If your family's income situation has changed, please apply online at [lunchapp.com](http://lunchapp.com). The district's ability to continue to provide free lunches to our community throughout the summer months is also determined by free and reduced meal applications.

Families currently receiving Food Assistance Program (FAP) benefits will receive additional benefits on their Bridge card. Families that qualify for the meal program based on income will receive information on getting benefits through a P-EBT card. Please see the information linked [HERE](#) for more details. Meals are also still being distributed on Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30-12:30 at the high school. If you have additional questions, please email Northview Food Service Director Jan Jager at [jjager@nvps.net](mailto:jjager@nvps.net).

### **Staff Appreciation Week - May 4-8**

Since 1984, the National Parent Teacher Association has designated one week in May to celebrate teachers. In recognition that it takes teachers and staff to support, care and educate our students, we celebrate all Northview employees during this week. We celebrate teachers because there is no greater influence in a child's academic learning than their teacher. Teachers are truly irreplaceable. We celebrate staff because without their skills, talents and commitment to students, teachers would not be able to teach. It is a winning combination. It's like peanut butter and jelly, ham and cheese, or pastrami on rye. Northview teachers and staff working in conjunction with families to teach our students - which is more than academics.





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There is a heightened appreciation for teachers and staff this year. COVID-19 has turned our worlds upside down. So many things are different right now, so it is very evident when some things are still standing upright in an upside down world. Northview teachers and staff are standing upright. They have been since the evening of March 12, and they will continue to do so for as long as necessary.

The challenges we currently face are significant. I could not have imagined our entire school district transitioning to remote learning within two weeks' time. But, we did, and we did so because of our teachers and staff. Even more, our teachers and staff continue to make adjustments in remote learning to support the success of our students and families. I am so inspired by the entire Northview staff for staying strong, committed and positive during a challenge none of us could have imagined. I am so proud to be a Wildcat!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Korpak".

Dr. Scott Korpak  
Superintendent