



Engaging Learners Through Imagination & Innovation

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2010

Greetings North Families~ How quickly time flies when we're engaged and excited about learning!

Please join me in congratulating the 2009-2010 CMS North **Teacher of the Year: Ms. Carolyn Wooldridge!!!** Our Teacher of the Year is our Literacy Specialist and is dedicated to best practices and to re-inventing herself as she continues to learn and grow so that our 21st Century Learners benefit from her expertise. She is engaging not only because she is entertaining but because she gets students to make connections and motivates them to participate as active learners. Ms. Wooldridge integrates her content area with all other disciplines because, as one nominator asked, "What could be more relevant than reading?" She touches every student in this building because of her constant presence in all classrooms. Ms. Wooldridge is both a teacher of students and a teacher of teachers. She provides training at the campus, district, and state levels because she is well-respected as a dynamic educator well beyond the confines of North. She has been called the heart of the school and as another nominator shared, "She is the one who knows the song in your heart and can sing it when you've forgotten the words." We are so proud to have Ms. Wooldridge represent our campus and receive recognition from her colleagues as an outstanding educator!



1. Our fundraiser orders will be in on **Tuesday, December 15th!** Please plan to **pick up orders between 3:00 and 5:30 pm.** You will want to remember that the product (cookie dough, etc.) is frozen and will need to be refrigerated immediately. Orders will be ready for pick up in our cafeteria. Thank you in advance to our PTO volunteers who will assist with distribution and check out! Selected students assisted some eager staff members in duct taping me to the wall of the gym today in honor of super sales! As a result of the fundraiser we conservatively estimate being able to invest over \$25,000 in technology on our campus utilizing the district's matching funds program. We are on our way to equipping our classrooms and students for 21st Century Learning. Thank you again for supporting this first time effort ~ what a wonderful resource for our students and teachers!

FRIENDLY REMINDER:

Based on local school board policy, parents are required to provide **advanced written notice** when planning absences for their child because of the extenuating circumstances listed below:

1. Religious holy days under Education Code 21.035 (f).
2. School-sanctioned extracurricular activities not exceeding the local limit established (FM LOCAL).
3. Family emergencies (written notice whenever possible).
4. Required appearances in court or in legal proceedings.
5. Absences related to being a migrant student.
6. Family vacations, recreational trips, etc. may be approved as per policy FDD, but will not be considered extenuating circumstances.



2. Our superintendent, Dr. Turner, held **"The Discussion"** on Wednesday this week. Topics included: *Does student engagement really matter?* and *More rigor means more homework...right?* You can find the presentation on the district webpage or by following the link. The next Discussion will occur in February: <http://www.coppellisd.com/15161010911840397/lib/15161010911840397/RigorEngagement.pdf>
3. For your calendar:
 - a. 12/7 Art Club, 7th BB vs. Carroll
 - b. 12/8 Theatre A production
 - c. 12/9 Band Toys for Tots begins, North Knitwits Knitting Club meeting
 - d. 12/10 Art club, Robot club, 8th BB vs. Carroll, Choir Winter Concert
 - e. 12/11 Mathcounts, Choir Holiday Party @ East

Yours in school spirit,

Lynn Ojeda, Principal