

Dear New Parent,

Welcome to NorthLake Park Elementary School! We are so happy to have you and your child here. The following is information about our school uniform policy to help you and your child feel like a part of our school from the first day.

Children in grades K-5 may wear white, navy, hunter green or burgundy collared shirts. Bottoms may be khaki or navy shorts, pants, skirts, skorts or jumpers. In the cooler months, coordinating sweaters, sweatshirts and turtlenecks are also appropriate. NorthLake Park also has embroidered logo shirts and spirit shirts available for purchase.

On Fridays, children may wear any NorthLake Park uniform shirt or spirit shirt with jeans or jean shorts/skorts.

All uniform clothing may be purchased from ANY retailer. Parents report great resources to be: Bealls Department Store, JC Penny (uniform catalog), Target, Wal-Mart, Dollar General as well as many on-line retailers. The School Advisory Committee (SAC) will offer uniforms and spirit shirts for sale throughout the year. They will also hold uniform swaps and fairs toward the school's year end.

School uniforms offer many benefits to young students. Uniforms help children feel good about themselves by building a sense of pride. They help children learn to express themselves creatively in other ways than by what they are wearing. Uniforms positively influence a school's image in the community. It promotes greater school spirit. Having pride in one's school can be a powerful motivator. Uniforms have a positive effect on classroom discipline; they may act as social equalizers making it difficult for some children to look more "fashionable" than others. Most schools with uniform policies see improvements with their students' schoolwork. Teachers have said that uniforms promote a "down to business" approach because kids view them as "work clothes" and take school more seriously. They also make it easier for the school's staff to spot intruders, improving student safety. Get in the spirit! Wear your NorthLake Park pride on the outside!

Please call the office if you have any questions regarding the uniform policy. Again, welcome and we look forward to having you and your child at NorthLake Park Elementary!