**Why Northern?**

**So often we are asked why a family should come to Northern Elementary.
While we can list many reasons why, don’t take our word for it;
let’s hear from current Northern parents!**

*-Before moving to Greensboro my husband and I researched public schools in the area and quickly realized Northern Elementary was where we wanted our children to attend school. We were impressed by the score Northern was given from the Department of Public Instruction on the NC School Report Card. It was also evident from speaking to many different families that Northern Elementary fostered a wonderful learning environment that was focused on the whole child.*

*-The community/parent support is unlike any other school. It really is like a family! I love the environment the teachers and administration create that makes kids want to come to school, even when school is challenging for them, like my own son.*

*-We chose Northern because we feel confident in the school leadership and teachers. The culture of the school feels positive and that not only are students thriving but staff are thriving and growing in their professions. Good school leadership makes all of the difference and Northern has two incredible advocates in Mrs. Weeks and Dr. McMillon. NES is a bright and engaging building filled with evidence of student creativity, hard work, and learning.*

*-Growing up I went to a private schools until I went to college. I thought I only could get that one on one experience from a private school. I wanted people to know who my kids are. Northern does all that and more. Every teacher knows my child whether she has been in their class or not. The classes are small and the teachers are beyond dedicated to each student and their success. Teachers along with the administration have created an atmosphere that is encouraging and welcoming for everyone. They truly care about all the kids and want nothing but the best for them.*

*-Northern is great because they have an active PTA and parental involvement, low turnover, and so that our children could go to school with their neighborhood friends.*

*-We moved to the district from out of state and happened upon a house in the Northern district. Looking online, we thought it seemed like one of the best in the area. We lucked out and cannot imagine being anywhere else!*

**Here is what families shared about what makes Northern Elementary unique:**

*-The teachers and administration go above and beyond to make each child feel loved and supported. Hawks Hobbies is so unique, and my children look forward to each one!*

*-One of the things that makes NES unique are the teachers. The teachers at the school are not only highly qualified but also truly care about the overall wellbeing of the children. Northern students are taught by veteran teachers who have the classroom experience that allows students to reach their full potential.

Another thing that makes NES unique is the community support of the school and the school's support of the community. The PTA and the school work hand in hand to provide many different types of activities and events for school families. From the Fall Festival and toy drives, to campus clean ups and field day there is no shortage of ways for NES families to get involved. The community strongly supports NES through programs such as Hawks Hobbies which itself is a very unique program that exposes students to different extracurricular activities throughout the school year.*

*-Before the beginning of each new school year a form is sent out asking for parent input on their child’s learning style and traits of a teacher that would fit well with their child as well as other questions. Each year, I feel that the teacher that my daughter is placed with is the perfect fit. I feel that NES values the whole child and strives to differentiate based on each student’s needs. NES works as a team with the PTA, teachers, support staff, and families. Students are granted access to resources that are above and beyond in the regular classroom and across the specialists. NES has one of the largest book/student ratios I’ve seen in a Guilford County Media Center.*

*-The staff. From the custodian, to the teachers, to the principal; they are constantly trying to do better for the kids.*

*-The administration at NES is approachable, accessible, involved, knows students/families by name. Teachers who are passionate about their students’ growth and success.*

*-We have only had excellent teachers! Not only that, but the staff is welcoming, lots of opportunities to volunteer and Principal Nicole Weeks is very present in the halls and classrooms.*