

★ NORTH BEND ELEMENTARY ★
PATRIOT PROGRAM
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2022-2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 Patriot Program at NBES! All students in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to participate in this voluntary program sponsored by the PTA. The Patriot Program is designed to encourage an understanding and respect for our nation and inspire students to act as patriots in their community. Each grade level has unique requirements that build on each other from year to year. Upon completion of their grade level requirements, students will be recognized at the Patriot Program Assembly on May 26, 2023. Additionally, fifth grade students who have completed the Patriot Program in both their 4th and 5th grade years will be eligible to attend the Patriot Program field trip to Fort McHenry in Spring 2023.*

Participation in the Patriot Program is optional. As an extracurricular activity, the program will require some preparation at home and Patriot Program volunteers will complete remaining requirements with your child in school. Patriot Program volunteers will be available in school once a week, January through March, to test students on their requirements. The day of the week your grade level volunteer comes in will be communicated with you as January gets closer. Students may attempt each requirement as many times as needed to successfully complete an activity. Home assignments may be brought to your Patriot volunteer beginning in January.

If you would not like your child to participate in the Patriot Program please e-mail NBESpatriotprogram@gmail.com with your child's name and homeroom teacher prior to January 1, 2023.

Please keep this packet in a safe place as only one packet per student will be issued. Should you need additional copies, you may print them from the school website under the "For Students" tab. I hope this letter answers any questions you have regarding the Patriot Program. Please feel free to e-mail NBESpatriotprogram@gmail.com with any further questions. Thank you in advance for your support of the program!

JoAnna Murdoch
Patriot Program Committee Chair

* If your 5th grader did not participate in the Patriot Program last year but would still like to attend the field trip, they may complete a 4th grade packet in addition to their 5th grade requirements. A 4th grade packet may be requested for a 5th grader by e-mailing NBESpatriotprogram@gmail.com and will also be available on the school website.