

★ NORTH BEND ELEMENTARY PTA ★

PATRIOT PROGRAM

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2023-2024

Welcome to the 2023-2024 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 in front of the school, their families and community leaders at the Patriot Program Assembly on May 24, 2024.

★ NEW THIS SCHOOL YEAR! ★

The PTA has been working hard to create an exciting and educational Patriot Program field trip opportunity for our current fifth grade students. **Fifth graders who have completed the program in both their 4th and 5th grade years* will be eligible to attend an extended day trip to Annapolis! The students will be transported to the state capital on a coach bus and visit The Maryland State House and The U.S. Naval Academy!** In order to provide the best experience for our Patriots, a small contribution from parents/guardians (under \$20) will be required to help cover the cost per student for those attending.

To encourage involvement at all grade levels, students will now be required to participate in the Patriot Program every year they attend NBES (beginning with the current school year) in order to participate in the Patriot Program field trip. For example, a current kindergartner will need to participate from K-5th grades and a current 3rd grader will need to participate from 3rd-5th grades.

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 by early January. Students may attempt each requirement as many times as needed to successfully complete an activity. Home assignments may be brought to your Patriot Program volunteer beginning in January.

If you would not like your student to participate in the Patriot Program please e-mail NBESpatriotprogram@gmail.com with your child's name and homeroom teacher prior to January 2, 2024.

Please keep this packet in a safe place. If you need additional copies, they may be printed from the school website under the "Patriot Program" tab. Please feel free to e-mail NBESpatriotprogram@gmail.com with any further questions. Thank you in advance for your support of the program!

* 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 this year in addition to their 5th grade requirements. A 4th grade packet may be requested by e-mailing NBESpatriotprogram@gmail.com and will also be available on the school website.