



## NORTH COW CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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**TO: Parents of 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders**

**RE: Athletics (Including Baseball, Softball, New Year Planning, 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball)**

### **4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball**

In order to have a quality athletic program we have many coaches that are parents or not direct employees of the school. As a result, practices often are scheduled later in the afternoon after school gets out. We understand that this makes it inconvenient for parents to pick up their students at 3:00 and then bring them back for practices or games. However, we don't have supervision available for these students. Students can't be left unattended at school to wait for practices and/or games. Parents may utilize the afterschool daycare program if they like and can contact the office for more information on fees.

### **Softball & Baseball Update**

Thanks to all the students who signed up for softball and baseball. Unfortunately, we have cancelled both teams. For softball, we did not have enough girls sign up.

While we had enough boys sign up for baseball, we were unable to find a league that was able to include our team. We are a part of the Eastside Athletics League which does not have a baseball component. We reached out to other leagues to see if we could participate but no spots in these leagues were available. Two other schools in our league experienced the same problem. Conversations were had with these two schools to see if they would be willing to have an informal set of games between the three of us. However, there was no interest for a variety of reasons.

During an upcoming meeting of the Eastside Athletic League, this topic will be discussed to see if we can add softball and baseball to the league for next year. However, many of the schools in our league are often unable to commit to a team as we all have years when there simply aren't enough students to put a school team together.

### **Next Year Planning**

We are in the process of planning for next year's athletic program. Part of this improving communication and organization of the program by: 1) establishing a unified communication system that is consistently utilized by coaches and parents; 2) prior to each sport, developing a timeline for distribution of uniforms and required equipment. One area we struggle is in changes to game times/days. This will be an ongoing problem as most of the schools, including us, will need to move things around to accommodate unforeseen events. Parents with specific suggestions, are invited to send Mr. Kurtz an email ([kkurtz@northcowcreek.org](mailto:kkurtz@northcowcreek.org)).