

## North PTSA

In addition to parent and teacher programs, our PTSA has intentionally chosen to highlight the “S” – the students – in our PTSA by sponsoring a student activity which we call PAYDAY (Parents Appreciate You) Day. On this special day, we do many things to show we appreciate the great students at our school. The tables in the Dining Center are decorated with tablecloths, place mats, and centerpieces to create a festive atmosphere.

The students receive free drinks donated by a local soft drink company, ice-cream cups, and one of the famous “pink cookies” made by our own cafeteria ladies. In addition to these treats, we also give out “freebies” donated by local merchants, such as pens, cosmetic samples, etc. We have also given out pencils imprinted with PAYDAY – Parents Appreciate You. Another exciting element is a raffle with many prizes donated by local merchants. These have ranged from such things as an air hockey table and basketball goal to movie passes, stuffed animals, t-shirts and many others. Students receive three tickets which they can deposit into numbered plastic buckets for each gift. The drawing is done in the afternoon, and the anticipation is high when the winners are announced. This event is fast becoming a tradition, one which we hope to continue for many years. In a time when schools are facing many problems, our PTSA wants to make sure everyone knows there are many, many great kids at North!