

# New Hampton Elementary Update

Linda Kennedy, Elementary Principal

May, 2012

*Character Counts! At New Hampton Elementary*

*Pillar for May: All Six Pillars*

## **Professional Development on Wednesday, May 18th**

7:30 – 8:30: Teacher Recognition with School Board

The remainder of the day will be devoted to training for the new district website. (Smart School)

**Blog:** You are invited to view **Kennedy's Korner Blog** for information regarding New Hampton Elementary. <https://nhetimes.blogspot.com>

**See May Newsletter (attached)**

**Preschool Site Visit:** Preschool teachers and Mrs. Kennedy are awaiting the date for the 2012 – 13 Preschool Verification Visit by the Iowa Department of Education..

**Collaborative Learning Teams (CLT's):** Collaborative Learning Teams of NHE will meet during the month of May.

Preschool: Teachers continue to discuss and gather artifacts for the benchmarks of the Quality Preschool Program Standards.

Grades K – 4: Teachers will review/analyze spring MAP scores and discuss curriculum issues for the 2012 – 13 school year.

**The Summer Reading Initiative will begin on May 17<sup>th</sup>. (attached)**

**See Spring MAP scores (attached)**

**See Character Counts Week Activities (attached)**

**Iowa Core Curriculum Leadership Team:** The district ICC Leadership Team has been chosen by the Iowa Department of Education to do a pilot project with a new Cognitive Complexity feature they have added to the I-CAT alignment tool. The team will meet on May 23<sup>rd</sup> with Bradley Niebling of the DE to explore this new feature and offer feedback on what kind of training teachers will need to use it successfully. Members are Cory McDonald, Cindy Moore, Linda Kennedy, Sara Baltes, and Amy Leistikow. AEA personnel will also attend this session.

## **Giant Piggy Bank's May Report:**

Giant Piggy Bank 198 accounts \$116,439.89

## ***Carnival Update:***

**THIS YEAR'S TOTAL DEPOSITS FOR CARNIVAL ARE \$9717.84.**

**IT WAS A GREAT COMMUNITY EVENT.**

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## Wall of Bucket Fillers



Eighty students are pictured wearing their Bucket Filler t-shirts. Bank Iowa donated the t-shirts for the Bucket Filling Program (climate/culture) at NHE.

## Character Counts Week Activities



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**Kindergarteners enjoy celebrating the pillar 'respect' with a Mix-It-Up at lunch activity.**



**Fourth grade students posed with the cast of Jack and the Beanstalk, a Gallagher Bluedorn production that took place in the NH auditorium. The production was paid for with Carnival funds.**

**Note from Mrs. Kennedy:**

**I will miss the fourth graders, but am happy with their growth. These students are showing a readiness to move on to middle school. They have become better students and have learned leadership skills throughout the year. As the Kids in Charge at NHE, they delivered the morning messages, escorted the younger students to the auditorium for programs/assemblies, offered their service for counting items and helping out in the office, assisted the younger students in making fleece blankets (the NHE Christmas service project), and delivered the fleece blankets to the hospital to be distributed to parents. Their Iowa Assessment and MAP scores have been commendable and showed individual academic growth. Each one of them are bucket fillers and they have been a quality addition to NHE. I wish them the best as I send them on. Mrs. Kennedy.**