

## **New Hampton Middle School**

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### **Summer School**

We have seven students who are attending summer school with Mrs. ZoAnn Bear. Summer school began on May 29 and will continue through June 22. Students have enjoyed using the new E2020 computer program to help develop skills in the core areas.

### **Summer Reading and Activity Logs**

Students in grades five through seven were sent summer reading logs and activity sheets to keep sharp both academically and physically. These were mailed with recent report cards and will be returned on the first day of school. Students are encouraged to read a minimum of three books at their reading level over the summer months and to keep track of activity minutes to stay strong physically. We have had close to 90% participation and hope it continues in the years to come.



Parents and students at the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Breakfast

### **Academic Goals for 2012-2013**

I distributed an action plan for the upcoming year to use as a starting point to increase student achievement at NHMS. Goal areas focused on increasing literacy and science proficiencies and to help develop skills with our at-risk learners. Input for these goals came from the literacy and science CLT as well as our special education leadership team. The special education leadership team was newly formed this past year and was a great working model of how collaborating ideas helps students who struggle with core concepts in reading, writing, math, and communication. Special education leadership team members were: ZoAnn Bear, Kristie Brincks, Eric Huff, Donita Joens, Jason Kesten, Cindy Moore, and Joanne Wickham. The action plan is attached as a doc.

### **District Wellness Report**

I have attached a copy of the spring wellness survey. Comparisons between the fall and spring survey denote slight improvements with our 5-12 girls, a plateau with our 9-12 boys, and a slight decline with our 5-8 boys. In the years to come, student health/wellness topics will become center-stage as type 2 diabetes is skyrocketing, mainly due to poor dietary habits and lack of physical exercise with our youth.