

New Hampton Middle School
May Board Minutes

MAP Assessment

I have attached the results of our spring MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) results. You will notice that most goals were met in reading and language arts, but not in math. Where math received stronger scores on Iowa Assessment, but MAP data did not necessarily agree. We will use this MAP data along with Iowa Assessment data to structure our RTI (Response to Intervention) groups for next year.

Mrs. Frese met with the middle school staff on May 1st to show specific MAP reports that breakdown the results into more specific areas. This will allow teachers to key in on specific areas with groups of students.

Eighth Grade Breakfast

Our eighth grade students will be honored through a personalized assembly on May 27th at the end of the day. Jeanette Laures has created a video that recaps many middle school memories of the future class of 2017. The staff has put together personalized touches for each individual student.

Fourth Grade Transition

I will be meeting with the 4th grade students on May 10th to discuss what 5th grade will look like next year. We are then planning an afternoon for the 4th grade students to come to each 5th grade homeroom to hear about the similarities and differences between the two grades.

Field Trips

The 5th grade class attended a field trip to the Norman Borlaug farm. Centers were put together for the students to go through. Luther education majors organized each station and presented to the students. The 6th grade class had their annual flight day out at Airport Lake. Mr. Monteith organizes the event with different stations for the students. The 7th grade class traveled to QuadLibet at NIACC on April 19th. The students were extremely impressed with the talent they witnessed. The 8th grade was planning on traveling to the Rockford Prairie and Fossil Center but it was cancelled the morning of at about 8:30. Huge thanks to Matt Crane from Twin Ponds and Tom Spindler who helped organizes a visit to Twin Ponds and the Norman Borlaug acreage for students.

Reading Rally

Middle School students attend an assembly on March 26 to begin selling magazines for the Reading Rally Fundraiser. We should know by the June Board meeting what our fundraising efforts raised for NHMS

Middle School Handbook

I have attached the middle school handbook for next year. There are several changes: some of the big ones include: Saturday School at the end of the quarter for students not passing, detentions will be moved directly after school, late homework will have 24 hours to get it turned in or they will stay after school the following day, attendance policy, and academic eligibility.