

New Hampton Elementary Update

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Character Counts! At New Hampton Elementary

Perfect Attendance for 2012 - 13

180 Days of Attendance: These twenty-one NHE students didn't miss one day of school this year. They are: Jayden Worple, Olivia Hoy, Taylor Hoffman, Baylee Rapenske, Jenna Heeren, Ava Thronson, Lauren Nuss, Lydia Olson, Stephen Holschlag, Jackson Brincks, Joshua Holschlag, Ben Tenge, Morgan Riha, Sheila Nolt, Ashton McShane, Sabre Anderson, Claire Quirk, Gabriel Zweibohmer, Erik Heeren, Cael Leistikow, and Sydney Anderson. (Nine of these students were fourth graders.)

Bucket Filler T-shirt Winners Thanks, Bank Iowa!



Rich Kriener of Bank Iowa poses with a good share of the students who won t-shirts this year for being bucket fillers. The bucketfilling program teaches students to work hard at having positive interactions with other students so that all students at NHE can grow and thrive. Mr. Kriener has already shared that next year Bank Iowa will once again fund the t-shirts.

STAFF EXIT INTERVIEWS:**Celebrations and Successes**

Kids! Academic Growth! Behavioral Improvements: Every teacher cited the growth and academic achievement of specific students as their trophies from this school year. Such things as a change in attitude, improved work habits, the literacy and math growth of students, improved behaviors and having made strong connections with kids were highlights of the year for most NHE teachers. Other issues cited: test results, all the new technology and training approved by the school board, making it through cancer treatment (for two of our teachers), Preschool teachers celebrated that they made it through the state verification visit, Fourth grade celebrated all the learning that took place during the STEM unit.

Concerns Regarding Next School Year:

We also discuss their concerns about next year and those concerns centered around implementing the Professional Learning Communities each week and establishing an intervention time in the daily schedule. They mentioned continuing to learn and implement technology as a challenge. They really enjoy it, but have such limited time. They are also concerned about having enough time to meet the needs of their students.

STEM Projects for 2013 – 14: Next year each grade level will teach a STEM unit. Nancy Kriener and myself wrote five grants and they were all accepted. The following table shows the grants that will be taught next year.

Grade Level	Contact Person	# of Sections	# of Students	STEM Unit
Kindergarten	Sue Nosbisch	Three	63	*Push, Pull, Go
First Grade	Kim Hennessy	Three	64	*Changes
Second Grade	Carolyn Nuss	Four	72	*Life Cycle of Butterflies
Third Grade	Carol Hovey	Four	82	*Rocks and Minerals
Fourth Grade	Anita Quirk	Three	55	*Sound *Chemical Tests *Food Chemistry

The grant will pay for the contact person from each grade level to have materials for the STEM unit and a day of training. They will then come back and train their colleagues.

Attached are Spring MAP results