

New Hampton Elementary Update

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Character Counts! at New Hampton Elementary

Professional Development:

See August Inservice Comments from NHE Educators (Attached)

- **Late Start/Wednesday, September 26th** All teachers will work on web page design with the help and support of district trainers.
- **Preschool Teachers will meet from 1:00 – 3:30 on September 26th:** Preschool teachers will work on portfolio development and their response to the mandates of the Quality Preschool Program Standards in preparation for the verification visit by the state of Iowa in January with the help of AEA I consultants.

Giant Piggy Bank:

Student Banks: The Giant Piggy Bank has been open since school started. Current accounts: 1867 Current Deposits: \$106,522.12

Preschool Verification Visit:

The Department of Education will conduct a verification visit at The Learning Center of New Hampton Elementary on January 15th and 16th.

Title I: The Title I Application is in the process of being developed and submitted to the state. This year's allotment is \$127,495, which will be spent on salaries for Title I teachers. After the initial testing, Title I teachers will serve 11 students at the fourth grade level and monitor 3, 12 students at the third grade level and monitor 2, 17 students at the second grade level and monitor 5, and 22 students at St. Joseph's. The two Reading Recovery teachers screened 31 students at the first grade level and will serve 16 students again this year.

See September Newsletter (attached)

Visit my blog at nhetimes@blogspot.com for NHE updates

Conflict manager Training: Dennis Pagel and Nancy Kriener will train conflict managers on Friday, September 14th. Conflict managers are selected through a classroom nomination process. Teachers hold a class discussion about what makes a good conflict manager. Students are selected based on those qualities. Eight students from each third and fourth grade classroom are selected to be conflict managers. Conflict Managers are students who are trained to help other students get along with each other. Managers are on duty during recess times to help solve non-physical disputes. During training conflict managers learn the Talk-It-Out method for solving conflicts. Students are trained to be active listeners in a process that will produce a child generated win-win ending. This is a valued program of NHE and teaches students how to solve problems through a facilitation process conducted by conflict managers.

Conflict managers have been in place at NHE for more than sixteen years. They typically solve right around 100 disputes a year.

Bucket Fillers at the Beginning of the School Year:



Tierney Perkins and Tyler Speeches



Erik Heeren and Ty Robinson

Bucket Filling Program: A big thank you to Bank Iowa for donating eighty t-shirts for our Bucket Filling Program for this year. Throughout the week, teachers reward students for filling another student's bucket by putting their name in a classroom bucket. On Friday of each week, each classroom draws one name and sends that name over to the office bucket for a 3:00 drawing. The two winners are awarded t-shirts and a moment of glory. The two students are held as role models for all students and are featured and interviewed during the morning message on Monday. All classroom bucket fillers whose name was in the office bucket get to come to the office for a McDonald's certificate for a free food item, a pencil, and a picture.

The Bucket Filling Program is the anti-bullying program of NHE. It is designed to teach students that positive interactions with others help everyone grow, learn, and thrive.

Walking Program/District Wellness Goal

NHE grade levels will walk on this schedule:

Grade Level	Day of Cycle	Time
Kindergarten	Four	8:30 – 8:50
First Grade	Four	8:55 – 9:15
Second Grade	Two	8:25 – 8:45
Third Grade	Six	8:30 – 8:50
Fourth Grade	One day of the cycle	9:30 – 9:50

Other Wellness Initiatives for NHE:

Brain Breaks (see attached)

Healthy Snacks and Lunches

Wellness Curriculum Instructional Activities