

NHE News

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Linda Kennedy, Elementary Principal



Mission Statement: The mission of the New Hampton Elementary School is to empower all students to succeed emotionally, socially, intellectually, and behaviorally in a changing world.

Guidelines For Success at New Hampton Elementary: The Six Pillars of Character Counts! Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship

Pillar for April: Review of All Six Pillars

Our Big Bucket Motto:
Bucket Fillers Rock!

Dear NHE Families:

We are all hoping the weather on April 1st isn't a harbinger of things to come to us during April of 2014. We want some sunshine and warm weather. Bring it on!! We are all excited about the Carnival on Friday, April 4th and have all been working hard to get there. This year, Carnival funds paid for Stone Soup, which was a Gallagher Bluedorn Production. It funded two quality field trips and a science trip to Twin Ponds for each grade level, the cost of conducting the Reading Rocks initiative, and incentives for each grade level. The Carnival is a great community event. It is always fun to see the joy in each child's face as they experience all of the activities. It is one of the biggest family events in northeast Iowa! Hope to see you there! Mrs. Kennedy

Thank You!!!

A huge thank you to all of the businesses, parents, grandparents, and friends of New Hampton Elementary who are donating raffle items, money, candy, food, cakes, cookies, bars, and hours to make **Carnival 2014** a huge success. It will truly be a community event.

Field Trips: Parents this time of year there are many field trips planned for our students. Please watch and return field trip permission slips promptly. You will also want to take note of when students need to bring a sack lunch or other items to school for a special activity.

Don't Miss Out on the Fun!



Come to NHE's Spring Carnival on Friday, April 4th! A light dinner will be served beginning at 5:30 in the cafeteria. The Carnival will be held from 6:00 – 8:30. See you there!

Parents: Bring your cakes, bars, and cookies to the elementary office anytime during they day on April 4th.



Preschool Registration



A Family Affair: It is often a family affair when families come in with their three and four-year-old children to register for The Learning Center.



Please stop by and register your preschool and/or kindergarten children for the 2014 - 15 school year. **We need to get your child's name on the roster for next year in order to begin making plans for his/her entry.**

If you have already taken registration papers out for your child for either preschool or kindergarten, please get them into us as soon as possible. Your response to this request will be greatly appreciated, as it will enable us to prepare for each child's entry in August.

Also, please be advised that documents showing that physicals and all immunizations have been completed and turned in prior to the beginning of the school year so that each child can begin the year in a timely fashion.

Reading Rocks Finale



A surprise appearance by The Cat in the Hat, Thing 1, and Thing 2 made the finale very exciting.

Reading Rocks Winning Classrooms:

Classroom winners were:

*Kindergarten - Mrs. Ries (8,132 minutes)

*First Grade - Mrs. Hennessy (12,862 minutes)

*Second Grade - Mrs. Nuss (13,982 minutes)

*Third Grade - Mrs. Reicks (17,540 minutes)

*Fourth Grade: Room 218 - Mrs. Hoy (23,467 minutes)

Grand Prize - Plastic Guitar Winner - Mrs. Hoy's Fourth Graders

A Caring Act



Kindergarten: Students in Mrs. Rowan's classroom made a Ninja Turtle tie blanket for a classmate who recently lost his father. The boys and girls decided to make the tie blanket so they could all be a part of it.

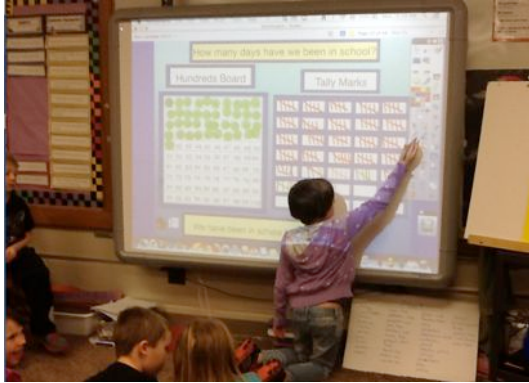


Concentration: This student is really concentrating on getting the ties just right on her portion of the blanket.

Chickasaw Open Funds Purchase iPads for Student Use in the Media Center



New Hampton Elementary used their Chickasaw Open funds to purchase four iPads and covers for student use in grades PK – 4. Ms. Baltes, teacher librarian, will use the iPads with students to create book trailers to promote books, create collages to promote a variety of books on the same topic, and use apps to write stories.



Kindergarten students keep track of the days of school each year. We are at 137.

Iowa Assessments

The Iowa Assessments were administered to the second, third, and fourth grade students the week of March 17th and into the week of March 24th. This is the first time they were administered in the spring of the year at NHE.



Dixie Zeien is our playground supervisor, copy person, and all-around support person at NHE. On the day the Iowa Assessments were to begin, she delivered the test booklets to each classroom. You can bet students were excited to see these come into the classroom.

Student Bankers for 2014 - 15

Every year about this time, the third graders have the chance to apply to be student bankers at the Giant Piggy Bank during their fourth grade year. On April 23rd, Mrs. Kennedy will be meeting with the third graders about the opportunity for them to apply for what might be their very first job. Student bankers work at the Giant Piggy Bank every Tuesday morning, greeting customers and helping them with their

deposits. Third grade student applications are due on April 30th and interviews will take place on May 1st. Student bankers for the 2014 – 15 school year will be announced soon.

Giant Piggy Bank – Over \$110,000

As of the first of April, the Giant Piggy Bank has 177 regular depositors. The current value of the bank is \$110,327.30.

The Giant Piggy Bank is open every Tuesday morning at 8:05 in the preschool/kindergarten/first grade hallway of the south wing.

During the month of April, third grade students will be able to apply and interview for a student banker position for next year.



Fax Gilbert Assembly

On Thursday, March 20th, Fax Gilbert presented a program entitled Character and Bullying: Enlivening Strong Character as an Antidote to Bullying to NHE's K – 4 students. Teachers and students got into the act. The students laughed and learned from Mr. Gilbert's skits.

What to do when bullying occurs?

Fax Gilbert told the students when they are bullied, they should put on their character hats and their actions should be guided by the backwards spelling of hat. Think of 't' and talk/use your words. Say, "I don't like it when you talk to me like that!" Next, think 'a' and avoid, get out of the area of the bully. Last, think 'h' and go for adult help. This was an easy way for them to remember three things they can do when they are the victim or the bystander of a bullying incident.



Into the Act: Mr. Pagel proved to be as good an actor/mime as Mr. Gilbert!

NHE Students:

**Don't allow anyone to
remove your lid.**

Keep it on!

"Being a parent is the greatest trust that has been given to human beings." David O. McKay

Perfect Attendance Through the End of the Third Quarter

The following K – 4 students have perfect attendance through the end of the third quarter. Some are new to our district, but haven't missed a day since they enrolled. Congratulations to each of the following students:

Kindergarten: Logan Anderson, Carson Burke, Benjamin Douglas, Sydney Lewis, Andi Rapenske, Keira Roethler

First Grade: Kinsley Hackman, Casen Holtz, Cassidy Jones, Christian Lopez, Xander Meyerhoff, Beth Pickar, Karla Pickar, Ethan Rapenske, Reid Rausch, Shelby Springer, Emma Sweitzer, Jayden Worple, Karissa Zack

Second Grade: Kelsey Brincks, Carter Broughton, Rhiannon Ellingson, Destiny Hansen, Jenna Heeren, Kimberly Jordan, Erica Lopez, Ricky Pauley, Baylee Rapenske, Reagan Schwarze, Kierra Short, Ava Thronson

Third Grade: Jacob Anderson, Peyton Anderson, Miles Breitbach, Hailey Erdman, Jaiden Fettkether, Kelli Jirak, Jerzi Jones, Tierney Perkins, Kaitlyn Roethler, Gannon Shekleton, Ben Tenge, Alivya Wisner

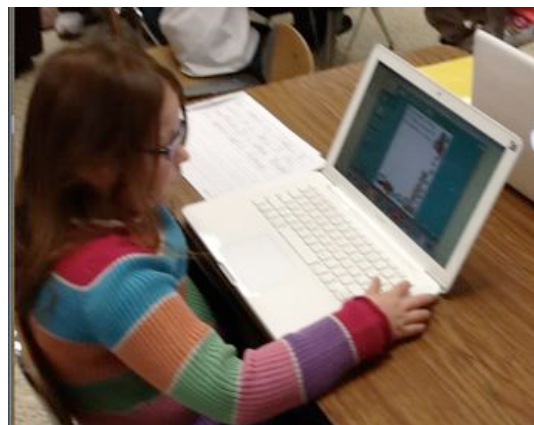
Fourth Grade: Sarah Eiler, Zach Heying, Jacob Hidding, Devlin Saxon, Michaela Schwickerath, Drake Wemark

NHE Facebook Page – check it out and like us!!

Kindergarten Zoo



The kindergarten students spent their time at the Kindergarten Zoo looking for their parents and friends so they could show off their animal habitat.



Animal Reports: The kindergarten students have been studying animals for the past few weeks. Each student chose an animal, published a report on that animal, and created its habitat for the Kindergarten Zoo. The Kindergarten Zoo was on exhibit in the cafeteria on Friday afternoon, March 21st.. We were so pleased with the number of guests that showed up to see the creative projects of our very proud young students.

“Parents are never as bad as kids think they are.” Matt Witten

Kindergarten Session

Students enrolling in kindergarten will spend an hour in the TK and kindergarten classroom on April 24. They will experience the kindergarten environment and have the opportunity to interact with their future classmates.

“To be in your children’s memories tomorrow, you have to be in their lives today”

- Anonymous

The Bucket Theory: Three Simple Rules

Be a Bucket Filler. Don’t Dip into the Bucket of Another. Use your Lid.



We have given away 69 t-shirts to deserving bucket filler students so far this year! Classrooms put names of bucket fillers in their buckets all week long and then draw one name out on Friday. That name is brought down to the elementary office and placed in a bucket for the 3:00 drawing. It is the luck of the draw!

Bank Iowa donated eighty t-shirts to NHE at the beginning of the school year for our Bucket Filler Program. We are very grateful to Rich Kriener for supporting this program through Bank Iowa’s generous contribution.

Here are a few reminders as we move towards the end of the school year:

*The school doors are locked throughout the day for the safety and security of your child. We do not want to meet an adult in the hallway that is not wearing a visitor’s badge. If you are entering the building during the daytime, expect to come through the front door entry, come into the principal’s office, register with the school secretary, and get a visitor’s badge before going into the hallways. Our students are precious to us and we will do whatever it takes to keep each child safe and secure.

*If your child is ill, please call the office (394-5858) before 9:00 on that morning to inform us. Make arrangements to pick up his/her homework later that day, if possible.

* Please check your child’s contact information with the office and update, as necessary.

* The NHE Handbook states that no invitations to a child’s birthday party will be handled through the classroom. Please comply with this policy. Also, be advised that due to the privacy laws of both the federal and state government, we are not allowed to pass out the names or any other information concerning students in a classroom.

*Just a reminder that bus students are dismissed at 3:20 and town people are dismissed at 3:25.

* Please contact me at anytime with specific information or questions concerning your child. Call 394-5858 or e-mail me at l_kennedy@new-hampton.k12.ia.us

A partner in your child’s education,

Linda Kennedy, Elementary Principal

Spring Break: Friday, April 18th and Monday, April 21st

April Dates:

4 - 5:30 Dinner 6:00 – 8:30 Carnival

16 - Character Counts Task Force Meeting @ 7:15 a.m.

25 – Movie for Iowa Assessment Test Takers in the Cafeteria