

New Hampton Elementary Update

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*Character Counts! At New Hampton Elementary
Pillar for March: Citizenship*

Professional Development Opportunities in March:

Early-out Wednesdays: Technology Training

PLC's for Lunch: Kindergarten – Mondays, First Grade – Tuesdays, Second Grade – Wednesdays, Third Grade – Thursdays, Fourth Grade – Fridays

Crisis Prevention Intervention Training/March 10th: Sue Nosbisch and LeAnn Durnan

SINA Workshop/March 18th: Linda Kennedy, Amy Newbrough, and Sara Baltes

AEA Media Center Workshop/March 18th: Emily Baltes

Parent Advisory Board Meeting: On Monday, March 3rd, the Parent Advisory Board met. Ten parents discussed the meal they prepare for teachers during conferences and the Scholastic Book Fair that is sponsored by PAC during the spring conference session. The book fair brought in \$2100 this year. K – 8 classroom teachers were given a certain amount of money and were able to go to the book fair and choose books for their classrooms. I want to publicly thank parent Jill Brincks and all of the parents who volunteered their time working at the fair. Next meeting: PAC members want to meet with Mr. Jurens on May 5th to find out how they can help promote the efforts of the facilities committee.

Conference Attendance: 99% attendance

There are a few conferences yet to be held, but are scheduled.

Kids in Charge: Mrs. Quirk's fourth graders will be the Kids in Charge the rest of the school year beginning this week. They will deliver the morning message each day and escort the younger students to the auditorium for the Fax Gilbert Assembly on March 20th.

Iowa Assessments: Students will take the Iowa Assessments beginning on Tuesday, March 18th and continue throughout the week.

Preschool Registration will take place on March 24th from 5:00 – 6:30 in the cafeteria.

Kindergarten Registration is taking place during March. Parents received their forms at preschool and Head Start conferences and can return the completed forms to the NHE office during the month of March.

See attached March Newsletter

Giant Piggy Bank's Third Quarter Report:

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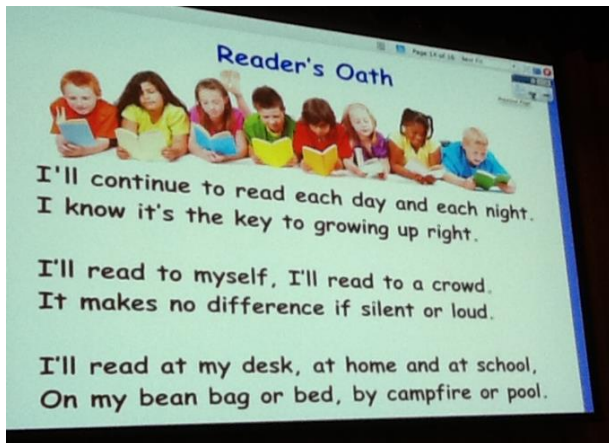
NHE Carnival: The New Hampton Elementary Carnival will be held on Friday, April 4th. The committee work is in process. On March 25th and March 27th, movie parties will be held for the K – 4 students from 3:30 – 5:00 each day as fundraisers for the Carnival. This year, Carnival monies were used to fund incentives for PK – 4 students, two field trips for each grade level, a science trip to Twin Ponds for each grade level, the Reading Rocks initiative, learning incentives for each student, and the Stone Soup production in December, a Gallagher Bluedorn Production in New Hampton.

READING ROCKS INITIATIVE

Classroom winners were:

- *Kindergarten: Room 16 - Mrs. Ries (8,132 minutes)**
- *First Grade: Room 13 - Mrs. Hennessy (12,862 minutes)**
- *Second Grade: Room 25 - Mrs. Nuss (13,982 minutes)**
- *Third Grade: Room 24 - Mrs. Reicks (17,540 minutes)**
- *Fourth Grade: Room 218 – Mrs. Hoy (23,467 minutes)**

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



K – 4 students took an oath to continue reading at the Reading Rocks Finale!