

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

New Hampton Elementary School
October Pillar: Respect

Our Big Bucket Motto:
Bucket Filling shows respect for others!

Dear NHE Families:

It is hard to believe that we have already been working on this school year for almost a full quarter. I hope the school year has gotten off to a good start for each of our students and their families. That probably means families have developed after school routines of having a snack and a little down time, doing homework, playing outside and/or an athletic activity, getting ready for bed, and then going to bed. I know my words make it sound easy, but it isn't always that way. I commend you if you have established that routine, as your child will greatly benefit. Homework should be done prior to everything else, if possible. Mrs. K.

New Hampton Elementary is the Place For Me!

A Young Philanthropist!



Happy Birthday, Tanner! Tanner Njus recently celebrated a birthday and requested money rather than gifts and then turned around and shared it with New Hampton Elementary. Tanner is a bucketfiller! The third grader recently presented Mrs. Kriener with \$100. He told her the money could be used to meet the school supply needs of any NHE students.

Parents and Students: Exercise is the single most powerful tool you have to optimize your brain function. Exercise is the Miracle-Gro for the brain.” Dr. John Ratey

Iowa Author Visit

On October 7th we will have the privilege of having an author come visit our school. Joyce Crawford, of Charles City, will be visiting our students during their library time. She will be reading one of her stories titled Don't Call Me Michael, and talking to them about writing a book. She is visiting free of charge. Book orders

will be coming home prior to her visit so that each student will have the opportunity to purchase a book if they wish. Books that are purchased will be signed by Joyce on the day that she visits. We look forward to this opportunity for students.



Giant Piggy Bank

Currently, the Giant Piggy Bank has 205 accounts and is worth \$104,756.63. At the beginning of last year, the bank was worth \$78, 930.02 so we are really seeing some growth in students' savings accounts.

Perfect Attendance Initiative

The school district has a new Attendance Policy and Mrs. Kriener has started a perfect attendance initiative. Each day classes with perfect attendance bring a special ticket to Mrs. Kriener's office. These tickets are charted and displayed in her room. As classes come to her for guidance lessons, they are also checking the perfect attendance charts. Mrs. Kriener is referring to the charts and talking with classes about the importance of school attendance. Each week classes with perfect attendance are congratulated over the intercom. At the end of each month there will be a traveling trophy for the class with the best attendance. Those students will also receive Smarties, because when you come to school, you are helping yourself be smart.

Partners in Education

The Partner in Education Program at New Hampton Elementary is alive and well. It has become less of a headline and more of an

everyday happening in this community setting. Each PK – 4 classroom is linked with a business here in New Hampton. The program acts as a bridge between the school and the workplace. Each flourishes from the support and prosperity of the other. Schools must prepare today's students for their entry into a diverse, competitive work force. When businesses take part in the education of these young people, they help strengthen the work force of the future. The Partners in Education program is vital in helping both New Hampton and the surrounding area and the school system work and grow together. Each partnership engages in three to four activities each year.



Mrs. Morgan poses with her class and the giant sunflower. Pocketful of Posies is their Partner in Education. Mrs. Amundson, owner of Pocketful of Posies and Mrs. Morgan met to develop plans for the coming year. Recently, the students walked down to her shop and presented her with handmade sunflowers.

We are thankful for the following Partners in Education: NH Nursing and Rehab, Klunder's Kafe, NH Care Center, Bennett Pharmacy, Bank Iowa, Dr. Boeding and Speltz, Chickasaw Wellness Complex, Dental Associates, Pub at the Pinicon, Eye Care Associates, Ball's Chiropractic, Pocketful of Posies, Security State Bank, Holthaus Chiropractic, Fareway, New Horizon's Chamber, Schueth Hardware, Rapid Printer's, Trends and Traditions, Super 8, Dungey's Furniture, Tom's Family Pharmacy, and NH Public Library.

Memo from the Nurse's Office

Flu Season: We are stepping into flu season and will take every precaution in our classrooms to keep the germ from spreading. We will:

- ***Encourage** respiratory etiquette among students and staff (covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue or their arm, tossing used tissues immediately),
- ***Encourage** hygiene among students and staff and hand washing time (teach students to wash hands using soap for 20 seconds, dry hands with a paper towel, and use the paper towel to turn off the faucet).
- ***Encourage** students and staff to keep their hands away from their nose, mouth, and eyes.
- ***Encourage** students and staff to stay home when they are sick (during and for at least 24 hours after they have had a fever).

Nutrition Nuggets for Parents

I am continually encouraged by the way our students are eating lunch these days. They are making good choices and are willing to try most fruits and vegetables. It really is true that our brains and bodies function at their optimum level when they are fed nutritiously.

Make it Healthy: Give your child a mix of protein (meat, eggs, milk, cheese) and carbohydrates (whole-grain cereal, fruit, or whole-wheat bread) for breakfast to boost energy levels throughout the day.

We never know the love of a parent till we become parents ourselves. Henry Ward Beecher

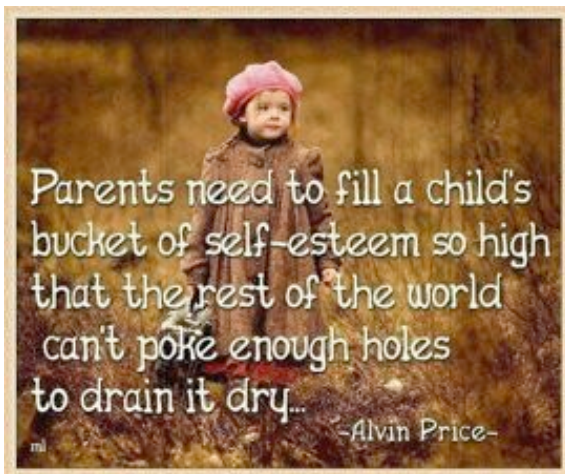


NHE Builds Bucket Fillers!

September's Bucket Fillers of the Week *Be Caring! Be a Bucket Filler!*

August and September's Model Bucketfillers:
Katie Steinlage, Carson Fangman, Luke Westemeier, Jack Shawver, Hayden Hackman, and Dawson Glaser

August and September's t-shirt winners:
Skylar Sittig, Logan Anderson, Alivia Geerts, Ashton Venom, Molly Wegner, Isaiah Crooks, Colin Shatek, Gatlin McCumber, Drake Wemark, and Jaymeson Steege



A huge thank you to Rich Kriener, Bank Iowa. The bank is funding our Bucket Filler t-shirt initiative. They have purchased t-shirts to be given away during this school year.

ALEKS Students: Students who are in the ALEKS Math program in 3rd and 4th grade will have the opportunity to work in that program beginning October 7th on Monday and Tuesday after school. We would like to encourage them to stay and improve their math skills with this extra practice. This time will be provided every Monday and Tuesday for the rest of the year. Mrs. Lynette Schwickerath and Mrs. Jane Thronson will be supervising these students. If they are walking home, or you are picking up your child at 4:00, they will be released out the front door of the Elementary building.

Wednesdays Early-Out Teacher Training



The first grade teachers are learning how to use the application Evernote on both their iPads and their laptops.



Tech Training: The third grade teachers are reviewing reading comprehension apps that can be used for student practice and assessment.



Student Teacher: New Hampton Elementary hosts many student teachers each year. Most of our student teachers come from UNI, Wartburg, Buena Vista, and Upper Iowa.



Heal Fast, Katie! We send best wishes for a quick recovery to Katie Brincks. She is a second grader recovering from a broken leg!

Measures of Academic Progress

Third and fourth grade students will take the Measures of Academic Progress assessments during the week of September 30th. The tests in reading, mathematics, and language arts give teachers a good snapshot of a student's knowledge and skills in each of these areas. Parents should make sure students are well nourished and rested during this week so they have the opportunity to do their best on these assessments.



MAP Testing: This is what it looks like when a student is taking the Measures of Academic Progress assessment. They like the fact that at the end of the reading, mathematics, and

language arts test, their score pops up immediately and they can tell whether or not they met their goals.



We are New Hampton Elementary!

Walk through the hallway on the east side of the gym and see all of our 2013 - 14 class pictures.

Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Attending the first Parent Advisory Board Meeting on Monday, August 26th were Tammy Robinson, Andrea Rochford, Jill Brincks, Heather Rausch, Jeni David, LeEllen Sobolik, Jessica Flanscha, Sarah Pickar, Sarah Dungey, and Linda Kennedy.

Parents brought up these items for discussion:

- ▶ OFF Sessions
- ▶ eRegistration
- ▶ Facebook
- ▶ Party in the Park
- ▶ NHE t-shirt design and sales

The next meeting will be Monday, October 14th at noon in the elementary conference room. If you have items you would like discussed, contact a member of the PAC or call Linda Kennedy at 394-5858. Also, we are always looking for new members, if you care to join us.

For those of you who have ordered NHE t-shirts, they are ordered and we are hoping to be able to hand them to the students during the week of October 21st. NHE t-shirts, New Hampton t-shirts, or red and black t-shirts can be worn every Wednesday and/or Friday.



Conflict Manager Training: Third and fourth grade students learn to help each other resolve conflicts in a recent training.

Conflict Manager Training

On Friday, September 20th, about thirty third and fourth graders walked to the NH Community Center for a day of activities to learn how to be Conflict Managers on the playground. Each year the Conflict Managers deal with about 100 situations where they intervene to help kids solve conflicts that arise at recess.

Reminders from the Elementary Office

Here are a few reminders for parents and guardians:

*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 they have picked up in the office. If you are entering the building during the daytime, please come through the front door entry and walk 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.

*Make sure that your child and your child's teacher know when there is a change in how he/she will get home from school. Being left at the door without knowing who is coming or how to get home is extremely stressful for a child.

* School attendance is essential for success in school. Please schedule medical

appointments outside of school time, whenever possible.

*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.

* Please be advised that you may request information on the qualifications of our staff at anytime.

* You are welcome to visit the school and classrooms. Let your child's teacher know if you are interested in visiting or helping out in the classroom.

* 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.

* You may feel free to contact me at anytime with specific information or questions concerning your child. Just 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

Parents: Be advised that you are responsible for the safety and welfare of your children prior to 8:05 starting time. We do not have supervision on duty outside in the morning before the doors are opened. The same is true for after school. We do not have supervision for students who remain on the playground or school grounds after school dismissal.

Visit NHE's Facebook page for timely pictures and stories at NHE.

Weather-Related Cancellations will be announced on KWVL (channel 7), KIMT (channel 3), KCZE FM (95.1) radio and KOEL FM (92.3) radio, KCRR FM (97.7) and KDEC FM (100.5) or AM (1240). Sign up for text alerts to get this information on your phone.

OCTOBER EVENTS

Sept. 30th - 4: MAP Testing
7 - Author Joyce Crawford Visit
10 - T-Th Preschool Pictures by Life Touch
11 - School Pictures by Life Touch
14 - Parent Advisory Council Meeting at Noon
16 - End of First Quarter (46 days)
17 - Beginning of Second Quarter
22 and 29 - P/T Conferences (1:45 - 8:00 p.m.) No
afternoon TLC classes 1:10 Dismissal

NOVEMBER EVENTS

1 - No School



Pajama Day: Pajama Day is a favorite at NHE during Homecoming Week! These kids hopped out of bed and came to school!



Twin Day! These siblings are having fun dressed like twins on Wednesday of Homecoming Week.



Fire Drill: A fire drill is part of the routine of September at New Hampton Elementary.



Go Red Power: Each grade level shared a cheer and an activity for the Homecoming Assembly.



Go Red Power: The preschool students demonstrated red power in a trike race.

