

New Hampton Elementary Update

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*Character Counts! At New Hampton Elementary
January's Pillar – Trustworthiness*

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Technology Training on January 3rd and 4th was appreciated by all NHE teachers.

Preschool Professional Development

Preschool teachers are attending evening professional development sessions once a month conducted by Kris Croatt and Angie Squiers, AEA 1 Consultants. These classes are held in Elkader and include topics such as Creative Curriculum and GOLD Assessment.

See January Newsletter (attached)

See Partner In Education Newsletter (attached)

Giant Piggy Bank's First Semester Report:

GPB – 171 accounts \$120,875.59

Safety Issues: Here are some of the ways in which we keep NHE students and staff safe each day:

- ▶ After entry time in the morning, the doors are locked, including the front door. Until we get a security system, someone is sitting at the door to closely monitor the entry and exit of guests.
- ▶ We have a teacher assigned at the south door each night to walk students directly to the bus.
- ▶ Paraeducators walk preschool students to the bus each night and watch them board.
- ▶ Preschool parents come up to the teachers and paraeducators to get their children after school.
- ▶ We have a paraeducator assigned to walk students to the milk cooler each day to get milk for their class.
- ▶ A teacher always walks students to and from their specials classes.
- ▶ We have lockdown drills so we know what to do when we need to take that precaution.
- ▶ All guests sign in at the office and wear badges while in the building to show that they have signed in.
- ▶ We have crossing guards on duty to help students cross the street.
- ▶ We have teachers assigned in the front and in the back of school to make sure that students are picked up safely.
- ▶ We have paraeducators/teachers on the playground to keep a close eye on students.
- ▶ Our Wellness/Safety curriculum teaches students about stranger danger safety, bike safety, and pedestrian safety.
- ▶ We have rules on how NHE students conduct themselves (on the playground, in the hallway, bathrooms, and cafeteria) so that no one gets hurt and everyone is safe.
- ▶ We have a bucketfilling program to help us all learn how to be supportive and caring of each other for the emotional and social wellness of the building.

STEM Project: The fourth grade teachers have received a STEM Scale-Up Project from the Governor's STEM Advisory Council, which will be implemented this year. The Governor's STEM Advisory Council was created last year to power up and fund science, technology, engineering, and math initiatives for students across Iowa.

Our 4th graders will be participating in a project called, A World In Motion. SAE International's A World In Motion® (AWIM) program is a teacher-administered, industry volunteer-assisted program that brings science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education to life in the classroom for students. Benchmarked to the national standards, the AWIM program incorporates the laws of physics, motion, flight and electronics into age-appropriate hands on activities that reinforce classroom STEM curriculum.

Through this project, 4th grade students will design, build, test, and collect and display data from Skimmers and Jet Toys during the second semester.

**Iowa Assessment Data
Fall, 2012**

Reading	% NProf	% Prof.	% Adv.	Total % Proficient	Cohort % Proficient 2011-12
Grade					
2	11%	72%	17%	89%	NA
3	20%	65%	15%	80%	92%
4	25%	54%	21%	75%	73%
Math	% NProf	% Prof.	% Adv.	Total % Proficient	
2	18%	57%	25%	82%	NA
3	13%	63%	24%	87%	88%
4	15%	46%	39%	85%	73%
Science	% NProf	% Prof.	% Adv.	Total % Proficient	
2	29%	56%	15%	71%	NA
3	18%	42%	40%	82%	88%
4	9%	66%	25%	91%	92%

PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE

PK – 4 students, their families and community members contributed more than 350 jars of peanut butter for our Peanut Butter Drive, NHE’s December Caring Project. A jar of peanut butter will be placed in backpacks of those students qualifying for the BackPack Program, of the Northeast Iowa Food Pantry. As we all know, a jar of peanut butter can go a long ways to feed hungry children. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our drive.



The fourth grade Kids in Charge built a tree out of the peanut butter jars. The Peanut Butter Tree served as the centerpiece for the Peanut Butter Dance held in the cafeteria for all PK – 4 students prior to the two snowdays and the holiday break.

JANUARY EVENTS

- 3 and 4 - Professional Development for Teachers**
- 7 - Classes Resume**
- 9 - Beginning of Third Quarter**
- 10 – Report Cards Sent Out**
- 15 and 16 – IA Dept of Education Verification Visit for Preschool**
- 21 – No School NEIC Music Festival**
- 31 – Kindergarten’s 100th Day Celebration**
- 30 – Parent Advisory Council (noon)**