

# New Hampton Elementary Update

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*Character Counts! At New Hampton Elementary  
December's Pillar – Caring*

## **New Hampton Community School District**

### **Professional Development on December 5th– Late Start**

7:30 – 9:45: Technology Update and Data Analysis with Jay Jurens

9:00 – 10:00: Chapter 103 for all district Paraeducators with Linda Kennedy

1:00 – 3:30: Verification Visit Work with Angie Squiers

**See December Newsletter (attached)**

**Visit Kennedy's Korner Blog at [nheblogspot.com](http://nheblogspot.com)**

### **Holiday Program: Peace, Joy, and Love**

The program will be held on December 10th at the high school gym beginning at 7:00 p.m.

**The Iowa Assessments were administered to second, third, and fourth grade students during the week of November 7<sup>th</sup>. They were sent into the Iowa Testing Service on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.**

# Peanut Butter Drive

New Hampton Elementary has chosen to host a peanut butter drive for the Backpack Program of the Northeast Iowa Food Bank as part of our December caring project. Students and community members can bring in regular-size jars of peanut butter beginning December 3<sup>rd</sup> and ending December 18<sup>th</sup>. Jars of peanut butter may also be brought to the Elementary Winter Program and placed under the Christmas tree. All jars of peanut butter collected will remain local.

The goal of the Backpack Program is to send shelf-stable, kid-friendly and healthy foods home with children for the weekend. These foods may be prepared easily and consumed when parents are working and cannot prepare meals for their children, or when there simply is not enough food at home for the children to eat. Studies have shown that students perform better in school when they eat three balanced meals each day. This program ensures that children come to school alert and ready to learn.



### NHEs Backpack Program

Eleven families representing nineteen NHE students have applied for the Backpack Program. The food is delivered by the Northeast Iowa Food Pantry to fill the backpacks. Each student takes home a backpack containing about six pounds of food every Friday, which will hopefully include a jar of peanut butter for the rest of the year, due to our caring project for December. The Backpack Program provides backpacks of food to low-income children at the end of the school week to combat weekend hunger.

### Parent/Teacher Conference Results

	Both Parents	Mother	Father	Not Attended	Total	Percent
TLC	23	45	2	0	70	100.00%
K	17	42	4	4	67	94.03%
1	16	35	0	1	52	98.08%
2	26	51	1	1	79	98.73%
3	17	31	2	4	45	92.59%
4	14	26	2	3	65	93.33%
	113	230	11	13	367	96.46%

	Both Parents	Mother	Father	Not Attended	Total	Percent
Reading	8	38	1	2	49	95.92%
Resource	7	18	3	0	28	100.00%

**Geography Bee: Congratulations** to all the 4th grade students who competed in the Geography Bee. They did a fantastic job on some very difficult questions. Another congratulations, for a job well done, to Alex Kriener, William Clark, Maddie Usher, Cael Leistikow, and Henry Wu for being the top! These 5 students will compete in the school geography bee on Friday, December 7th.

**McElroy Grant Awardee:** Congratulations to Susan Nosbisch, kindergarten teacher, on being rewarded \$2000 for her project entitled *Virtual Trip to the Zoo*. She will purchase 4 iPads, 4 Gumdrop cases, and applications. Students will research an animal, record their findings, and present them to their peers through the use of applications on the iPad.

### DECEMBER EVENTS

- 5– Two – Hour Late Start/Professional Development
- 10 – Christmas Program for NHE @ 7:00 in the High School Gym
- 21 – End of Second Quarter (one hour early dismissal)
- 21 – End of First Semester
- 24 – Jan. 7th – Holiday Break (No School)
- Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> – Professional Development Days for Teachers

**Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> – Beginning of Third Quarter**