

New Hampton Elementary Update

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December 2013

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

New Hampton Community School District

Professional Development during December included Grade level Professional Learning Communities continuing to meet to work with the Literacy Iowa Core Curriculum and also integrate technology. In addition:

*On November 27th, four of NHE teachers presented to staff on the use of EduCreations and EverNote in their classrooms.

*Dennis Pagel attended a session in Des Moines entitled Impacting Learning at the Fourth Grade Level on December 4th

*Miranda Eichenberger will be networking with the TK teacher from Cresco on December 12th

*Joyce Muetherthies, Heather Maakestad, and Stefanie Thronson attended Literacy Investigations Seminar at Elkader on Monday, November 25th

See December Newsletter for news, photos, and comments by NHE's new teachers (attached)

Visit NHE's Facebook page

Holiday Program: Twinkle and Shine

The program will be held on December 9th at the high school gym beginning at 7:00 p.m.

School Board Members are invited to attend a retirement party for Linda Schwickerath on Wednesday, December 18th at 3:30.

Peanut Butter Drive

New Hampton Elementary has chosen to host the second annual 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 2nd and ending December 20th. Jars of peanut butter may also be brought to the Holiday Program on the 9th 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.



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NHEs Backpack Program

Nineteen families representing twenty-eight NHE students have applied for the Backpack Program. This is up from nineteen children last year. We have a few applications out right now so expect the number of children getting backpacks to increase. The food for the backpacks 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.

DECEMBER EVENTS

- 9 – Christmas Program for NHE @ 7:00 in the High School Gym**
- 18 – Retirement Party for Linda Schwickerath @ 3:30**
- 19 – Annual Christmas Luncheon for NHE and NHMS Staff**
- 20 – End of Second Quarter (one hour early dismissal)**
- 20 – End of First Semester**
- 21 – Jan. 6th – Holiday Break (No School)**
- Jan. 3rd – Workday for Teachers**
- Jan. 6th – Beginning of Third Quarter**