

NHE News

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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
November Pillar: Fairness

Our Big Bucket Motto:
Bucket Fillers display fairness with others.

Dear NHE Families:

Wow! Once again this year, a high percentage of our parents attended parent-teacher conferences. We so appreciate your partnering with us to educate your child. I have big news to share with you in regard to the Iowa Assessments. Most of you know in the past we have given them in November. Well, this year, we are giving them in March. We will use the data that we get from these tests to measure the growth in our students at the end of the year. It is our hope that collecting the data at this time will be more useful to us and will allow parents to see growth through the year.. The fall MAP data is included in this issue of the newsletter. Mrs. K.

2013 - 14 Fall MAP Test Results

Grade Three	Cohort Mean RIT Score in Spring of '13	NHE Mean RIT Score for Grade Level,	NWEA RIT Mean Values	Dynamic Reports Proficiency
Reading	188.9	192.1	189.9	82.3%
Mathematics	193.1	193.1	192.1	77.2%
Language Arts	199.2	195.5	191.1	N/A
Grade Four				
Reading	202.9	201.9	199.8	90.7%
Mathematics	204.5	205.7	203.8	88.9%
Language Arts	202.5	204.2	200.9	N/A

As you can tell by the table above: The third grade cohort improved their mean average RIT score in Reading, achieved the same mean average RIT score in Mathematics, and went down a bit in Language Arts as compared to last spring's testing.

The fourth grade cohort improved their Mathematics and Language Arts mean average RIT scores and went down a bit in Reading as compared to their spring's testing.

The third and fourth grade RIT mean values were above the NWEA RIT mean values in all content areas at this fall testing.

Students are encouraged to wear their Chickasaw, New Hampton Elementary, or red and black t-shirts every Friday!



21st Century Learning Activity: They wrote their drug essays using Google Drive. Students shared their documents with Mrs. Hoy as they wrote them. She was able to sit at her computer and send them questions to promote thoughtful additions and revisions to their essays.



Iowa Author Visit: Joyce Crawford visited with K – 4 students on October 7th.

Red Ribbon Week



Learning About Drugs: The fourth graders enjoyed active discussions about drugs to prepare for Red Ribbon Week. Mrs. Quirk taught them to record some of the most important facts they were learning about drugs. They took their notes to Mrs. Hoy's Literacy class and developed them into drug essays.



NHE Police Officer Steve Stalder: To kick off Red Ribbon Week, Officer Stalder came in and talked with K – 4 students about dangerous drugs and what they can do to their bodies.

Who is Kiki Camarena?

Officer Stalder told the following story: Kiki Camarena grew up in a very poor family. When he was old enough, he became a police officer and joined the United States Drug Enforcement Administration. His mother didn't want him to join this drug team because it was dangerous. But Kiki said, "I want to make a difference!" Kiki Camarena was definitely a bucket filler.

When he was 37 years old, Kiki was sent to Mexico to work undercover and investigate a huge, major drug group that was breaking the law selling dangerous drugs.

While Kiki was in Mexico, he stepped out of his office one day to go out for lunch with his wife. When he was walking out to his car, five bad drug dealers appeared at his side and shoved him in their car and drove away. All of his friends and the other police and drug officers looked for him for days and

couldn't find him. After about a month of looking for him, someone found his body in a shallow grave. The drug dealers who kidnapped him had tortured him to death.

Shortly after Kiki was found dead, his friends and comrades got together and pledged to lead drug-free lives and began to wear red ribbons. Today we celebrate Kiki's life and the work that he did by wearing red ribbons and learning about bad drugs and their harmful effects. Kiki Camarena was a bucket filler. He worked hard. He did the right thing to protect people and especially children from drugs. The theme of this year's Red Ribbon Week was *I Believe in Me – Drug Free!* On Monday, they wore bright colored clothing. On Tuesday, they wore crazy socks. On Wednesday, they wore Character Counts t-shirts. On Thursday, they wore camo or bright orange clothing. On Friday, they wore red and black or their NHE t-shirt.

During Red Ribbon Week, the students were involved in writing essays, decorating the building and community, visiting with a police officer, and attending a Ronald McDonald Assembly.



Drug Essays: The third graders did a super job on their drug essays and they are now hanging in the hallways of NHE.

Special Message to all Parents and Guardians: please continue to collect the Box Tops from listed products and send them to school. Help us continue to earn cash for our school library. Thank you for your support!

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/products/participating-products>



Ronald McDonald: On Wednesday of Red Ribbon Week, Ronald McDonald came to NHE with a powerful message. The theme of his assembly was The Inside Story on Character. It was all about character traits that help us do the right thing even when no one is watching.

A recent study by the University of Georgia, found that the more kids spend exercising, the better they tend to do on tests for English, math, and science. The study suggests that physical activity increases time 'on task' in class and reduces classroom 'problem behavior.'

Coming Attraction!!!

Christmas Program: Monday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gymnasium

A huge thank you to Mrs. Kriener and all of the NHE teachers for orchestrating a wonderful Red Ribbon Week. The week offered many quality learning activities for NHE students and a lot of fun!



Thank you! Thank you!

NHE staff members wish to thank parents for the wonderful food brought in the afternoons of conferences. It was greatly enjoyed and appreciated. **Special thanks to Jill Brincks for organizing this event.**



Daylight Savings Time ends on November 4th. Remember to set your clocks back.

American Education Week is November 18th – 22nd!

Winter Coats: Mrs. Kriener has a few winter coats from the Coats for Families Campaign. Call her if you need a coat for your child. (394-5858, ext. 1106)

Giant Piggy Bank

Currently, the Giant Piggy Bank has 171 accounts with total deposits of \$89,350.04

Bucket Fillers of the Week Displayed on Caring Street



During the month of October, students who were caught filling someone's bucket were asked to put their names in a bucket in their classroom. On Fridays, two names are drawn out of the office buckets. Those winners are announced and they come to the office for a t-shirt, certificate, and a picture for our bucket wall. The bucket wall is located on Caring Street, a passing hallway that most of our students walk through every day.

School Alerts is an email and text message notification system the NHCS D uses to distribute important and timely information. If you want to receive these alerts, stop by the elementary office and pick up instructions to sign up for this service.

Always kiss your children goodnight, even if they're already asleep.

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Reminders from the Elementary Office

*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 and update your child's contact information with the office and on PowerSchool eRegistration, as necessary.

*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.

* 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 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.

* 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 after the buses leave.

* 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

At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.

Jane D. Hull

Weather-Related Cancellations will be announced on KWWL (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).

NOVEMBER EVENTS

- 1 – No School**
- 5 – Election Day**
- 5 – NHE Leadership Meeting at 7:30**
- 11 – Parent Advisory Council Meeting at Noon**
- 12 – Picture Retakes**
- 15 – Mid-Term Second Quarter (22 days)**
- 20 – Early Childhood Cadre Meeting at 10:30**
- 27 – One hour early out**
- 28 – 29 – Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)**

**Mark your calendars:
Monday, December 9th: Christmas Program**

New Hampton Elementary Is the place for me!



Standing still long enough for a quick picture are kindergarten students from the classroom of Mrs. Ries.



Emily Baltos poses with some first graders right after meeting with these students for their media/library class.



Twinkle and Shine: NHE's Christmas Program, December 9th in the high school gymnasium