

Linda Kennedy, Elementary Principal November 2013 Character Counts! At New Hampton Elementary November's Pillar – Fairness

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# New Hampton Community School District Professional Development Professional Learning Communities:

\*K – 4 Technology: Twitter 101, Google Drive, Google Forms, iPad applications \*PLC-s at Noon – All of the grade levels are working with the Literacy Iowa Core Curriculum to identify the essential standards in the reading strand (Reading Literature, Reading for Information, and the Foundational Skills), mapping out pacing guides for each quarter, developing formative and summative assessments for the standards, and then beginning the response to intervention process we are calling WIN (What I need). Kindergarten has already started that process.

### New Hampton Elementary School Professional Development

\*Nancy Kriener attended the Iowa School Counseling Conference in Des Moines on November  $4^{th}$  and  $5^{th}$ 

\*Amy Newbrough, Joyce Mueterthies, Heather Maakestada and Stefanie Throndson attended an inservice on the literacy iowa Core Curriculum on November 11<sup>th</sup> at Elkader \*Emily Baltes attended a Media/Library Conference on November 4<sup>th</sup> at Elkader \*Lynn Ries and Deb Dietzenbach attended a Math Investigations Conference on November 4<sup>th</sup> in Elkader

Parent Advisory Council: Members of the PAC met with Mrs. Kennedy on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at noon. Among the items discussed were NHE t-shirt monies, conferences (scheduling, the meal etc.), the NHE Facebook page, and brainstorming ways they can be more involved.

See attached November Newsletter for NHE news or view it on the elementary page of the district website

The Iowa Assessments will not be administered in November as usual, but rather will be administered in March of next year

Ronald McDonald was here on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The theme of his presentation was *The Inside Story* and all about the importance of becoming people of good character.

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### **Red Ribbon Drug Essay Winners:** Second Grade:

First Place: Jack Shawver, Second Place: Destiny Hansen, Third Place: Taryn Smith Honorable Mention: Molly Wegner, Ava Throndson, Jayda Noehl, Hailee Pesek, Grace Maloy, Baylee Rapenske, Emma Hovenga **Third Grade:** First Place: Shangyu Wu, Second Place: Carlee Rochford, Third Place: Lydia Olson Honorable Mention: Annala Elliott, Jacob Anderson,

Xander Putney, Tierney Perkins, Sophia Meissen, Casandra Phillips, Carver Bouillion, Norah Orthaus, Jackson Brincks

# Fourth Grade:

First Place: Maddison Waddell, Second Place: Audrey Anderson, Third Place: Sanja Djukic Honorable Mention: Tyler Wiltse, Kayla Holschlag, Lauren Smith, Jacob Hiddlng, Lance Pineda, and Mason Lane

**Technology Prowesss at NHE:** 



The first graders recently skyped with their first grade penpals in Osage. They played a spelling game with them while skyping.

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### Google Drive at the Fourth Grade

The fourth graders successfully used Google Drive to develop their drug essays. As they began to write their rough drafts of their essays on Google Drive, each student shared their document with Mrs. Hoy. As they wrote, Mrs. Hoy sent students probes and questions to get them to think of ways to correctly revise their essays both in content and in grammatical structure. Mrs. Kriener said they were the best fourth grade essays she had ever received.



Congratulations to Nancy Kriener for receiving the Iowa School Counselor of the Year Award at the Iowa School Counseling Conference on November 4<sup>th</sup>

#### **NOVEMBER EVENTS**

- 1 No School
- 5 Election Day
- 11 Parent Advisory Council at noon
- 12 Picture Retakes in the Morning (Curriculum Lab)
- 15 Mid-term of Second Quarter
- 20 Early Childhood Cadre Meeting at 10:30
- 26 Triad Visit at 9:00
- 28 29 Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)