

New Hampton Elementary Update

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

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Professional Development

Technology Training on January 20th/NHE's Presenters

Sara Baltes, Amy Newbrough, and Joyce Mueterthies: Use of Promethean Board for Teaching and Learning

Miranda Eichenberger: EduCreations as a tool for creating mini-presentations in the classroom

Emily Sanford: EverNote as an organizational tool for educators

Stefanie Thronson: The many uses of iPhoto for teaching and learning

January 27th: Janet Heeren, Heather Maaskestad, Kim Hennessy, Sue Nosbisch, and Michelle Reicks will attend a Math Assessment Training in Elkader.

January 16th and 21st: Emily Baltes will link with Anna Burnham, the media specialist from Charles City to network and plan.

Student Achievement Report: Michelle Hoy – Fourth Grade Literacy/Technology Project

See January Newsletter (attached)

Giant Piggy Bank's First Semester Report: NHE 174 Accounts \$97,136.82 The third quarter bankers are now working at the bank. They experienced training prior to winter break so they would be ready to meet the needs of their bank customers at the beginning of the third quarter.

PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE

PK – 4 students, their families and community members contributed more than 259 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 thanks you to everyone who contributed to our drive. The number of children taking home Backpacks of food on Fridays has increased.

January at NHE:

January will be a busy month as we once again work hard on improving student's literacy and math achievement. Teachers will do some literacy screening this month using DIBELS Next, running records, the short version of the MAP test, and other assessments to monitor progress and look for learning needs as we go into the second semester of this school year. The Carnival Committee will meet for the first time and get things started. The Reading Rocks Committee is meeting to prepare for February's Reading Rocks initiative. Grade level professional learning communities will continue to work on the Iowa Core Literacy Curriculum (as they work towards beginning WIN intervention times) and the integration of technology for teaching and learning.



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 winter break.



NHE staff and students enjoyed the Peanut Butter Dance that was held in the cafeteria on December 19th to celebrate our successful service project. Everyone left with a Hershey's Hug and a big smile on their face after a very fun celebration!

JANUARY EVENTS

- 3 – Workday for Teachers**
- 6 - Classes Resume**
- 6 - Beginning of Third Quarter**
- 9 – Report Cards Sent Out**
- 16 – Carnival Meeting at 7:30**
- 20 – Professional Development for Teachers**
- 21 – NHE Leadership Meeting @ 7:30**
- 23 – Kindergarten’s 100th Day Celebration**