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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy Friday! In your experience, do you ever feel that some days seem to go by slowly and others seem to just fly by? That is how I am feeling as I write this article. I had a long Wednesday and Thursday, and can't believe it is already Friday!

As a member of the Bristol Recreational Advisory Council (BRAC), we had our monthly meeting last night and our focus was on Strategic Planning. We had an outside facilitator run the meeting and guide our discussion. Although we meet monthly, this was our first attempt, in a long time, to talk about the TTCC and its strengths and ways in which we want to see improvement. The facilitator focused our discussion around 4 questions:

- What is right about the TTCC?
- What is wrong?
- What is missing?
- What is confusing?

It was a great activity and allowed our group to visualize through different eyes. As we spoke, the facilitator was able to formulate our thoughts into different groupings. She provided guidance in ways in which we can "tell our story", "improve our wins", and "develop short and long term measurable goals." This meeting had me thinking about NHCS. So I am going to ponder my thoughts for a while and seek opinions from colleagues. But don't be surprised that in the future, I will be reaching out to the stakeholders at NHCS and ask you to answer those questions. Another thought I had last night was that if we want our children to have a growth mindset, we as a school community need to have one and continue to strive to "improve our wins".

Have a great weekend!

Special Education

A big part of my job as a special education teacher is providing modifications and accommodations to special education students on a daily basis. During the upcoming state testing, I will make sure these students have accommodations in place to help them better access testing material.

Some students can have anxiety around testing. As a parent there are ways you can help with this. The U.S. Department of Education puts out a nice website on ways to help testing anxiety. Here is the link:

<https://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/succeed/part9.html>

Some of the suggestions they give are things such as: talking to your child and explaining what the testing is and why it is happening. Reminding your child of strategies such as, reading directions carefully, if you don't understand something, ask, take your time and if you can't figure out an answer, move on and come back to it after.

Praise your child for their efforts and to try their best!



Second Graders have been busy learning about changes. One way we decided to observe changes on a daily basis was by planting seeds. We have become plant observers, noticing the littlest change from day to day. Check out our green thumbs!



Calendar:

April 17 - PaTH

April 17 – PTO Meeting, 6:00 pm

April 18 – 5th Grade rehearsal @ NMMS 8:30

April 18 – 5th Grade concert at NMMS 6:30 pm

April 19 – **NO After School Program**

April 19 – 4th Grade field trip to State House/Planetarium

April 23-27 – Spring Break

Lunch Menu April 16 – April 20, 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Crispy Tater Tots Confetti Cookie Fruit	Soft Beef Tacos w/Fixings Cilantro Rice Confetti Corn Cheesy Refried Beans Cinnamon Apple Slices	Chicken Parmesan w/Rotini Pasta Caesar Salad Fruit	Chicken Nuggets Warm Dinner Roll BLT Side Salad Fruit	Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Tomato Basil Salad Fruit

CAPTURING CARES

During lunch on Wednesdays, our school community recognizes individuals that display our mission statement values.

In addition, we celebrate by placing their name on a special bulletin board and in our newsletter.

This week we honored:

Madison Alquist – Character, Achievement, Responsibility, Excellence, Spirit

Dameian Cabral – Character, Responsibility

Wilder Irving – Character, Responsibility

Ben Kelley – Character

Hunter LaRoche – Achievement, Excellence

Cassidy Rand – Achievement, Responsibility, Excellence

Peter Roberts - Character

Addison Safi – Achievement, Excellence

As you know we are reading Pie as part of our One Book-One School annual literacy event. Week six's trivia winners were: Ben Wall, Gabe Eckert, and Nick Gilbert. Keep reading and enjoying the book!

Kindergarten Connections at NHCS is May 8th. If you have a child turning 5 years old by 9/30/18, please contact the school for a registration form or print one on line at www@SAU4.org.

Our school community would like to put together a dessert cookbook in correlation with our One Book-One School event. We would love for families to share their favorite recipe. From those submissions, we will create our very own NHCS Dessert Cookbook to give to each family by the end of the year. Everyone can always use some new ideas in the kitchen and what a great memento this will be! Please use the attached form for your submission.

