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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Yikes, this was my first time ever experiencing back pain, and it was excruciating. I did a few things over the weekend that might have tweaked the muscles in my back (moving my Jet Ski seat or cleaning my kitchen cabinets). On Monday and Tuesday, I could feel the tightening of my back muscles, but Wednesday morning I woke up in serious pain and couldn't move, which was scary. I called my twin sister and she came over and took me to the doctors and was prescribed a muscle relaxant and pain medicine. Part of me is thinking that since I turned 50, it is downhill from here! I spent two days on the couch relaxing and figuring out how to best use the medication I was given. This morning, I came to work but I think by lunchtime I will be back on my couch resting. I hope that over the weekend things will start to be back to normal.

A special thanks to the PTO for hosting our STEAM Challenge yesterday. Christine Hunewell sent me a few videos and pictures. I am so sorry to have missed it! The students had a blast with all of the different challenges. Three of our students' bridges held 68 pounds and we didn't have any more weights to safely place on them. We will continue that challenge next Friday. **Students are already talking about how they are going to change their designs for next year's event!**

Next week, we will celebrate Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week! Our PTO is busy at work organizing different opportunities and events to thank our incredible staff. If you want to get involved check out the NHCS PTO Facebook Page, contact your child's room parent or email Megan Magrauth at blissfulworks@msn.com. Friday of next week will be having a "Walk the Red Carpet Dress-up Day." We hope our students will participate.

Have a great spring weekend!

Fabulous Fourth-Graders

Fourth grade at NHCS has been busy this past month. We have been working hard in Math class with fractions. We now know how to make equivalent fractions, compare and order fractions, and add and subtract fractions. We can also simplify fractions and turn improper fractions into mixed numbers.

Our NH Studies learning came in handy on April 19 when we went to our State House in Concord. Students got to see our Legislature in action! We saw the Senate meeting in its quarters, and we watched the House of Representatives vote on three issues.

In Science class we have participated in the Canadian Space Agency's Tomato sphere project. Students conducted a blind study on the germination rate of tomato seeds. Our control group was just regular seeds. The study group spent four weeks on the International Space Station last summer.



Our class with District 2 Senator Bob Giuda.



Planting our tomato seeds.



Here are some of our plants. 74% of the "green" seeds germinated, while 84% of the "red" seeds germinated. Can you guess which seeds spent time on the Space Station?

The answer will be in next week's newsletter!

For Artsake!....

For the months of March and April, K-5 artists at N.H.C.S. worked on two whole-school art projects! One was a lesson where our artists watched a video with Dale Chihuly, famous for his gigantic glass blown art forms. He has installations of these forms in museums, hotels and many other public buildings throughout the world. They are spectacular displays of light-infused structures that capture how different sources of light change colors and our view of them in different surroundings using paper filters, colorful markers, spray starch, and tiny tea lights, we created boards of twinkling colors that mimic Mr. Chihuly's art endeavors. We learned about teamwork, perseverance, and the importance of sequential process that leads to a successful group art piece. There will be a group art piece for each grade!

The second all-school art project was the Original Art Works fundraiser. This involved establishing a common theme. This year it was all about "Kindness Counts". It was a great way to create these fabulous hearts with our prior knowledge of how to fill our art space, add important borders to create contrast, with unity, within the art. Color use was discussed as was the important topic of what kindness looks like in our school. Many character-building discussions evolved as we created some beautiful, articulate creations! Fundraising for our school with our art also gave their masterpieces a purpose- a very important aspect to take a look at!

In other art news, the fifth graders are putting their finishing touches on their paper-mache' dragons and unicorns! This was a terrific art journey rich with different processes and new art materials. We handled it all with great enthusiasm and effort! Our fourth grade artists are finishing up a terrifically whimsical hot air balloon art project. They also used paper-mache' to create the balloon with a basket. Inside is a self-portrait of themselves riding high off to many school adventures; so it seems as you view these creations! The art will be a feature in our school yearbook. Stay tuned.... The third graders focused on material use as they created Wayne Thiebaud- style clay cupcakes. We're in the process of painting and "glazing" them. They each will complete this project with a drawing of their cupcake that includes a written description of their favorite icing and cake flavors. Second grade artists incorporated words that describe themselves after creating artwork of a star. Nicely done! We also created clay turtles that will be painted and "glazed"! First graders created rainbows to review color order. We just finished 3D tulips that really brightened up our hallway! Kindergarten artists also created tulips that reinforced the idea of overlapping details in our artwork! Springtime self- portraits are also on the way! This is one way we get to see growth in our art! So much success! So much more to create before the school year winds down! How exciting! Bravo!

Ms. Plante-Renaud

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.

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:

Jack DiFilippe – Achievement, Excellence
 Gabe Eckert – Achievement, Excellence
 Colin Foster – Achievement, Excellence
 Ben Gilbert – Achievement, Excellence
 Jayden Gilpatric – Achievement, Excellence
 Lucas Reynolds – Achievement, Excellence
 Aubrey Sirles – Achievement, Excellence

Upcoming events:

May 8 – Kindergarten Connection
 May 8 – PaTH, 2:00-3:15
 May 9 – Grade 4 Field Trip – Riverfront Park, Plymouth, 8:30
 May 9 – Grade 5 to Gordon Nash Library – Weather Program, 10:00
 May 9 – Lego Club @ Gordon Nash Library, 2:15-3:30
 May 11 – Kickball Intramurals, 2:00 – 3:15
 May 15 – PaTH, 2:00-3:15
 May 16 – PTO Meeting, 7:30am
 May 18 – Kickball Intramurals, 2:00-3:15
 May 22 – PaTH, 2:00-3:15
 May 24 – K-2 Field Trip to Capital Center for the Arts, The Gruffalo, 9:00-12:00
 May 29 – PaTH, 2:00-3:15

Lunch Menu May 7 – May 11, 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pulled Pork on a Bun Waffle Fries Maple Baked Beans Fruit Popsicles	Taco’s w/ Fixings Cilantro & Bean Rice Garden Salad Fruit	Cheesy Chicken Bake w/Rotini & Marinara Parmesan Wheat Roll Caesar Salad Fruit Popsicles	Shepherd’s Pie Dinner Roll Green Beans Fruit	Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Baby Carrots Fruit

Our Newfound fifth graders @ Plymouth State University for Adventure Connections!



Fun was had by all at the STEAM Challenge!



