

New Hampton Community School

Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Each year, I hold end-of-the-year meetings with each staff member. In our meeting we cover four things:

- Take time to celebrate
- Discuss the challenges
- Share ideas moving forward
- Allow the opportunity for them to share with me what I can do better as a principal

Each meeting is different and unique. I enjoy having these meetings because I always learn something new and it provides me with more topics to reflect upon and allows me to start thinking about “next year”.

In one of my meetings yesterday, we were talking about our Friday newsletter and website. Here were some of our questions:

- Do parents read our Friday newsletter?
- Is it too long? Should we shorten it by not having so many articles....one from me, a classroom teacher and a specialist?
- Is it informative?
- Is it helpful?
- Should we even do a Friday newsletter?
- Should we go back to a hard copy along with a digital email copy?
- Do people go to our website?
- What do you use our website for?
- Should we continue to maintain a website now that we have a Facebook page and Twitter?

I would love to hear your thoughts and feedback! Please email me (aholloran@sau4.org) your answers to these questions or just your thoughts and opinions regarding our Friday newsletter and website.

Have a great weekend and hope to see many of you tomorrow morning at the NHCS PTO's Trail Challenge.



Title 1 News

Most people may not know what makes a school a Title 1 School. Title 1 is a program that assists schools that have a higher percentage of low-income families. There are two types of Title 1 services, a targeted Title 1 school and a school wide Title 1 school (school wide schools have a low income rate of 40% or higher). New Hampton Community School is a Targeted Title 1 School. This means each year children are ranked using testing scores, report cards, and teacher input, to determine those students who are in the most need of assistance. Those students are then given extra support by Title 1 staff to help them meet academic standards.

Title 1 also helps fund professional development for teachers to increase their knowledge to help students in need. It also helps families by using funding to hold fun family events and to purchase supplies that assist in their academic learning.

Unfortunately, next year New Hampton Community School does not qualify for Title 1. Schools look at free and reduced lunch applications to help them decide if the school is in need of services. The percentage for our school fell below the criteria level. So I am sad to say I will be moving to Bridgewater-Hebron Village School. It has been wonderful working with many of the students here at New Hampton Community School!



Mrs. Westerling

Third Grade News

Check out all the fun happenings in third grade! Reading with Oscar, our bearded dragon, watching our chickens grow, creating fun learning models, and of course lots of fun creative writing projects! Stop by our classroom to see what we are doing and visit our babies!



Mrs. Doucette's terrific third graders

Upcoming events:

June 8 – Kickball Intramurals, 2:00-3:15

June 9 – PTO Trail Challenge, 9:30 @ New Hampton Fitness Trail

June 12 – 1st & 2nd Grade Field Trip to Remick Farm, 9:00-2:00

June 13 – PTO Meeting, 7:30am

3rd Grade Field Trip to Boston Aquarium, 7:45-3:30

5th Grade Night, 5:15-7:00

Lego Club @ Gordon Nash Library, 2:15-3:30

June 15 – Kindergarten Field Trip to Squam Lakes Science Center, 8:30-1:45

June 18 – Field Day (rain date 6/19)

June 21 – Why Read, Why Write Assembly, 10:00

Last Day of After School Program

June 22 – Last Day of School, Early Release, 12:00 dismissal

Progress Reports go home

Lunch Menu June 11 – June 15, 2018

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Home Style Meatloaf Mashed Potato Home Style Biscuit Green Beans Fruit | Sloppy Joe on a Bun Potato Wedges Carrots Fruit | Homemade Mac & Cheese Garden Side Salad Warm Dinner Roll Fruit | Chicken Fajitas w/Fixings Cilantro Rice Black Bean & Corn Salad Fruit | Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Caesar Salad Fruit |

A reminder to our fifth grade parents to contact Ellis Music to pick up your child's instruments if you are not keeping them for next year.

