

New Hampton Community School Newsletter

September 6, 2019

Ann Holloran, Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Well, we have made it through almost a full week of school and it was a busy one! I am confident that it is going to be GREAT! Our new faculty and support staff are working hard and with the cooperation of our veteran personnel, we are building an amazing team.

This fall will be super crazy for me. I have a niece playing college volleyball, so I want to attend as many games as possible. I have a nephew getting married in two weeks in Maine. In October, I will officiate my godchild's wedding! Emily, my godchild, said "Aunt Ann, you did such a nice job with the eulogies for your aunt and uncle, do you want to do a fun event and marry me?" With that delivery what else could I say but, "Sure Em, I am honored and would love to do it." Besides these personal things, I have 20 students joining me each Friday after school for my kickball intramural program. As a district, we are learning a new student information software program which should be ready to roll out in the beginning of November and we are implementing a competency-based report card. I was also selected for jury duty, which starts Tuesday.

Some highlights from my week:

- A student sharing with me in the hallway, "I just love this school and don't want to go anywhere when I get older."
- Going into a classroom during my daily informal walk-throughs, seeing all students partnered up and having amazing math discussions on how to solve a word problem.
- Our 2nd and 5th grade students giving their best effort on their fall NWEA testing.
- Watching a kindergarten student waiting anxiously for his new first grade friend to come out to recess so that they could play together.
- On morning bus duty, seeing two sisters skip into school with huge smiles on their faces!
- The start of our amazing Project Promise (after school) program. Unfortunately, we already have a waiting list! As more staff are hired we will be inviting more students to join.

What are your highlights from your week? Do you share them with your family and friends? Instead of asking your child, "How was your day?" how about trying these...it is our hope you will get a more in-depth response:

- What was your peak (best) and pit (worst) of your day?
- Did you catch anyone doing something funny?
- Did anyone do anything super nice to you or for a classmate today?
- If one of your classmates could be the teacher for the day, who would you want it to be? Why?
- What rule was the hardest to follow today?
- Who made you smile today?

Have a great weekend and gear up for a full week of school!



Mark your Calendar:



September 10 – PTO Mtg. @ 6:00 p.m.

September 16 – Book Fair starts

PTO Fun Run – (9/23 rain date)

September 18 – Early Release @ 12:00

Open House @6:30

Book Fair @ 6:00

September 20 – School Pictures

October 8 – PTO Mtg. 7:30 a.m.

October 11 – NO SCHOOL – Teacher Workshop

October 14 – NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day

CHEESE!



NHCS Picture Day is Friday September 20th

The order form has been sent home today with your child.

A letter has been sent to all parents/guardians in the district in regards to the testing for lead in the drinking water in our Schools. It is included with our newsletter.



Main Lunch items for the Week of 9/9/19. For the complete list, please see the menu on the Fresh Picks website.

Monday

French Toast Sticks w/Maple Syrup
Breakfast Sausage
Home Fried Potatoes
Blueberries & Cream
Fresh Fruit

Tuesday

Chicken Quesadilla
Salsa & Sour Cream
Mexicali Rice
Confetti Corn
Fresh Fruit

Wednesday

Popcorn Chicken Mac & Cheese
w/Toppings
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Thursday

Sloppy Joe on a Bun
Maple Roasted Sweet Potatoes
Maple Baked Beans
Fresh Fruit

Friday

Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza
Cucumber Wedges
Fresh Fruit

We at NHCS are still looking for a full time paraprofessional – 6.5 hours a day with benefits, as well as a part-time paraprofessional – 5.9 hours a day – no benefits. If you know of someone, please send them our way!

Additional Water Information—New Hampton Village Precinct

Ms. Holloran has had two parents inquire about the color of our water and some staff members. She met with Commissioner Robert Barry on Wednesday, September 4th. He went over the history of the project which has been happening slowly over the past several years. You can review the process and obtain additional information by going to our town's website, <http://www.new-hampton.nh.us/index.asp>, and selecting the information on the front page under Status of Village Precinct Water. In our discussion, Mr. Barry shared they are doing additional (above the recommendations) flushing of the system and water testing. Mr. Barry and a member from the outside consulting firm were in yesterday taking samples of our water.

In the paperwork, it states “**please continue to flush your tap daily before using water for consumption.**” At our school, our students drink from our water foundation which is run in the morning by our custodian and also has its own filtering system. In the lunch room, our chef flushes her taps first thing in the morning prior to cooking. In addition, this summer our maintenance staff replaced the piping of some of our sinks throughout the building. Mr. Barry reassured her that we are taking the appropriate steps throughout out day. He also told her that he would notify her immediately if the water sample levels came back over the required limit.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Ms. Holloran or Commissioner Barry.

