

NEW HAMPSHIRE ESTATES NOTES



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

NHE Parents Are Showing They Care

Our school year at New Hampshire Estates is off to a great start and we have had excellent parent involvement in a wide range of events. For example, we had about 60 parents attend our first Principal's Parent Coffee in the cafeteria. That was a phenomenal turnout! The very next night, despite a gray and wet day, we had about 150 parents, staff, and children for our PTA Welcome Back Picnic. Even before the year had started, about 100 parents met with me at three parent availabilities. And we had over 400 people attend our PTA Ice Cream Social!

There are studies that show children do better in school when parents are more involved in the school. So thank you for doing your part to help your child succeed. Just your presence at a Back to School Night or a parent coffee can be so important. By coming to the school, you are sending your child the message that school is important and that you care about them and their education.

We heard from parents at the first Principal's Parent Coffee that they would like more information about what their students are supposed to be learning in school and what they can do at home to help their students learn. As a result, we will be providing information to answer these questions at our next Principal's Parent Coffee on October 27, from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Please join us at our next coffee and share your ideas.

— Bob Geiger, principal

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

IMPORTANT DATES

10/9 Volunteer Orientation 9:00 a.m.

10/12 Open House 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

10/13 Linkages to Learning Coffee 9:00 a.m.

10/16 No school

10/21 Pre-K/Head Start Parent Meeting 9:00 am

10/27 Principal's Parent Coffee 9:00 a.m.

10/27 Picture Day

10/30 End of 1st Marking Period

11/2 No school

11/11—11/12 Parent-Teacher Conferences

NHE OPEN HOUSE—OCTOBER 12, 2015

Parents, guardians, and grandparents of NHE students are encouraged to attend our Open House on Columbus Day, Monday, October 12, 2015 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. This is a great opportunity for parents to observe their children in the classroom, learn more about the school's programs, and meet school staff.

We'll start with coffee at 8:30 and then you can visit classrooms at 9:00.

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*Together We
Make A
Difference!*

Our Vision

New Hampshire Estates Elementary School seeks to be a role model of a multicultural learning community.

Our Mission

Parents and staff pledge to work together to support students by helping them meet high academic standards. We provide a safe, caring, and nurturing environment. We teach students to be responsible, creative, and respectful.

**STUDENTS WHO HAVE GOOD ATTENDANCE
DO BETTER IN SCHOOL**

It's true! Regular school attendance is so important. Studies show that students who are absent more often are more likely to drop out of school. Teachers prepare lessons that are sequential and specifically designed to help students become better readers, writers, and mathematicians. When students are frequently absent or tardy, it is often difficult for them to grasp key concepts and catch up. Students become competent and confident learners when they attend school regularly and on time!

We request that students be kept at home only when necessary for medical reasons. Consider scheduling appointments after school or towards the end of the school day. When these appointments are needed, please return your child to school as soon possible.

VISITOR SIGN-IN SYSTEM

All visitors are required to sign in at the office and present a form of ID (preferably a driver's license or CASA ID) for scanning into our Controlled Access System. This will help make sure your child and all children are safe at NHE. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

COMMUNICATION AT NHE

If parents have questions or concerns about something that is happening in the classroom, please first contact your child's teacher. You can contact them by phone, email or a note written in your language of preference. Let the teacher know your concerns or questions. Then, the teacher will respond to you within two school days.

DONATE CLOTHES!

The health room is in need of clothes sizes 4 and up. If you have any pants, shirts or jackets that no longer fit your children, we will gladly take them off your hands. Large sizes are especially appreciated!

STUDENT PICK UP

Always pick your child up on time. School ends at 3:25 pm. We will open the doors for walkers by 3:40. If you are late picking up your child, your child will be taken to the daycare in the school at 4:00 p.m. and you will need to pay \$25.00 for this service. The school's regular staff will not be able to watch your child past the dismissal time. If you know you are going to be late, please contact the school. On early dismissal days, dismissal starts at 12:55 p.m. and we will open the doors for walkers at 1:10 p.m.

The PTA is helping NHE!

The NHE/Oak View PTA has been supporting NHE in a variety of important ways — sponsoring the Welcome Back Picnic, the Ice Cream Social, and the upcoming Festival of Cultures, as well as providing money for critical school needs. At its September meeting, the PTA approved spending money to buy Scholastic News magazines that will help our second graders learn to read informational text. The PTA's budget for the year also includes money to pay for reading software programs, help pay for field trips, and support cultural arts programs. Please support our PTA by volunteering to help with upcoming activities or by joining the PTA, if you have not already done so. Membership is \$10. You can join today at nheovpta.com.