

NEW HAMPSHIRE ESTATES NOTES



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all parents who have applied for Free and Reduced Meals. So far, more than 380 of our students have qualified for Free and Reduced Meals. It is extremely important that every eligible parent apply for Free and Reduced Meals for their students. For each student who qualifies for Free and Reduced Meals, New Hampshire Estates Elementary School receives more than \$1,300 in federal Title I money! That is a lot of money. It adds up to more than \$500,000 a year, and that money is critical for our school. We use the money to hire teachers and a parent community coordinator and to buy books and supplies to help support instruction. We are sending home an extra copy of the application to families who have not yet applied for Free and Reduced Meals. If you need help filling out your application, we have staff members who are happy to help. Thank you for your efforts to support our school.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

10/14 Open House, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

10/16 & 10/17 Kindergarten Field Trip to Spicknall's Farm

10/22 Linkages to Learning Parent Coffee, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

10/24 Math Family Learning Night, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

10/29 Principal's Parent Coffee, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

11/01 Fall Festival Celebrations

Community Schools Efforts

In addition to the federal money mentioned above, under a new law that the Maryland legislature passed this year, all schools that have more than 80 percent of their students qualify for Free and Reduced Meals will receive Community Schools money this year and next year. New Hampshire Estates is one of these schools. We had a fantastic Community Schools Meeting on September 19. More than 20 stakeholders participated, including parents and staff and representatives from Action in Montgomery, CHEER, Sligo Adventist Church, YMCA, and the NHE/Oak View PTA. A big part of our work was to decide how to spend the \$248,000 our school will receive. We decided to spend our community schools money to hire a half-time community schools liaison, a full-time therapist, make our parent community coordinator position full-time, and add an additional full-time parent community coordinator position. This will leave almost \$40,000 that we discussed spending on translation technology, sports and arts programs, parent training, professional development for staff, our school garden, and other efforts.

Fall Festival

New Hampshire Estates will be having a Fall Harvest Festival on Friday, November 1. Parents are invited to come and join in the fun and learning. This celebration will not include Halloween activities. We do not celebrate Halloween at New Hampshire Estates since we have a number of families that have religious objections to Halloween. We want to make sure all parents are comfortable sending their children to school on October 31, November 1, and every day.