

PRIDE PRESS

North Bend Elementary School
Jim Frazier, Principal

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Dear Parents and Families,

Parent Conferences begin November 17th and teachers are looking forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your child's progress this first trimester. Letters have already been sent home to schedule conferences and confirmation slips will be sent to you soon. Conferences are scheduled for November 17, 20, 21, and 22. Also, please note that there will be early dismissal at 11:55 a.m. for grades 1-5 and full-day Kindergarten on November 17, 20, 21, and 22. November 23rd and 24th are non-school days for children for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Early Release Fridays are now entering their second year. During these 2-hour early release days staff are engaged in multiple activities around teaching and learning. This opportunity has given the needed time for grade level and cross grade level teams to collaborate around our school improvement action plans to increase student achievement, planning of lessons, training in recent district wide curriculum adoptions, individualized student conference planning, and much more. We appreciate your support in helping all of us reach our goals.

PTA is off to another banner year under the leadership of the current co-presidents, Jo Ann Jones and Beth Burrows, and the board members. The ways in which PTA supports children and teachers are too innumerable to list each one. The October 19th Walk-a-Thon was a tremendous success. Susan Burklund and Barb MacAndrew, plus a host of volunteers helped ensure a fun experience for kids. Please note the PTA newsletter section of each Panther Pride Press to keep abreast of activities and initiatives. You may also find our calendar on our web site at nbeschool.com. We are fortunate to have such an active parent community to work hand in hand with our staff and students. We all look forward to a banner year!

Emergency Drills will occur at least once per month at NBE. Our staff believes in preparing our students for emergencies such as fire, earthquake and intruders. These drills are taught, practiced, and de-briefed in each classroom before and after the actual drills occur. As disasters hit around our nation and the world our students and staff will be prepared in the event one happens in our school or community.

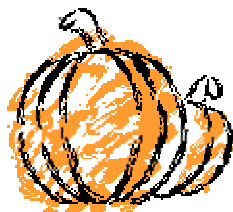
Winter Concert is scheduled for December 13th beginning at 7:00 p.m. First and third grade students are excited to share their program with friends and family. We would like to thank our parent volunteers, Dan Thompson, and to the students for their extraordinary efforts in preparing for the program. Seeing and hearing children perform holiday music is something very special as we celebrate the season.

Watch DOGS is up and running. We would like to thank our dads for their dedication and willingness to join our team. Your presence makes a difference in our school and we love having you! A huge thank you to Barry Rogers, Top Dog coordinator, for his hard work and efforts around this program. He has spent a tremendous amount of time organizing and keeping up with the emails, surveys, and schedules. We still need some days filled if you would like to find out more, please go to nbeschool.com and click on PTA.

Thanksgiving is such a special time for families. It's an occasion to affirm what's important in life and to express thankfulness. Here at NBE, we are so very thankful for every opportunity to be involved in the education of your children and to be associated with such a wonderful supportive parent community. On behalf of each member of our staff, I want to extend thanks and best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Jim Frazier
Principal





Items to Note ...

- ◆ **We welcome to our school:** Ivana Moran, Alexis Moran, Hannah Grantham, Sarah Grantham, Indigo Sunrise, Aramus Harris, Chris Dronen, Cheyenne Matney, and Kimberly Helwig.
- ◆ **Student store is now open** every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:00 to 12:30 pm.
- ◆ **School Improvement Planning (SIP)** The staff here at NBE have worked very hard at examining student data from the 2005-2006 school year. This data has been prioritized in areas of strengths and opportunities. Three major academic goals have been established which are listed below.

Writing - 72% of the 4th grade students will meet standard (9) on the spring 2008 WASL.

Reading - 86% of the 4th grade students will meet the standard (400) on the spring 2007 WASL.
- 82% of the 3rd grade students will meet the standard (400) on the spring 2007 WASL.
- 92% of the 5th grade students will meet the standard (400) on the spring 2007 WASL.

Math - 78% of the 4th grade students will meet the standard (400) on the spring 2008 WASL.
- 83% of the 3rd grade students will meet the standard (400) on the spring 2008 WASL.
- 81% of the 5th grade students will meet the standard (400) on the spring 2008 WASL.

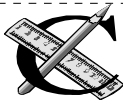
Action plans have been developed to reach each of these goal areas with specific intervention to help increase student achievement. If you are interested in seeing this document please stop in at the office or go visit our website at www.nbeschool.com.

- ◆ **NBE lost and found is overflowing** with students' jackets, sweatshirts and other miscellaneous items. Every week, during lunch period, we ask students to check to see if they can identify any items they have lost. There are well over 100 clothing items that have been left unclaimed for several weeks. Anytime you are at school, stop by the multi-purpose room and check for any of your child's items that may be missing. We invite you to stop by during conference week. Beginning November 27th, we will go through every item to check for names and return items to specific children. Unclaimed items will then be gathered up and donated to charity. Please be sure to label all items with your child's first and last names.

Vision and Hearing Screenings

Vision and Hearing screenings were recently conducted at all of our schools. Many thanks to those volunteers who made time in their schedules to help out!
Parents can look for referral information in the next few weeks if your children should be evaluated further.





CALENDAR:

Friday, November 3: Early Release Day, Dismissal at 10:45 am, Grade KAM
 Early Release Day, Dismissal at 1:25 pm, Grade KPM
 Early Release Day, Dismissal at 1:25 pm, Grades 1-5, FDK

Wednesday, November 8: 3H and 3D to Cedar River, 9:15-12:30 pm



Thursday, November 9: 3B and 3G to Cedar River, 9:15-12:30 pm
 Veterans Day Assembly 2:30-3:10 pm
 PTA Family Bingo Night, 5:30 pm
 School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm

Friday, November 10: No School, Veterans Day

Monday, November 13: National Children's Book Week



Tuesday, November 14: PTA Board Meeting, 9:15 am

Thursday, November 16: Grade 5 High-C to Pacific Science Center, 9:30-2:00 pm

Friday, November 17: Student Dismissal at 11:55 am
 K-5 Parent Teacher Conference, 12:30-4:00 pm
 No AM/PM Kindergarten in Session
 Popcorn Friday



Monday, November 20: Student Dismissal at 11:55 am
 K-5 Parent Teacher Conference, 12:30-4:00 pm
 No AM/PM Kindergarten in Session

Tuesday, November 21: Student Dismissal at 11:55 am
 K-5 Parent Teacher Conference, 12:30-4:00 pm
 No AM/PM Kindergarten in Session

Wednesday, November 22: Student Dismissal at 11:55 am
 K-5 Parent Teacher Conference, 12:30-4:00 pm
 No AM/PM Kindergarten in Session

Thursday-Friday, November 23-24: No School, Thanksgiving



Wednesday, November 29: PTA General Meeting, 6:30 pm, Library

Friday, December 1: Early Release Day, Dismissal at 10:45 am, Grade KAM
 Early Release Day, Dismissal at 1:25 pm, Grade KPM
 Early Release Day, Dismissal at 1:25 pm, Grades 1-5, FDK
 Artist Workshop, 1:00-3:30, MPR

Monday, December 4: End of 1st Trimester

Tuesday, December 5: Grade 4 High-C to Aviation Learning Center

Thursday, December 7: Grade 2 to the Nutcracker, 9:45- 3:00 pm
 Grade 4 100% Club
 All Kindergartens to Crown Tree Farm



