

PRIDE PRESS

North Bend Elementary School
Jim Frazier, Principal

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News from the Principal

What an opportunity we all have to make a difference in a child's life. I want to thank you for allowing us to educate your children. Our students are excited each and every day to be active learners and great citizens.

I am looking forward to beginning my second year as the Principal of NBE. This is such a strong parent community that works together for our children. NBE is truly a special place for learning and nurturing our future leaders. I am excited to work with you and your students in the years to come.

Student enrollment is slightly down this year. Class sizes average in the low 20's giving teachers the ability to work more closely with your students. Total head count is 493 students. As you are aware the district is going into its second year of the Early Release Friday's: school will be dismissed at 1:25 p.m. These Fridays are focused into three categories; teacher directed, building directed, and district directed. Staff has focused planning around school goals and district curriculum implementation while the building and district days will be focused on the school improvement plans that are being developed. We are pleased to announce that all four of our SIP goals were met from last year's plan.

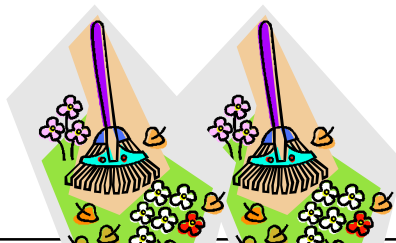
The Washington Assessment of Student Learning, WASL, results has arrived for the spring 2006 test. WASL results give us a baseline and some very instructive data about areas of achievement in which students excel and those in which we can target for improvement. NBE collectively with all schools within the district has invested extraordinary efforts over time to continually improve our ability to be intentional about our choices and what and how to teach children. The data is taken each year and analyzed for the strengths and opportunities to plan for the coming year. This process is called School Improvement Planning (SIP). This is currently being undertaken with care by the entire staff at NBE.

We are pleased to give you an overview of the scores. This year's 4th graders who took the WASL last spring as 3rd graders for the first time scored 79.4% in reading, and 75.0% in math. NBE 5th graders, who took the WASL last spring as 4th graders, met or exceeded standard as follows: mathematics 71.6%, reading 96.6%, and writing 76.1%. This year's 6th graders, who took the math, reading, and science WASL last spring as 5th graders scored 71.1% in math, 89.7% in reading, and 51.5% in science. Our trend is consistent improvement over time and the SVSD continues to rank amongst the top in the state.

Thank you – Our staff is most grateful to parents and other community members for all the support and encouragement you provide your children and the teachers here at NBE.

Sincerely,

Principal
Jim Frazier





ALENDAR:

Friday, September 29:

Popcorn Friday
Grade 2 Community Walk, 9:30-11:30 am
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



Friday, October 6:

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

Monday, October 9:

Vision and Hearing Screening



Thursday, October 12:

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm

Friday, October 13:

No School, Statewide In-Service

Tuesday, October 17:

PTA Board Meeting, 9:15 am

Thursday, October 19:

Walk-A-Thon, 1:45– 3:00 pm

Wednesday, October 25:

Picture Re-Take Day

Thursday, October 26:

KJAM and KE to Fall City Farms
KJPM and FDK to Fall City Farms
School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm



Friday, October 27:

Popcorn Friday
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
Artworks 1-3:30 pm



This year we will be providing the Panther Pride Newsletter to our parents on line. Our next Pride Press, October 30th will be available on our web site, nbeschool.com and/or in our main office. We will no longer be sending this home in Thursday folders.

Items to Note ...



- **We welcome to our school:** Cody Perrine, Frankie Cepeda, Nicolas Cepeda, and Jakob Cepeda.
- **Again, we caution you to drive carefully** as you either drop off or pick up your child at school. The combination of busses loading/unloading, children walking, and parents driving through school traffic area makes it incumbent upon everyone to be cautious. We request that parents park in the lot and not the student drop off zone if you intend to leave your vehicle.
- **Reminder** that if your student will need a transportation change to please send your student to school with a note. Our school policy is that if your student does not have a note we will put them on the bus. If you call with a change after 11:00 am we can not guarantee that your student will receive the message, but we of course always try to do our best.
- **Bus Or Transportation Changes;** Bus passes or transportation changes are issued ONLY in emergency situations and must be approved by the office. We must receive requests in writing from the parent or guardian. Bring requests to the office before school begins.
- **The Absentee Alert Line** can be reached 24 hours a day at 831-8401. Please leave a message if your child will not be at school that day.

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