

# PRIDE PRESS

North Bend Elementary School  
Jim Frazier, Principal

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Denae McGregor, Editor

## News from the Principal

We are excited to enter a new school year full of promise and opportunities for your child. I want to thank you for allowing us to educate your children. Our students are eager each and every day to be active learners and great citizens.

I am looking forward to the best year ever at NBES. With such a strong parent community that works together for our children it is obvious why our children are so successful. NBES is truly a special place for learning and nurturing our future leaders. I am thrilled to work with you and your students in the years to come.

Student enrollment is steady this year compared to last. Class sizes average in the low 20's giving teachers the ability to work more closely with your students. Total head count is 470 students. As you are aware the district is going into its third 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 School Improvement Plan (SIP) goals were met from last year's plan.

The Washington Assessment of Student Learning results have arrived for the spring 2007 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. NBES 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 NBES.

We are pleased to give you an overview of the WASL scores. Our trend is consistent improvement over time and the SVSD continues to rank amongst the top in the state. Scores indicate the percent of students who met standard.

<u>Grade Level / Subject</u>	<u>North Bend Scores</u>	<u>State Scores</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading	86.5%	70.7%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Math	76.4%	69.4%
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Reading	89.7%	76.4%
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math	75.0%	57.9%
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Writing	82.4%	60.1%
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Reading	81.2%	71.7%
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math	72.9%	59.3%
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science	51.8%	36.4%

**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 NBES.

Sincerely,

Principal  
Jim Frazier



# Items to Note ...

- ◆ To learn which bus route your child will take to NBE, specific drop-off routes and times... please reference the Snoqualmie Valley School District website at [www.svsd410.org](http://www.svsd410.org).
- ◆ **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.**
- **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.

## Vision and Hearing Screening



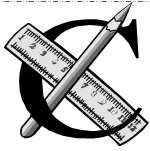
**Vision and Hearing Screening will be taking place throughout the district in October. Check the school calendar for the dates at your school. Screening will be conducted for Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade (by referral)**

**Please make sure that if your child wears glasses that they bring them to the screening.**

## Fight Lice!

Steps you can take with your child to prevent and treat head lice.

- Don't let kids share hats or combs
  - Check regularly for head lice
- Don't overreact or over treat
  - Pesticides aren't necessary
  - Use a special lice comb
- Wash and clean household items



**ALENDAR:**

**Thursday, September 27:**

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm



**Friday, September 28:**

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

**Friday, October 5:**

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 8-9:**

Vision and Hearing



**Tuesday, October 9:**

PTA Board Mtg., 9:15 am

**Thursday, October 11:**

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm

**Friday, October 12:**

No School, State Wide In-Service



**Thursday, October 18:**

PTA Walk-A-Thon, 1:45-3:00 pm

**Friday, October 19:**

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

**Thursday, October 25:**

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm

**Friday, October 26:**

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

**Monday, October 29:**

Kindergarteners to Fall City Farms



**Tuesday, October 30:**

Picture Re-take Day

**Friday, November 2:**

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-Wednesday, November 16-21:** Parent/Teacher Conferences, Dismissal at 11:55 am, Grades FDK, 1-5. **No AM/PM Kindergarten**

**When you need to pick up a student early from school,** Please send a note in the morning and have your child bring it to the office. We then will call down the student when the parent/guardian arrives. A parent/guardian will also need to come into the school office to sign out your student when leaving early.

Paging into classrooms during class time is very disruptive for teachers and difficult to manage. Therefore, we ask that you try and arrange after school activities with your child either before school and/or after school. Of course, we understand that sometimes it is unavoidable and emergencies happen, so do call if needed.



## **Parking Lot Safety**

To ensure the safety of our students and ease traffic congestion during drop-off and pick-up times, please adhere to the following guidelines:

First, drivers should use the circular drive in the parking lot in front of the school. Please do not block the entrance to the parking lot or exit of bus ramp.

Please have students prepared with materials and special messages for the day, before getting to the drop-off zone.

Once in the drop-off zone, students must exit cars quickly!

Remember that the circle drop off/pick-up zone are not parking spots... never leave your car unattended. There are spaces for visitor parking if you need to come in for school business.



Please do not park in the handicap parking stalls if you do not have a handicap sticker.

When these steps are followed, traffic flows smoothly. We appreciate the many consistent NBE families that support our safety plan for a smooth morning entrance and safe evening dismissal. Thanks for your cooperation!

VOLUNTEER BACK GROUND CHECK FORM ARE ON THE WEB-PAGE @ NBESCHOOL.COM  
PLEASE INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR DRIVERS LICENSE WHEN TURNING THE FORM INTO THE OFFICE.

Dear Family,

October 2007

The word of the month is Trustworthiness. Here are some of the trustworthy behaviors we will be focusing on at school.

Tell the truth.  
Be your best.  
Do what is right.  
Stand up for what you believe.  
Practice self-discipline.  
Keep your word.  
Return what you borrow.

You can be watching for these positive behaviors in your child. When you see trustworthiness in action, show your appreciation through a compliment.

You can set family goals for Trustworthiness. Each member of the family can complete the following sentence and post it where it can serve as a reminder: I will be trustworthy by \_\_\_\_\_. (Sample goals...by keeping my promises...by returning what doesn't belong to me). At the end of the month, review the goals and decide whether or not family members accomplished their goals.

We hope that you will share with us any ideas you have about building Trustworthiness in young people. Thank you for participating!

Alicia Moore

North Bend Elementary  
School Counselor

"People may doubt what you say, but they will always believe what you do." (Author unknown)

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## Leadership Program Update

The students are doing a great job at the leadership program!

Staff members have "caught" many students being kind and respectful. I am happy to announce that I received over 100 red tickets. Congratulations to the winning students for the month of September. The top two winners whom get lunch from Mrs. Moore and Mr. Frazier are Lexi Putz and Conner McAndrew. The other 8 winners whom get to visit the treasure box are: Bishop Maybry, Shane Dowling, Jake, Noewell, Hayley Michaels, Emily Williams, Morgan Lowell, Bailey Wyrsh, and Mary Nelson. Congrats to all of you who earned a red ticket this month! Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

Alicia Moore



