

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- **Preschool
Registration,
April 10
1:00-7:00pm**
- **Prom / Grand
March to be held
May 5**
- **Testing schedule
on page 4**

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APRIL NEWS

NEVIS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From My Position, Gregg Parks.....

It is hard to believe we are starting the fourth quarter of school already. As the end of the school year approaches, I feel the need to encourage safety with prom and graduation plans. These two events have the potential to be some of the most exciting times of a young person's life. They also have the potential to be two of the most dangerous times due to accidents and poor decision making. With that in mind, I share these safety tips for parents and students.

Safety Tips for Parents ~

- Reinforce that you love your teen, and your primary concern is their safety
- Ask if there are any school sponsored post-prom and post-graduation celebrations planned and encourage them to attend.
- Ask your teenager if he/she has any concerns or apprehensions about these nights. Ask your teen to think about these issues and indicate your willingness to continue the discussion.
- Be sure your teenager has a fully charged cellphone in the car.

Tips for Teen Drivers~

If your child plans to drive their own car, the family car or will be riding in another vehicle, discuss the following issues:

- Limit the number of kids in the car, and confirm they will be the only driver of your car.
- Insist that everyone wears a seat belt even if it means a few clothing wrinkles.
- Instill the importance of concentration behind the wheel - no need to be texting or on the phone while driving!
- Discuss the dangers of drinking and driving. No matter how confident a teenager is about his or her abilities, there may be temptations.
- If you have given your teenager an extended curfew, discuss how fatigue can also cause accidents.
- No list with tips for teen drivers would be complete without an understanding that you'd rather have a phone call at 2 a.m. than your teen making the decision to drive impaired.

Let's all work to make this a safe and enjoyable spring. As always please contact me if you have questions or concerns. Go Tigers!

Springing Forward.....by Principal Michaelson

**"No school for
4-year-old students
Wednesday, April 10."**

**"Envirothon will be at
Bemidji State Park
Monday, May 2"**

**"Honors Breakfast will
be held May 3 at
7:30 a.m. in
Tiger Arena"**

**"Senior Recognition
Night to be held
Tuesday, May 15 at
7:00 p.m. in the
original gym."**

The 4th quarter of the school year started on Monday, March 26. Where has the year gone? It has been a good winter for all of the popular Minnesota winter activities—snowmobiling, ice fishing, snowshoeing, skiing, etc. Besides the anticipation of green grass and the sight of your first robin, there are a few more things to look forward to in the next two months.

April is here and that means testing. This is the time when students take the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment tests and ACT. Students in grades 3-8 will be taking the MCA math and reading test. Sophomore students take the MCA reading test. The MCA science test is given to 5th, 8th and 10th graders. And, juniors will take the ACT and MCA math test. These tests give us a picture of the growth students are gaining and where students compare with other students around the state. A test calendar is listed at the end of this newsletter.

School sports/activities for spring are in full swing. Watch the school calendar for events, as most spring sports in Minnesota get rescheduled due to winter not going away soon enough. April also brings us State Science Fair and State FCCLA competitions. I want to encourage all students to get involved with some activity either with the school or the community.

Due to recent events, school safety is uppermost on our minds. We continue to educate our staff and students on school safety. In the last month we have trained and practiced new procedures for school intruders. With no perfect answer for these kind of incidents, Nevis wants to be proactive when it comes to school safety.

PROM 2018

Prom 2018 is fast approaching and with it, the anticipation and excitement of a fun-filled evening.

Grand March will be held at 6:30 p.m. on May 5 in Tiger Arena at Nevis School. Students will board the bus between 7:00 and 7:15 p.m. and depart for Firefly Event Barn for dinner and the dance. The dance will end at 11:30 and students will return to the school at approximately 11:45. Students leaving Prom before 11:45 p.m. must be picked up by their parent at Firefly Event Barn.

A Post Prom Event will be held again this year at the school after Prom until 5:30 a.m. – there is more information about this event under Miscellaneous Stuff to Know 'in this newsletter.

Tickets for Prom this year are priced at \$25 per person. Prom Agreements are now available in the high school office or in Mrs. Crimmins room. Tickets must be purchased and Prom Agreements returned by Friday, April 20.

Chaperones for Prom this year include Principal Michaelson, Mrs. Crimmins, the junior class advisors, and the senior class advisors. We ask that all individuals attending the Grand March please use the Tiger Arena Entrance.

Miscellaneous Stuff to Know

Pre-School Registration for the 2018-2019 school year will take place on Tuesday, April 10 from 1:00-7:00 p.m. in the Early Childhood wing of the school. **There will be no pre-k classes (4-year-olds) that day.**

For children age 4 by September 1, 2018, we offer a Monday/Wednesday or a Tuesday/Thursday all day pre-kindergarten program. For children who are 3 years of age by September 1, 2018, we offer a Monday/Wednesday or a Tuesday/Thursday School Readiness class from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Advance registration is required in the preschool classes as class size is limited. Please bring to registration the following: birth certificate, a copy of immunization record and a copy of your child's preschool screening (if they have been screened previously at a site other than Nevis School). If you have any questions regarding preschool registration please call Abby Henry at 218-625-3500, ext. 303.

Post Prom 2018 — We have so much fun putting on this great event, we plan to do it again! Students attending Prom and Nevis juniors/seniors who do not attend Prom are invited to stay the night at the school from midnight to 5:30 a.m. Activities include games, prizes, inflatables, food, more prizes, breakfast, and much more. Plus, there is no charge for attendees!

Help is needed from parents and community volunteers to make this event a success – serve food, monitor inflatables, run games, and clean up. Volunteer help is welcome to work a shift from 11:30-2:00, 2:00-5:00 or cleanup from 5:00-7:00. Call Lynne at 218-652-3500, option 1 to help, or make a donation—monetary or prize.

Senior News — There are several scholarship applications due during the month of April. Seniors should check the career page of the school website frequently regarding any new scholarships. Please watch all deadlines as they are very important.

The Honors Breakfast is planned for Thursday, May 3 at 7:30 a.m. Watch for the invitation in the mail. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Sandmeyer.

The Senior Recognition Reception is planned for Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Nevis Original Gym. If you have questions, please contact the high school office.

Graduation will be held in Tiger Arena on Saturday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend the ceremonies and congratulate the graduates of 2018. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. The senior class colors are green and black. The class flower is a white carnation. The class song is 'On My Way' by Phil Collins. The class motto is "Success is not a destination, but the road that you're on." ~ Marlon Wayans.

Sports — Boys' Basketball: The 2017-18 Tigers ended the regular season with a 23-6 record and were the runner's up in the section 5A North. They finished 11-3 in the Northland Conference which was good for a 2nd place finish. Over their four year varsity careers, this year's seniors ended with an overall record of 99-19, won two Northland Conference titles, two Section 5A championships, and participated in two Class A state tournaments. They hold the record for most games won in a season(28) and most consecutive wins (23) that they accomplished in 2016-17. They also played in possibly the most exciting game in school history when they beat Browerville 55-52 in 4 overtimes to win the Section 5 title and earn a berth to the state tournament in 2016-17.

Girls' Basketball: This was a fun year for our team. We had a young team with tremendous potential. The team put in a lot of work in during the off season playing in summer leagues, and attending multiple camps. The hard work is paying off. The team is starting to understand the amount of work that it takes to become a successful basketball team. After a four-win season last year, we are got into the double digits in wins this year with a 10-18 record, which was huge confidence boost for our girls and the program. Great things happen when you put in the work, and we are working hard, so look forward to seeing continued success from these Lady Tigers! Our end of season banquet on March 20th was spent enjoying the highlights of the season. Earning All Conference 2nd Team was Ashley Pyburn and All Conference Honorable Mention went to Katie Kamphaus. Annalise Ahrendt was awarded All State Academic honors.

Last of the Miscellaneous Stuff to Know

Wrestling: Nevis wrestlers qualified for the state Class A tournament. Dillon McGee won the Section 7A title at 132 pounds while Kyle Schmidt claimed runner-up honors at 220 pounds at the Section 7A tournament at Cass Lake. McGee carried a 32-6 record while Schmidt carried a 34-9 record into their first-round matches at the Xcel Energy Center. What a memorable season for these seniors! Schmidt finished his wrestling career with a 3rd place final and being named all state. McGee finished his wrestling career with 133 wins, three trips to the State tournament and being named all State two times. Congratulations to all the athletes and coaches for a job well done representing Nevis in all the competitions.

Gymnastics: Brianna Nelson, Erin Tooker, Randi Nielsen, and Val Tooker participated on the Park Rapids gymnastics team this season. Nelson finished with an 8.00 average in 11 meets in vault, tallying a season high of 8.35. Erin Tooker recorded scores of 31.45 and 31.25 in her two all-around performances in the final two meets of the season. Tooker finished with averages of 8.09 in seven meets in vault, 7.88 in two meets in the floor, 7.81 on beam and 7.01 in 11 meets on bars. Eighth grader Valarie Tooker competed in one varsity event. Competing on junior varsity was senior Randi Nielsen.

“Gymnastics is a sport where if you are not practicing constantly, you will lose those ‘bigger’ skills,” said Coach Sanchez. “Not having a club where the girls can continue to work out year round like many of the other schools within our section, I would hope to come into next season with as little regression as possible.”

Testing — There is a variety of testing during the month of April. The schedule is as follows:

April 2018

3	ACT– 11th Grade
3-4	MCA Reading—4th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th
5-6	MCA Reading—3rd, 5th Grades
12	MCA Science—5th, 8th, 10th Grades
19-20	MCA Math– 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 11th Grades
24-25	MCA Math– 3rd, 5th Grades

NWEA testing for grades K-2 will take place in May.

Students are encouraged to do their best on all the tests. A good night’s rest the night before and a healthy breakfast in the morning prior to the test will help students be more refreshed and ready to take these tests. If you have any questions regarding the tests, please contact Mrs. Sandmeyer.

Visual Arts — Visual art students participated in the MSHSL Regional Art Competition. Results of the MSHSL Sectional Art Contest in Fosston are as follows:

Students advancing to the State Art Show: Grace W. and Kyrsten S., Grace in the category of Computer-based Art with her digital drawing. Kyrsten in the category of Crafts with her mosaic fish. Both of these works will be on display in a showcase and will go to the State Art Show May 5th.

Superior Ratings: Gabrielle D.—Painting, Kyrsten S.—Painting, Kyrsten S.—Crafts, Grace W.—Computer-based Art.

Excellent Ratings: Tahya B.—Painting, Jessica T.—Drawing, Grace W.—Computer-based Art, Anna C.— Print-making, Alexis M.—Computer-based Art, Pinnipa P.—Drawing.