

DECEMBER NEWS

NEVIS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Students dismissed early December 21 at 2:15
- Winter Break is Dec. 21-Jan. 1
- Science Fair to be held January 17 during the school day.
- Food Angel Backpack Program started by Wellness

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From My Position, Gregg Parks.....

This has been an incredible fall for our Tigers. The volleyball team captured the Conference Championship for the 11th straight year. Nicely done, Coach Wormley and Lady Tigers! Seventh grader Jade R. qualified for the State Cross Country Meet and finished with a personal best by placing 91st out of 180 runners. Way to go Jade! We are looking forward to following your running career for the next five years. As of this writing, the boys football team is gearing up for the Tigers first ever shot at the State Championship in 9-man football! It really has been a blast to watch the team work together each week. Coach Klimek noted that each week different team members rise to the occasion. This really says a lot about the selfless character and the emphasis on teamwork. I have a friend who played on state football teams 30 years ago. He and his teammates still get together to reminisce about the good old days. My hope is that our Tiger football team maintains their connections well into the future. Good luck Tigers, we are all so proud of you and what you have accomplished.

“Be Thankful!” --Principal Michaelson

This year at Nevis, we are very thankful for our students, staff, community and family. During the Thanksgiving break I was reflecting on the atmosphere in our school. Between the combination of Responsive Classroom, in its second year in the elementary , and PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Systems) in the high school, students are progressing positively throughout daily routines in expectations. I am so proud of all of our students! Implementing these programs has created a learning curve for the staff as well. They have stepped up to the plate in tremendous fashion which has contributed to the successes we have seen this year.

Fall activities have finished and both the volleyball and football teams brought home conference championships again. Congratulations to both teams and their hard work and dedication. I would also like to add the Nevis cross country team did very well in competition with one of their runners going on to State—congratulations to Jade R.! The support from the community for all these teams has been awesome and our student athletes are truly thankful.

On another note, I need to remind parents of students that your child’s attendance at school is critical this time of the year as holiday breaks and family activities can consume your calendar. Make sure to notify the office and

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your child's teacher if you know ahead of time that they will be missing school. Achievement and attendance studies have shown on several reports that their relationships are directly reflected by one another. The more your child misses school the ability to obtain maximum achievement is challenged.

Nevis School has been using School Messenger as our automated calling and email engine to send out urgent messages to families and community members affected by the school's actions. You should have received a couple messages this year already. If you did not receive a call and/or an email, please let us know so we can update your current primary phone number and email address. If you do not want this notification, please call the school to take you off the list. This will help us with communication as winter approaches and two hour late starts, early outs, or even school closings could happen depending on the weather.

The last day of school before winter break will be December 20 with an early out at 2:15. Classes will resume after the break on January 2 rather than the 3rd due to school closing on November 17. Please be aware of the change and make appropriate adjustments. Also, be sure to check the school calendar for a listing of upcoming holiday concerts and events that the school will be hosting.

Vocal & Instrumental Music Students Perform at Contest

Solo Contest was held at Kelliher High School on November 1. Congratulations to these hardworking students as they found the time amidst studies and involvement in athletics and activities to practice and compete.

Best of Site —

Vocal: Caleb W.

Superior Ratings —

Vocal: Andrea D., Chris F., Tanner L., Shannon M., Jayden V., Caleb W.

Instrumental: Gabrielle David—alto sax

Excellent Ratings —

Vocal: Lydia B., Tahya B., Gabrielle D., Kaylee H., Camille H., Cole M., Charity N., Angelica P-S., Jada R., Kyrsten S.

Instrumental: Hannah B.—flute, Victoria C.—clarinet

Thank you to everyone who supported the music department by ordering cookie dough. If you have not received your cookie dough by now, contact Ms. Grafenstein or Mrs. Moses at the school.

The elementary holiday concert, which involves all students in grades kindergarten through 6th grade will again be split into two events this year. The concert for students in kindergarten through 3rd grade will be held Monday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the original gym. The concert for students in grades 4-6 will be held Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the original gym.

*"All Conference Awards
announced at
Volleyball banquet."*

*"Vocal and
instrumental music
students did very
well at contest
held in Kelliher."*

*"Winter sports and
activities have begun."*

Music (continued from page 2)

The junior high and senior high band and choir will have their holiday concert on Monday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. This concert will be held in the Nevis School original gym and students are reminded to dress nicely for this concert. Join us for some great evenings of music!!

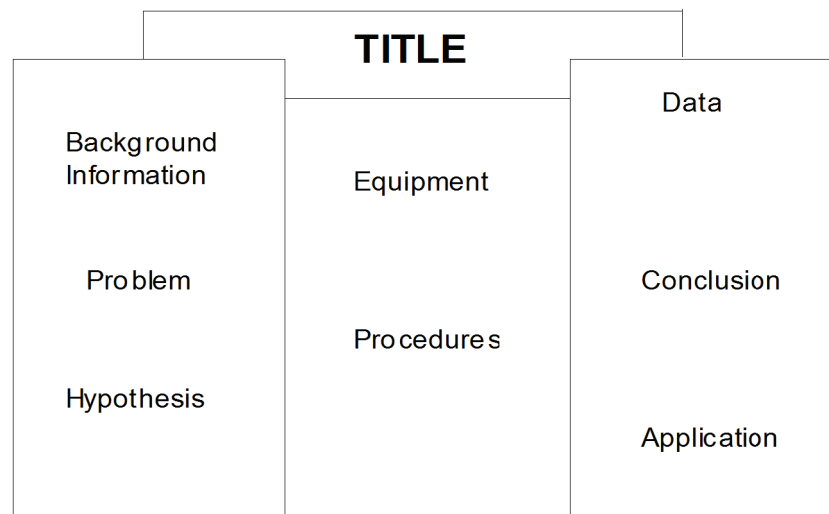
Science Fair Scheduled for January 17

All 7th and 8th grade students have started working on their science fair projects. The projects will be displayed and judged during the day of January 17, beginning at 8:00 a.m. The fair will be open to public viewing of the projects beginning at 2:15 p.m.

Trophies will be presented for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each grade along with honorable mention ribbons. There will also be an overall science fair winner selected.

Also on January 17, there will be a Science Knowledge Bowl in which students in 7th and 8th grades will have the opportunity to compete against each other. The students will be selected from their grade by taking a test. The top four students in each grade will then compete at the Science Knowledge Bowl at 2:15 p.m.

If you have questions, contact the science instructors: Mr. Dahlby or Mr. Uscola.



Definitions of Words on the Board:

Background Information - Research knowledge and information gathered before the hypothesis is developed

Problem - Subject or question to be solved

Hypothesis - Best guess to solve the problem

Equipment - List of materials necessary for performing the experiment

Procedure - Directions to perform the experiment

Data - Observations and charts of information gathered during the experiment

Conclusion - Description of the findings, questions, concerns, and ideas developed during the experiment

Application - How to apply the information learned

Miscellaneous Stuff to Know

Activities

Boys Basketball — The 6-12th grade boys' basketball season started November 20. Their first game will be held Friday, December 1 when they travel to Laporte. The coaches for the boys are head coach Scott Kramer, assistant coach Mike Lien and junior high coaches Brian DeWitt and Tom Ahrendt.

FCCLA — Family, Community, and Career Leaders of America have held a few organizational meetings this year. The advisor is Melinda Crimmins. She is currently helping the students as they prepare for their STAR events with region competition January 31 in Ortonville. This group is open to students in grades 9-12. If you have any questions regarding the group, please feel free to contact Mrs. Crimmins at 218-652-3500.

Football — The football team finished the year with a 11-2 record and captured the Great Northern Conference Championship and also won the District 9-North West Championship. The team advanced to the Section 6 9-man finals in playoffs, defeating Norman County East/Ulen-Hitterdal 20-18 at the Fargo Dome. In the State quarter-final, the Tigers traveled to Bemidji State University to take on North Woods from Cook. In frigid temps and snow, the Tigers came out on top 42-14 and advanced to the State semi-final for the first time in 36 years. At U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, the Tigers set their sights on defeating their next opponent, Russell-Tyler-Ruthton, and came out on top 44-16. For the first time in school history, the Tigers were in the State 9-Man final against Spring Grove. Going up against a formidable opponent, the Tigers were defeated 36-0 and finished as the 2nd best 9-man football team in the State of Minnesota. A celebration of the season is planned for Saturday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria and small gym. All are welcome to attend.

Girls Basketball — Practice began for the 6-12 girls' basketball teams on November 13. The first games for the junior high, JV and varsity teams were held Tuesday, November 28 when the teams traveled to Blackduck. The coaches for the girls are head coach Brad Neyens, assistant coach Terae DeMarais, and junior high coaches Crystal Bessler and Mike Weerts.

Gymnastics — Practice has started for the athletes in gymnastics. Their first competition will be held December 8 in Bemidji. Nevis is in a cooperative agreement with Park Rapids as part of the Park Rapids, Menahga, and Nevis gymnastics team.

Knowledge Bowl — LouAnn Muhm is the advisor for this group of knowledgeable students. Teams have been formed and practice times have been posted for the 9-12 grade participants. There will be a sign up soon for the junior high competitors. Knowledge Bowl meets will start in January.

Math League — This competitive activity for students in grades 9-12 is in its sixth year. Jodi Sandmeyer is the math coach responsible for taking mathletes to competitions every three weeks. The Nevis Mathletes hosted the first competition of the season on Monday, November 6.

The next meet will be on Monday, December 18 in Thief River Falls.

Robotics — The Nevis Robotics team, Team 3102—Tech-No-Tigers, has been very busy this fall and is about to enter their busiest time of the year as the winter break nears and the new game for 2018 is announced in early January.

In August the team traveled to Duluth East for an 'off season' event called the Gitchi Gummi Get Together. At the Gitch, 24 teams competed using their robots from the 2017 competition season and played the official FIRST robotics game 'Steamworks'. Once school started, they traveled to Woodbury and competed in the East Metro Collaborative Competition and went up against 26 teams from Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Last of the Miscellaneous Stuff to Know

Robotics (continued)

As October arrived, they were packing up their robot, “Big Bobby B”, and heading to Cass Lake for the first ever Northern Minnesota Robotics Conference competition (NMRC). The NMRC is the first robotics conference ever to be created and the 18 teams that are part of the conference competed for conference championship honors. Team 3102 represented Nevis School and the community very well, as they brought home 2nd place honors and just missed the conference title in a best of three final match! On the day after the State football semi-final game, Team 3102 headed back to Prior Lake in another early morning drive and competed in a 36-team event called the Minne-Mini.

As December approaches, the team will be off to St. Cloud State University for a day of training called ‘Jumpstart’. At Jumpstart, team members will be attending classes and some will be presenting, as Team 3102 is one of 10 teams that will be showcased as successful teams for others to model.

Future dates to watch for:

- January 6 — Kick Off

Nevis will be hosting an 18-team game introduction, distributing the Kit of Parts for the 2018 game, conducting classes including women in engineering “Cupcake Tea Time Talk”, and modeling mockups of the field elements for the new game, ‘Power Up’.

- January 6-February 13 — Build Season

The team has six weeks to study the game, create game strategy, design, prototype, build, test and be ready to compete with their 2018 competition robot.

- February 10 — Week Zero

Team 3102 will host a 25-team scrimmage for teams to bring their robots for a day of mock competition prior to ‘bag and tag’. Bag and tag is the deadline that all robots must stop build and literally ‘bag’ their robots in a giant plastic bag and then seal it with a coded zip tie. The bagged robot then goes to a regional competition where, after bag inspection, it can be taken out for competition.

- February 28-March 3 — Great Northern Regional

Team 3102 will be at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks, North Dakota for their first official competition of the 2018 season. The winning alliance at this event will earn a trip to the world championship in Houston, Texas in April.

- March 28-31 — 10,000 Lakes Regional

Held at Williams Arena on the Twin Cities campus of the University of Minnesota, the team will go up against 64 teams in their second regional event. The winners of this regional will also earn a trip to the world competition.

Volleyball — The Nevis varsity volleyball team finished the season with a 19-11 record overall. Their season ended with a loss to Rush City in the sub-section semi-final. For the 11th consecutive year, the team won the Northwoods Conference Championship.

The team's held their banquet on Tuesday, November 14. Andrea Dudley joined the elite 2,000 point club earning over 2,000 set assists during the team's playoff run. All Conference honors went to Montana Baker, Andrea Dudley, Ashley Pyburn, and Sadie Thurner. Earning All Conference Honorable Mention were Janesa Felt, Kia Heide, Jessica Swanda and Viviana Viloría.

Wrestling — Practice has started for the athletes in wrestling. Their first competition is Thursday, December 7 when they host Pine River-Backus. Nevis is in a cooperative agreement with Walker-Hackensack-Akeley. The head coach for the team is Colby Marich.

Food Angel Backpack Program

The Nevis Food Angel Backpack Program was started this year at the Nevis School by the Nevis School Wellness Committee to specifically target school children who are at-risk of being hungry over the weekend when school meals are unavailable. Every other weekend, each child on the program discreetly receives a bag of 14-17 kid-friendly food items upon leaving school. The staff tell us what a difference this food is making in the lives of the students receiving it. These children now arrive on Monday mornings with a much improved, positive outlook toward school. They are better prepared to study and learn instead of being solely focused on their hunger and worrying about when they will get to eat again.

This program is only possible with the support of generous donations and grants. We encourage you to adopt a child or make a donation of any amount toward the program. For just \$4.50 per child every other week (\$72 per school year), you can Adopt-a-Backpacker for an entire school year. All of the food is purchased through the North Country Food Bank. We assure you that every dollar you contribute truly makes a difference in the lives of these children.

CHI St. Joseph's is our fiscal agent for this program. Any donations in check form should be written to them with 'Nevis Food Angel Backpack Program' written in the memo line. Donations can be mailed to Nevis School, PO Box 138, Nevis, MN 56467

If you have questions, please contact Renee Becker or Kathy Edwards at 218-652-3500.

Radiothon to End Child Abuse

The annual Radiothon to End Child Abuse is quickly approaching. On December 8, students in the high school and elementary will be able to wear a hat or pajama bottoms and pay a dollar for the Radiothon. In addition, pledge lines are open to make a donation to the Radiothon. The phone number to make a pledge is (218) 444-1500. The money raised through the Radiothon to End Child Abuse comes back to the Hubbard County Child Abuse Prevention Council and is used for programs that directly impact the reduction of child abuse here in Hubbard County.

Senior News

Scholarships — Students are encouraged to continually check the scholarship information in the announcements, posted outside of Mrs. Sandmeyer's office and on the school website.

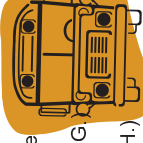
If you have questions regarding financial aid, post high school planning or scholarships, please contact Mrs. Sandmeyer at 218-652-3500, ext. 170.

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If you will not be riding the bus, let us know!
Bus Garage, 4:45 pm – 6:30 am
218-652-3526, leave a message
Nevis School, 6:30-8:00 am
218-652-3500, option 1 (Lynne G)
Nevis School, 3:15-4:30 pm
218-652-3500, option 2 (Linda H.)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
November 26 KEY: BBB Boys Basketball GBB Girls Basketball GYM Gymnastics WRE Wrestling G Girls Hockey	27 Math League AT Park Rapids, 3:45 CE Mini Art Club, 3:30-4:30 CE Pickleball, 6:30-8:30 School Board Meeting, 7:00	28 JH/JVV GBB AT Blackduck, 6:00 V G Hockey HOME Detroit Lakes, 7:00 CE Mini Art Club, 3:30-4:30 CE Cooking Matters, 5-7:00	29 Activities & Winter Sports Pictures CE Discovery Weds., 3:30-5 CE Mini Art Club, 3:30-4:30 CE Pickleball, 6:30-8:30 CE Men's Basketball, 6-8:00 CE Yoga, 6:15	30 V G Hockey HOME Thief River Falls, 5:00 Guthrie Theater—7th Grade 'A Christmas Carol' CE Mini Art Club, 3:30-4:30 High School Fall Art Show - Nov. 29—Dec. 1	December 1 JH/JVV GBB / BBB AT Laporte, 4:00 JV WRE AT Park Rapids, TBA	2 V GYM AT Morris, 12:00 Robotics AT Jumpstart, St. Cloud State Univ. CE Pickleball, 8:30-11:00
3 Open Gym, 4:00-6:00 \$2.00/week, or \$6.00/season, or \$15.00/family pass CE Men's League Basketball, 6:00-8:00	4 Elementary Holiday Concert, Gr. K-3, 6:30 JH GBB / BBB AT Red Lake, 5:00 CE Pickleball, 6:30-8:30	5 JV/V GBB HOME Red Lake, 6:00	6 CE Pickleball, 6:30-8:30 CE Men's League Basketball, 6:00-8:00	7 Mid-Quarter 2 V BBB AT Fosston Tournament, TBA JH/JVV GBB AT Cass Lake-Bena, 5:00 V G Hockey HOME Morris 7:00 JV/V WRE AT Pine River-Backus, 6:00 Family Community Night Diner 5:30, Speaker 6:00	8 JH/JVV GBB HOME Clearbrook-Gonvick, 5:00 V GYM AT Bemidji, 6:00	9 CE Holiday Shoppe & Breakfast with Santa, 8:00-10:30, School Cafeteria CE Nevis Holiday Festival, 3:30-5:30 pm, Early Childhood Wing, Ages Birth-Gr. 3 Gilbert, 1:00 JV/V WRE AT Crookston, 11:30 CE Pickleball, 8:30-11:00
10 Open Gym, 4:00-6:00 CE Men's League Basketball, 6:00-8:00	11 High School Winter Concert, 6:30 V GYM AT Perham, 6:00 CE Pickleball, 6:30-8:30	12 Elementary Holiday Concert, Gr. 4-6, 6:30 JV/V GBB AT Sebeka, 6:00 9/JVV BBB AT Menahga, 5:00 JV/V WRE AT Park Rapids, 6:00 V G Hockey AT Detroit Lakes, 7:00	13 CE Pickleball, 6:30-8:30 CE Men's League Basketball, 6:00-8:00	14 JV/V GBB HOME Pillager, 6:00	15 V WRE AT Cass Lake-Bena, Big Bear Tournament V GYM AT Detroit Lakes, 6:00	16 JV/V BBB / GBB AT Browerville, 1:30 V WRE AT Cass Lake-Bena, Big Bear Tournament G V Hockey AT East Grand Forks, 12:00 CE Pickleball, 8:30-11:00
17 Open Gym, 4:00-6:00 CE Men's League Basketball, 6:00-8:00	18 Math League AT Greenbush-Middle River, 4:45 JH/JVV GBB AT Clearbrook-Gonvick, 5:00 School Board & Truth-in-Taxation Meeting, 7:00, Media Center CE Pickleball, 6:30-9:00	19 9/JVV BBB HOME Bertha-Hewitt, 5:00 JV/V WRE AT Virginia, 6:00 V G Hockey HOME Long Prairie-Grey Eagle, 7:00	20 EARLY OUT 2:15 Pre-K-12 Students Released CE Pickleball, 6:30-9:00 CE Men's League Basketball, 6:00-8:00	21 V WRE AT Mahanomen, 5:00	22 PreK — Grade 12 ~ No School Beginning December 21, 2017 Classes Resume on Tuesday, January 2, 2018	23
24 No Open Gym	25	26 V G Hockey AT Crookston Tournament, TBA	27 V G Hockey AT Crookston Tournament, TBA	28	29	30
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