

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- **Annalise Ahrendt & Jack DeWulf** named Nevis Triple 'A' nominees
- **Andrea Dudley & Michael Landquist** chosen as Nevis ExCEL nominees
- **Give Kids A Smile Day** is February 2
- **Sarah Boettcher** wins local Spelling Bee
- **Megan Lindow** is overall Science Fair winner & **Amy Gabriel** wins Science Knowledge Bowl

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FEBRUARY NEWS

NEVIS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From My Position, Gregg Parks.....

A little over five years ago, a decision was made by the community, school board, administration and teachers to adopt a 1:1 technology program throughout Nevis Public School. Part of our commitment to our school community was that our teachers and staff would redefine how we engage our students in the learning process. Through the hard work of our personnel, we have created a learning environment we believe will outfit our students with the skills and the confidence to succeed in the 21st century. We believe that every day our K-12 students should work on the four C's: Collaboration, Communication, Critical Thinking and Creativity.

Recently, our school board, administration and teaching staff collaborated to take another bold step forward with technology by implementing E-Days (Electronic Learning Days). The district will now use E-Days to compensate for up to five days that may be missed due to inclement weather this school year. Students and staff will collaborate electronically to conduct a school day from home when school is closed due to poor weather conditions. The E-Day concept is not new to the world of education. Many of our students already experience online classes, use learning apps to learn new concepts, and engage their teachers through digital platforms such as Google Classroom. Your child's classroom teachers have created a digital opportunity to interact with their students on days when school is closed due to weather. Throughout the coming weeks, your child's teachers will communicate the E-Day plan to them and share the process with you at home.

We realize that a huge learning curve may need to take place by students, family members, and teachers alike in regard to addressing the myriad of situations that will inevitably arise. We also realize that not all families have access to the internet at home; we are building solutions. One option may include a take-home paper assignment, or it may involve extending timelines when necessary. If the internet is not available at home or is not working on E-Day, students may get the missing assignments the next school day to complete just as students do when they are absent. Students would not be marked absent for the E-Day, however, they would still be responsible for eventually completing the assignments.

Superintendent Parks (continued on page 2)

*“Parent-Teacher
Conference Scheduled
for March 5 and 6”*

*“No School on
February 20—
President’s Day.”*

*“Snow Days Week
held January 29 thru
February 2.”*

Superintendent Parks—E-Day (continued)

Traditionally, snow days are subtracted from days off from school. However, snow days that take place in March and April are usually added on to the end of the school year. With the use of E-Day, neither option would be necessary. We realize that we do not have all of the answers to the questions or concerns that may pop up. However, we are confident in the skills and abilities of your child and our staff to ensure that learning continues even when we cannot be at school.

As always, please contact me if you have questions or concerns. Go Tigers!

Principal Michaelson—Changes to Elementary Conferences

January 23 marked the start of the third quarter and the start of second semester. It is hard to believe we have reached the halfway point of this school year. High school students have started new schedules for the second semester and elementary are starting their mid-year assessments. Kindergarten through second grade have just finished NWEA testing.

The assessment data is used to look at growth in reading and math throughout the school year. Every student is different in their growth curve, but every student should be moving forward with accomplishments. Our teachers can use this data to identify students who need extra help, or use different interventions. Students learn differently, so different techniques are used to deliver math and/or reading. Data helps us understand what has been consumed and what needs extra attention.

Parent-teacher conferences are just around the corner, March 5 and 6 from 3:45-7:15. Parents of elementary students, please call Linda Hanson in the elementary office (218-652-3500, option 2) to set up a time to meet with your child’s teacher. High school will be open conferences, first come first served basis. We are hoping for a great turnout.

Finally, continue to follow Nevis School website and our calendar. This begins the busy time of the year with activities. Winter sports, school activities, class field trips will be posted on our school calendar.

Give Kids A Smile

February is Dental Health Month. On February 2, dental staff from St. Joseph's Community Dental Clinic in Park Rapids will be visiting the Nevis School to provide students in pre-kindergarten to grade 6 with a no-charge dental screening, fluoride treatment, and oral hygiene instruction. This screening will be in cooperation with "Give Kids a Smile Day" and the Minnesota Dental Association.

If it is determined at this screening that your child is in need of treatment, then it will be necessary for you to arrange for an appointment with a dentist. The current standard of care is that everyone should have a complete dental examination every six months. If you do not have a dentist who is currently providing dental services for your family, the school nurse is willing to assist you in finding one.

Give Kids A Smile Day (continued)

If you would like your child to participate in the dental screening on February 2, and did not receive the consent form that was sent home with your child, please call Renee Becker, RN, at the school, 652-3500, option 4, to make arrangements. Return consent forms to the school nurse by Wednesday, January 31. Pre-school children will need to be brought in to this event by a parent. The clinic will start about 8:45 a.m. Friday morning.

Miscellaneous Stuff to Know

ACT Test – ACT registration deadline is March 9 for juniors and seniors interested in taking the ACT test on April 14. For additional information, contact Mrs. Sandmeyer.

Awards – **Triple 'A'** – Annalise A.. was selected as the Nevis School female nominee for the Triple 'A' Award. Annalise is an honor roll student, as well as, a member of the National Honor Society. In addition to graduating from high school with honors this spring, Annalise will also graduate from Alexandria Technical and Community College with her AA Degree. As an athlete, Annalise has been on the girls basketball team since 9th grade and is a captain this year. In the arts, she is a member of the choir having participated in solo and ensemble contest earning multiple superior ratings. She is also active as a unified partner for Special Olympics, coaching and assisting athletes in bowling events.

Jack D. was selected as the Nevis School male nominee for the Triple 'A' Award. The focus of the Minnesota State High School League honor is to recognize and honor high school seniors who have excelled in the classroom, on the athletic field, and in the fine arts. Jack is an honor roll student who will graduate with honors in May. He plays the baritone in the concert band and pep band and has participated in ensemble contest earning excellent and superior ratings. Jack is a stand-out athlete on the football, baseball and track teams. His leadership skills are evident as he is a captain on both the football and baseball teams. Last spring, Jack was part of the 4x100 relay team that participated at the State level for the first time in school history. This past football season, Jack earned All District honors, as well as, being named to the All State 9-Man Football Team and All-State Academic. Jack was a key to the successes the team enjoyed as they rode the tide of a winning season finishing 2nd in the State 9-Man final.

Congratulations to Annalise and Jack! They will be honored at a banquet for all Section 8 nominees on February 7 at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahanomen when the subsection winners and state finalists will also be announced.

ExCEL – Andrea D. was selected as the Nevis School female nominee for the ExCEL Award. The focus of the Minnesota State High School League honor is community service, in addition to involvement in athletics, academics, and the arts. Andrea is an honor roll student, member of the National Honor Society, participates on the volleyball and track teams, secretary/treasurer of her junior class, a member of the band, Knowledge Bowl, Target, and a mentor to 7th grade students. She is also an active volunteer through school, church, and the community through youth volleyball camps and area running events.

Michael L. was selected as the Nevis School male nominee for the ExCEL Award. Michael is an A honor roll student, a member of the National Honor Society, mentor to 7th grade students, and a member of Knowledge Bowl, and Student Council. Michael is a stand-out athlete on the field and the basketball court as he played a part in both teams representing Nevis School at State tournaments last March in basketball and in November at U.S. Bank Stadium for football. Amid his busy schedule, Michael completed numerous volunteer service hours through his involvement in community, and school activities in a variety of ways.

More Miscellaneous Stuff to Know

Basketball – Parents' Night for the JV/Varsity girls and 9th/JV/Varsity boys will be held Friday, February 16 when all the teams host Blackduck. Senior Night for the girls and boys is scheduled for February 20 when the girls team hosts Bertha-Hewitt and the boys host Clearbrook-Gonvick in their last home games of the regular season. The seniors being honored are: Annalise A., Victoria C., Madison N., Jack D., Zach H., Caden K., Jack L., Donny P., Dylon S-B., and Thomas W. The junior high girls basketball teams will recognize parents on February 13 with they host Pine River-Backus. The boys basketball teams will recognize parents on February 27 when they host Park Rapids. A special thank you is extended to these athletes for a great season.

Classroom Drivers Education — The spring session of classroom drivers ed is scheduled to start Saturday, March 3. Students who are 14 years of age or older may sign up. However, those students who are 14 years old must wait until turning 15 to take the permit test, but may take the class when 14. Schedules are available in the high school office. To register or if you have questions, contact Todd Paulouski at Headwaters Driving School, 218-237-3399.

Educational Benefit Applications for Free or Reduced Meals — As winter is upon us, there may be some families who are experiencing an adjustment in family income due to reduced working hours. Therefore, we are sending out a reminder that Education Benefit Applications may be submitted any time during the school year. Just complete a new or updated form and return it to the District office.

If additional family members have been added to the household or a household member became a participant of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation, your child may now be approved to receive free or reduced meals.

This year, students approved for reduced meals receive free meals through state funding. Taking just a few moments to submit the application can benefit your child, our school, and our community. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy at 218-652-1202 for further assistance. The application is available at nevis.k12.mn.us>Parents tab in the upper right corner of the home screen>School Meal Benefits and forms>Application for Educational Benefits.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday and Tuesday, March 5 and 6 from 3:45-7:15 for students in kindergarten through 12th grades. Pre-school conferences are scheduled for March 1, 5 and 6. Elementary conferences are scheduled by appointment. High school will be open conferences from 3:45-7:15 that evening and will be done on a walk-in basis. Contact Linda at 218-652-3500, press 2 to schedule an elementary and/or pre-school conference.

Mid-Quarter for third term is Wednesday, February 21.

No School – School will be closed on Monday, February 19 in observance of Presidents' Day.

Still More Miscellaneous Stuff to Know

Science Fair – The Nevis School Science department held their 19th Annual Science Fair & Science Knowledge Bowl on Wednesday, January 17 for students in grades 7 and 8. Judging and tabulation for the event was done by student volunteers under the guidance of Mrs. Jodi Sandmeyer. The student volunteer judges were Tom A., Anna C., Gabrielle D., Jack D., Zach H., Caden K., Jack L., Michael L., John M., Nicole N., Madison N., Alessandro N., Angelica P-S., Donny P., Ashley P., Kyrsten S., Ben S., and Casey W., In addition to the judging and interviews of each student project, time was set aside that afternoon for the general public to view the projects as well.

In addition to being awarded first place in the eighth grade category, Megan L. was also chosen as the overall Grand Champion for the Science Fair. Megan's topic was "Well Water" (Does the soil type affect the levels of minerals in well water?). Other eighth grade honors went to: Second Place, Eddie K. with his project "Wood Energy" (How much energy do different types of wood have?); and Third Place, Maggie C. with the topic "Fertilizer" (Which fertilizer produces the most difference in pH levels from soil to runoff, synthetic or natural?). Honorable Mention recognition went to Ward D. "Shotgun" (How do shotgun chokes affect the spread?) and Mackenzie M.I "H+ OH-" (Do different amounts of acids, baking soda or cornstarch, change the rate of reaction?).

In the seventh grade, top honors were awarded to: First Place, Addison Lindow " Moisturizer" (Does Cetaphil lotion work the best?). Second Place went to Allee F. with her project "Fingerprinting" (Does surface

substrate affect how fingerprints transfer?); and Third Place, Jade R. with the topic "Exercise" (Does biking increase heart rate in students more than running?). Honorable Mention recognition went to Sarah B. "Lights" (How does lighting affect a student's performance?); Emily F. "Bananas" (How does temperature affect fruit ripening?); Amy B. "Vision" (Does vision affect the sense of taste?); Ethan K. "Plant Growth" (Do earthworms affect plant growth?); Molly L. "Witness" (Are eye witnesses reliable?); Aaron N. "Energy" (Which kind of fuel makes your car go faster?).

Eight students, four from each of the participating grades, were chosen to compete in the annual Science Knowledge Bowl competition. Superintendent Gregg Parks served as the Question Master for this event that challenges students to correctly answer a variety of science related questions. Rounds of questioning were held, with students removed from the competition by incorrect answers to their individual questions. First Place went to Amber G. and Second Place to Jade R. Other participants in the Knowledge Bowl were: Sofia A., Sarah B., Amy B., Max E., Micah K., and Ethan L.

The Regional Science Fair will be held Friday, February 9 at Bemidji State University. All students who earned awards at the Nevis Science Fair are highly encouraged to participate in the regional fair, with those students earning purple ribbons advancing to the State competition held in Minneapolis in April. For questions, contact Mr. Dahlby or Mr. Uscola.

Last of the Miscellaneous Stuff to Know

Snow Days is scheduled for the week of January 28-February 2. The schedule of events is as follows:

Monday — Coronation, 11:00 a.m. Tiger Arena

Crowned Princess—Lyssie B. and Prince—Alessandro N.

8th Grade Attendants: Samara W. & Eddie K.

9th Grade Attendants: Maggie K. & Brodey J.

10th Grade Attendants: Cole M. & Cooper H.

Candidates: Karly B., Lyssie B., Anna C., Autumn V., Tom A., Gabe B., Alessandro N., Ben S.

Junior High boys and girls basketball teams host Red Lake at 5:00.

Tuesday — Green & Gold Day

Junior High, JV and varsity girls and boys basketball teams host Laporte at 5:00

JV and varsity gymnastics teams host Detroit Lakes in Park Rapids at 6:00

Wednesday — Wacky Wednesday

FCCLA competes in STAR Events in Wheaton.

Thursday — Ugly Sweater Day

Junior High, 9th, JV and varsity boys basketball teams travel to Pine River-Backus.

Games start at 5:00.

Friday—Class Color Day (7th—green/black; 8th—blue/black; 9th—red/black;

10th—pink/black; 11th—white/black; 12th—yellow/black

Activities for students in grades 7-12 during 6th and 7th periods.

Career Day is scheduled for 6th-8th grade students in the morning.

JV and varsity girls and 9th, JV and varsity boys basketball teams host W-H-A at 5:00.

Varsity wrestling team hosts an invite in Walker at 2:00.

Varsity girls hockey team travels to Bemidji for a 7:00 game.

Special Olympics — The Nevis and W-H-A Special Olympics teams will be attending the Winter Carnival at Camp Confidence in Nisswa on Thursday, February 15. Participants will have a fun day of outdoor activities that includes snowshoeing, snowmobiling, dog sledding, ice fishing and tubing.

Spelling Bee – Sarah B. (7th grade) earned the title of Champion Speller on Monday night, January 8, at the annual Nevis Spelling Bee after spelling the word "endeavor" correctly. Ward D. (8th grade) was runner up. Sarah will participate in the Regional Spelling Bee held in Thief River Falls on Wednesday, February 7.

Nevis School

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If you will not be riding the bus, let us know!

Bus Garage, 4:30 pm ~ 6:30 am ~ 218-652-3526, leave a message
 Nevis School, 6:30-8:00 am ~ 218-652-3500, option 1 (Lynne)
 Nevis School, 3:15-4:30 pm ~ 218-652-3500, option 2 (Linda)
 Dan Stacey, Trans. Supervisor ~ 218-252-9255 – Emergency Only

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<p>January 28 Open Gym, 4-6:00 pm CE Men's BBB League, 6:00-8</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><i>Snow Days!</i></p> <p><small>Special Events All Week in the High</small></p> </div>	<p>29 Coronation, 11:00, Tiger Arena JH GBB & BBB HOME Red Lake, 5:00</p>	<p>30 Green & Gold Day JH/JVV GBB and BBB HOME Laporte, 5:00 JVV/V GYM HOME Detroit Lakes, 6:00 CE Chess Club, 3:20-4:00</p>	<p>31 Weekly Wednesdays CE Discovery Weds., 3:30-6 CE Pickleball, 6:30-8:30 CE Men's BBB League, 6-8:00</p>	<p>February 1 Ugly Sweater Day C/JVV BBB AT Pine River- Backus, 5:00 CE Yoga, 6:45-7:30</p>	<p>2 GIVE KIDS A SMILE Class Color Day — Career Day 6th-8th Gr. Activities Gr. 7-12 6th/7th periods JVV GBB and 9th/JVV BBB HOME W-H-A, 5:00 V WRE HOME Invite, 2:00 V G Hockey AT Bemidji, 7:00</p>	<p>3 V BBB vs. Houston AT Target Center, 1:30 NBA Youth GBB Tournament AT Nevis, 8:00 a.m.</p>
<p>4 NO Open Gym, 4-6:00 pm NO CE Men's BBB League</p>	<p>5 CE Pickleball, 6:30-8:30 CE Core Essentials, 6:45-7:30</p>	<p>6 Tiger Time Tubing AT Buena Vista CE Chess Club, 3:20-4:00</p>	<p>7 Triple 'A' Luncheon AT Mahanomen CE Discovery Weds., 3:30-6 CE Pickleball, 6:30-8:30 CE Men's BBB League, 6:00-8</p>	<p>8 JVV GBB AT Park Christian, 6:00 JH BBB AT Park Rapids, 4:30 JVV WRE AT Lake Park- Audubon, 6:00 V GYM AT Bemidji, 6:00 CE Yoga, 6:45-7:30</p>	<p>9 Regional Science Fair AT Bemidji State University JVV GBB and 9th/JVV BBB HOME Blackduck, 5:00 CE Let's Go Tubing AT Buena Vista, 3:30-9:00 Preschool Screening by Appt.</p>	<p>10 JH BBB AT Northome Tournament JH GBB AT Laporte Conference Tournament NBA Youth BBB Tournament AT Nevis, 9:00 a.m.</p>
<p>11 Open Gym, 4-6:00 pm CE Rhythm Pitching Camp, 4:00-6:00 CE Men's BBB League, 6:00-8</p>	<p>12 Math League AT Bemidji, 3:45 CE Pickleball, 6:30-8:30 CE Core Essentials, 6:45-7:30</p>	<p>13 JH/JVV GBB HOME Pine River-Backus, 6:00, JH Parents' Night 9th/JVV BBB AT Sebeka, 5:00 CE Chess Club, 3:20-4:00</p>	<p>14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> CE Discovery Weds., 3:30-6 CE Pickleball, 6:30-8:30 CE Men's BBB League, 6:00-8</p> 	<p>15 Special Olympics Winter Carnival AT Nisswa JVV GBB HOME Menahga, 6:00 CE Yoga, 6:45-7:30</p>	<p>16 Gr. K-6 Hoops/Jump for Heart Event, 10:30-3:00 JVV GBB and BBB HOME Northome/Kellifer, 6:00, Parents' Night</p>	<p>17 Robotics Week "Zero" Event V GYM Section Meet, TBA V WRE Team Section Meet, Deer River</p>
<p>18 Open Gym, 4-6:00 pm Robotics Week "Zero" Event</p>	<p>19 Presidents Day NO SCHOOL Teacher In-service CE Core Essentials, 6:45-7:30</p>	<p>20 9th/JVV BBB HOME Clearbrook-Gonwick, 5:00, Senior Night JVV GBB HOME Bertha-Hewitt, 6:00, Senior Night CE Chess Club, 3:20-4:00</p>	<p>21 Mid-Quarter 3 8th Gr.—Stepping Stones Theater CE Discovery Weds., 3:30-6 CE Pickleball, 6:30-8:30 CE Men's BBB League, 6:00-8</p>	<p>22 JH/9th/JVV BBB AT Cass Lake-Bena, 5:00 JVV GBB AT Verndale, 6:00 CE Yoga, 6:45-7:30</p>	<p>23 V WRE Individual Section Meet AT Cass Lake-Bena JVV GBB AT Northland, 6:00 JVV BBB HOME Cromwell, 6:00</p>	<p>24 V WRE Individual Section Meet, AT Cass Lake-Bena CE Pickleball, 8:30-10:30</p>
<p>25 Open Gym, 4-6:00 pm CE Men's BBB League, 6:00-8</p>	<p>26 CE Pickleball, 6:30-8:30 CE Core Essentials, 6:45-7:30</p>	<p>27 JH BBB HOME Park Rapids, 4:30, Parents' Night CE Chess Club, 3:20-4:00</p>	<p>28 Ensemble Contest @ W-H-A CE Discovery Weds., 3:30-6 CE Pickleball, 6:30-8:30 CE Men's BBB League, 6:00-8</p>	<p>March 1 V WRE State Tournament CE Yoga, 6:45-7:30</p>	<p>2 V WRE State Tournament 9th/JVV BBB AT Red Lake, 5:00</p>	<p>3 V WRE State Tournament CE Classroom Drivers Ed 9:30-12:30 CE Pickleball, 8:30-10:30</p>

Robotics Team 3102 at Great Northern Regional in Grand Forks, ND