

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- High School Spring Music Concert & Awards May 15 at 6:30 p.m.
- 5th & 6th Grade Music Concert May 11
- Senior Awards Reception
- Kindergarten Graduation scheduled for May 23 at 1:30 in Tiger Arena
- Graduation May 26, 7:00 p.m. in Tiger Arena

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MAY NEWS

NEVIS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MAY 2018

From My Position, Gregg Parks.....

The spring time is always a time within the world of education to say “goodbye for now” to our seniors and some of our staff. This year we will be graduating an amazing bunch of students. These seniors have had an incredible run in the classroom, in activities and in athletics. I predict that we are going to see some very amazing contributions from these seniors in the future. We are saying goodbye to 3 longterm staff who are retiring after teaching in Nevis for a total of 77 years. Our 5th grade classrooms will look very different starting next fall. Mr. James has elected to retire this year after teaching elementary students for the past 22 years at Nevis Elementary. Mr. James signature voice and his birthday artwork will be missed by all. Mr. Schroder has elected to retire as well. Mr. Schroeder has been a mainstay in the Elementary classrooms and a Golf Coach since 1988. Thank you for the past thirty years of teaching and coaching. Our high school will look different next fall. Mr. Uscola has also elected to retire from his science teaching position. Mr. Uscola has served on the Nevis staff as a science teacher, baseball coach, and robotics coach since 1993. He plans on traveling but has also committed to continue as a coach/mentor for the 3102 Robotics Team. Good luck to all of you as you take this next bold step in life. Thank you so much to all that you have contributed to making Nevis Public School a quality place for our students and staff. 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!

Many Activities As School Year Ends by Principal Michaelson

We have just completed the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment tests for the district. We look forward to seeing the data and analyzing our current curriculum for any future changes. Once again, we use this data to help us with instruction, curriculum, and pedagogy. It has been an amazing year and I expect growth in many areas and grade levels.

Our elementary classes are busy with field trips this time of the year so please be aware of permission slips coming home with your son/daughter. Events and activities can be found on our school calendar on the Nevis school website. High school is at last getting to get outside for extra-curricular. Having snow so late into spring has an affect on all our students. Like most of us, our students were ready to get outside and enjoy some seasonal temperatures. Graduation will be here before we know it and summer will begin. Take a break, enjoy the summer, take a family vacation and take in our beautiful lakes and local parks. Encourage your child to keep reading through the summer. Nevis had another great year in and out of the classroom. Accomplishments from several different teams in the academics, athletics, and the arts. Congratulations to all and enjoy your summer.

Prom ~ Grand March ~ Post Prom, May 5

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 7:15 and 7:30 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. A Post Prom Event will be held again this year at the school after Prom until 5:30 a.m. this event is free to students in the junior and senior classes and Prom attendees due to generous funding and donations from Pine Manor, St. Joseph's Health Services, Northwoods Bank, Itasca-Mantrap Operation Round Up, Nevis Student Council, Walmart, Coborn's, Nevis Teachers Union, and Nevis and Akeley Volunteer Fire departments. There will be inflatables rented including giant trikes, Midway Amusement, Air Volleyball and Bungee Run. A multitude of games will be played—Bingo, Cash Cab, scooter races, board games, and, lots of prizes given away—flatscreen TVs, Moondance Jam and Country Jam tickets, futon, dorm size fridge, gas cards, microwave, Keurig coffee makers, restaurant coupons, cash and much, much more! We hope to see everyone there.

***“Last day of school
is May 25.”***

***“Grand March for
Prom is May 5 at
6:30 in Tiger Arena.”***

Music Concerts Scheduled for May

The senior high band and choir participated in large group music contest on Wednesday, April 11 at Bemidji State University. The band received a Superior rating and choir received an Excellent rating for their performances. The students did a great job of representing Nevis School. The high school spring concert is scheduled for Monday, May 14, 6:30 p.m. in the small gym. This concert will feature the senior high band and choir and the junior high band and choir. The presentation of music awards will follow the concert. The 5th and 6th grade band and choir will have a spring concert on Friday, May 11 at 1:30 p.m. in the small gym. All students in the 5th and 6th grades will participate in this concert.

***“Honors Breakfast is
scheduled for May 3
at 7:30 a.m. in
Tiger Arena.”***

FCCLA Competes at State

FCCLA students learned skills and knowledge to become a better community member and leaders by attending the Minnesota Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Conference in Bloomington. This year's theme was “To Leadership and Beyond.” Chapters from schools across the state competed in STAR events, participated in youth training workshops, and took part in general sessions led by student officers. Our Chapter took home a trophy as Janesa F. and Kaylee H. earned Gold marks and are the second alternates for Nationals with their "Child Abuse" project, and Gracie S. also earned a Gold with her "Slavery" project. Anna C. received a Silver for "CyberBullying", Kaylee H., Faith M., and Anneka D. received a Silver for their project on "Anxiety;" Viviana V. also received a Silver for her "Life Event Planning" project and Cora U., Jayden V. and Maddie M. received a Silver for their project titled "Alcohol Addiction".

Miscellaneous Stuff to Know

ACT Test— The online registration deadline for the June 9 ACT Test is May 4.

Activities — The Fall Sports Rules Meeting (football, volleyball) will be held on Monday, August 7 at 6:30 p.m. in Tiger Arena. Athletes and parents must attend the meeting and turn in all paperwork prior to participating in fall sports. Varsity football practice will start on Monday, August 14. All volleyball teams will also start practice on Monday, August 14. Junior high football will start on Monday, August 21.

Athlete physicals are good for three years. Letters of notification will be sent out in June to those students in grades 6-12 that will be in need of a physical at any time during the upcoming school year. The physicals must be completed prior to the start of practice.

Girls Basketball Players Grades 6-11 — Nevis girls basketball will be bringing in Midwest Elite for a 3-day basketball camp from July 9-11. Approximate cost is \$75. If your daughter plans on playing basketball next year, this is a fantastic opportunity to work on necessary skills to become a better basketball player and to build our program. College coaches come in to work with our coaches from Nevis to develop a camp that meets our needs. We will be focusing on shooting, ball handling, rebounding and much more! Contact Coach Neyens for a registration form; most of the girls should have received one already. We look forward to seeing you this summer!

Current 6th grade students will be meeting with a current sophomore or junior student to help make the transition to high school. Each year, a group of students are selected to help the incoming 7th grade students' transition to high school. The students will be meeting together this spring to go over the schedule, and get an orientation to the high school. In the fall, the upper classmen go with the 7th grade students during Open House, giving them a tour and answering questions. The first day of school, the upperclassmen walk with the 7th graders to each class, helping them find the rooms and get into their lockers.

Field Trips — Art Club will be traveling to Minneapolis to visit the Minneapolis Institute of Art and the Minneapolis Sculpture Gardens on May 9th.

The Nevis third graders are going to the Headwaters Science Center and State Park in Bemidji on Thursday, May 11.

The 6th grade will be participating in the Freshwater Festival on Wednesday, May 16. Students spend the day exploring water and all its properties with students from surrounding schools. Sixth grade students will take a trip to see a Minnesota Twins baseball game on Wednesday, May 23 when the Twins play the Detroit Tigers.

On Friday, May 18, the 5th grade students will be going to Duluth for their class trip to take in the sights at the Glensheen Mansion, Canal Park, and the Duluth Lake Superior Zoo.

On May 29th the Junior High and Senior High music will be taking their annual field trip to Valley Fair.

High School Schedules for 2018-2019— Student schedules for next school year will be posted online in the near future. Once those schedules are posted, all high school students will have an opportunity to correct mistakes or make changes to their schedule. Please watch the Parent Portal for these updates.

Kindergarten Graduation is a special time. This year graduation will be held on Wednesday, May 23 in Tiger Arena at 1:30 p.m. with a reception in the cafeteria following the program.

Last Day of School — The last day of school will be Friday, May 25. The students in grades K-6 will be going to Itasca State Park for a day-long field trip.

Open House — The Fall Open House will be held on Wednesday, August 29 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. The elementary students are encouraged to come meet their teacher and see their classroom. High school students are encouraged to come and get their schedules and locker assignments. 7th grade students will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Tiger Arena with their parents and new mentors. This will be a time for the mentors to give tours of the building and assist the new students in finding their classrooms, meet the teachers, and answer questions about the first day of school. Additional information regarding this special evening will be in the newspaper and Back-to-School Newsletter.

PreK and School Readiness students will meet with their teachers by appointment on September 4 and 5 from noon to 6:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call Abbie Henry at 218-652-3500, ext. 303.

Miscellaneous Stuff to Know Continued...

Senior News — The Senior Class Trip to Duluth is scheduled Wednesday, May 23rd.

On Tuesday, May 15th, the annual Senior Scholarship and Awards Reception will be held in the Original Gym starting at 7:00 p.m.

Rehearsal for graduation will be held on Friday, May 25th. The graduation ceremony will be held in Tiger Arena on Saturday, May 26th at 7:00 p.m. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for seating. The class colors are yellow 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 you're on" ~Marlon Wayans

Staff Appreciation will be held after school on Wednesday, May 16, sponsored by the Nevis PTA. We have wonderful staff at Nevis Public School. Without them, our school would not be the great place it is for students to learn and grow.

Summer Food Service Program — Nevis Public School is again participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children without charge for breakfast and lunch under the age of 19 and individuals 19 and over with state-defined mental or physical disabilities who participate in school programs. Adults may purchase meals with the cost being approximately \$2.25 for breakfast and \$4.00 for lunch. Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

Meals will be provided in the school cafeteria and serving times are as follows:

- *Monday-Friday* ---- June 4 - August 23 (no meals will be served July 4 and Friday, August 24)
- *Breakfast* ---- 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
- *Lunch* ---- 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Akeley City Park– Lunch only served to children under the age of 19. June 11—August 22. Monday, Wednesday and Friday only (No meals served July 4th and Friday, August 24th).

Summer Reading Program — The Nevis PTA will, once again, be sponsoring a summer reading program for PreK-6th grade. Prizes will be given for minutes read throughout the summer. The program will coordinate with the summer library hours, Mondays and Wednesdays June 4-July 30 from 9:00-11:00. Bring your reading logs in during these hours to collect prizes. Completed logs will be entered into a Grand Prize drawing. Readings logs will be handed out to the students by the end of the school year.

Yearbooks — ***Reserve your copy now!*** Elementary and high school yearbooks will be delivered soon and are for sale. Elementary books cost \$18.00 (full color - soft cover, 28 pages) and will be distributed as soon as they arrive. High school yearbooks are also for sale for \$40.00 (full color - hard cover, 88 pages) and will be distributed on Friday, May 18. Payments can be made in the High School, Elementary or District Offices. Questions, contact advisor, Lynne Gustafson.

Future Plans of the Class of 2018

Annalise A.—University of Minnesota, Duluth, Entrepreneurship
Montana B.—Mesabi Community College, Virginia,
Kurtis C.—Central Lakes College, Brainerd, Auto technician
Victoria C.—Bethel University, St. Paul, Elementary Education
Krista C.—Itasca Community College, Grand Rapids
Jack D.—Minnesota State University, Moorhead, Pre-Physical Therapy
Charles E.—Bemidji State University, Political science
Sam F.—Work
Samantha F.—Work
Amy G.—University of North Dakota, Fargo, North Dakota
Faith H.—Alexandria Technical Community College
Logan H.—Work
Caleb H.—Itasca Community College, Generals
Brendan H.—Work
Zachary H.—University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota, Pre-Medicine
Samuel H.—Army
Halley Jo H.—Work
Emily J.—Air Force
Caden K.—University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota, Marketing
Jack L.—St. Cloud State University, Radiology
Tanner L.— National Guard, Work
Rose M.— Minnesota State University, Moorhead, Early Childhood Education
Dillon M.—Rochester Community Technical College, Building Utility Mechanic
Matthew M.— Central Lakes College, Brainerd, Robotics Automated Systems
John M.—University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota Mechanical and Electrical Engineering
Megan N.—Work
Bailey N.—Bemidji State University, Social Work
Katrina N.— Work
Madison N.—University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Biology
Brittany S.—Work
Alissa M.—Work
Randi N.—Air Force
Donald P.—University of Minnesota, Duluth, Psychology
Angelica P-S—Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida, Social Work
Lechia P.—St Cloud Technical College, Generals
Madison R.—Work
Tucker R.—Work
Kyle S.—Northwest Technical College, Bemidji, Nursing
Dylen S.-B.— Northwest Technical College, Bemidji, HVAC
Adam T.—Valley City State University, Valley City, North Dakota, Athletic Training
Noah V.— North Dakota State College of Science, Whapeton, North Dakota, Electrician
Viviana V.—Northwest Technical College, Bemidji, Early Childhood Education
Casey W.— University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, Pre-Medicine
Thomas W.—Bemidji State University, Business Administration