

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- Grandparents Day October 17 for Gr. K-2 & October 18 for Gr. 3-5, 8:30-lunch
- October-May Newsletters will be online only—unless you request a paper copy from the high school office
- Halloween Festival at school Saturday, October 28 for kids birth-grade 6 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Concessions available also from 4-7:00

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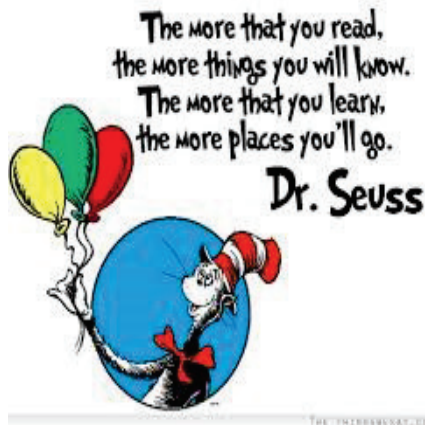
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OCTOBER NEWS

NEVIS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2017

From My Position, Superintendent Gregg Parks.....



I do believe that Dr. Seuss identified the value reading can bring to your life. Over the past two years, the staff at Nevis Public School has worked hard to improve our student proficiency in reading. We especially focused on getting our youngest students on grade level for reading by the end of third grade. Many experts believe that third grade is the most critical grade in school. Third grade is a milestone year

for our students as they make the transition from learning to read by learning the alphabet and decoding skills—to reading to learn. Struggling third grade readers often become frustrated fourth grade students who do not have the skills for reading to learn in all of their core classes. Fortunately, early identification and well-timed interventions can halt the downward spiral and help students to stay on track with their peers.

The elementary staff continues to improve upon our reading instruction. We have in place research-based classroom instruction to keep our students on track. We also have in place our Title I teachers, Mrs. Sharon Hadrava and Mr. Paul Schroeder who implement reading interventions with identify students who need extra help. Last year we hired Mr. Michael Weerts as a half-time reading interventionist. This year we were fortunate to obtain a grant that increased Mr. Weerts to a full-time reading interventionist. We were also able to utilize the same grant to hire Mrs. Jamie Wing as a full-time reading tutor to work with students identified as showing the characteristics of dyslexia. Our new program entitled, *Future Ready Readers* will use research-based interventions with increased progress monitoring to keep track of our students' growth. We are excited about the opportunities that are available for our emerging readers and look for to seeing the positive results of our investments. As always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Go Tigers!

Principal Michaelson—Up and Running!

The first month of school is in the books and what a great month we had! The first two weeks flew by as students adjusted to their schedules and new teachers. It is fun to see eager faces back in the school and to hear summer stories from the students.

Nevis Elementary will be practicing Responsive Classroom with our students. Students have been having morning meetings, talking about respect, appropriate behavior, social skills, and peer interaction. This is our second year implementing Responsive Classroom and the progress is evident in our hallways and classrooms.

The kindergarten through second grade classes will travel to Itasca State Park to experience what our Northern Minnesota forests offer in the fall on October 5. We will be having “Grandparents’ Day” coming up in October. On Tuesday, October 17, the grandparents of kindergarten through 2nd grade students are welcome to spend the morning in classrooms and eat lunch with them. And, on Wednesday, October 18, the grandparents of our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are invited to spend the morning in classrooms and to come have lunch.

The local church Release Time classes will be starting on October 4. If you did not receive a registration form at Open House for your child to attend, contact the elementary office to get one.

The high school is implementing PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support) this year. This program promotes and recognizes positive behaviors witnessed with students by peers and staff. It also identifies students that may be struggling with behaviors and provides students and staff with interventions that can help decrease behavioral incidents. This concept is similar to our “Tiger Time” program, which we have for our 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.

With a month of the school year already gone, classes are well into their curriculum, so please make sure to check your ParentVue access to see the progress of your child’s academics in each class. If you are having trouble accessing ParentVue, please contact the high school office and we can assist you.

Homecoming Week is October 2-6. Both the football and volleyball teams are playing at home that week, so I encourage you to come support our student athletes. Mid-quarter is October 3 and parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for October 10 and 12. Our first early out for the year will be October 27. Students will be sent home at 2:15, and staff will collaborate in their professional learning groups to address goals and plans for their students. Please plan accordingly for your child to arrive home early.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions about your child, please call their teacher with any questions. If you cannot make contact with them, please feel free to contact myself and I can assist you with your concern.

Free / Reduced Meals—Educational Benefits

Did you know this about Educational Benefits Applications for Free or Reduced meals: The carry-over of free and reduced meals approved during the 2016-17 school year changes status to full pay if an updated application has not been submitted for the 2017-18 school year. Parents/guardians are responsible for meal expenses incurred during the application review period.

Free / Reduced Meals continued on page 2

“Homecoming to be celebrated October 2-6

“Cookie Dough sales begin October 12 for band and choir students.”

“Vision/Hearing Screening October 4”

“Picture retakes scheduled for October 25”

“Order 2018 Yearbooks online or at school see page 6.”

Free / Reduced Meals (continued)

This year, students approved for reduced meals receive their meals free through state funding.

You may submit or resubmit an application any time during the school year. If you have a change of income, add additional members to your household, the application can be reviewed for possible status change.

Taking a few moments to submit the application will benefit your child, our school and our community. The application is available on the school website under the 'Parent' icon. Please call Kathy at 218-652-1202 for further assistance. Help us help our Nevis Tigers succeed!

Bus Information / Bus Safety Refresher for Students

With the influx of new students, we are trying to get bus route times consistent. The rule of thumb for the morning route times is to allow five minutes either side of the scheduled pick up time. Be mindful that your child's evening drop off time will vary based on sporting events or other after school activities as this reduces ridership.

The week of September 25-29 the drivers were busy teaching bus safety to students from 3-year olds through grade 10. A make-up day for bus safety is being planned in the next couple of weeks for those students who were absent.

On occasion, the school bus drivers report to the bus dispatch about school bus stop arm violations. Law Enforcement takes these reports very seriously and, if given the proper and valid information investigate these incidents, obtain statements and charge the violator. These are serious infractions that could lead to injury of students and other motorists. It is good to be aware of and be reminded of the Statute regarding school bus safety laws:

(MN Statute 169.444, Subdivision 1) When a school bus is stopped on a street or highway, or other location where signs have been erected, and displaying an extended stop-signal arm and flashing red lights, the driver of a vehicle approaching the bus shall stop the vehicle at least 20 feet away from the bus. The vehicle driver shall not allow the vehicle to move until the school bus stop-signal arm is retracted and the red lights are no longer flashing. (Subdivision 1a—Passing on right) No person may pass or attempt to pass a school bus in a motor vehicle on the right-hand, passenger-door side of the bus when the school bus is displaying the pre-warning flashing amber signals. Violation of this law could result in a gross misdemeanor conviction and in some cases could cause loss of driver's license.

School bus drivers have an important job they do each school day, and with some assistance from the motoring public, you can help make our job easier and safer by paying attention and using caution when traveling around school busses and school zones.

A reminder to all students riding the bus—please remove your earbuds/headphones when boarding and exiting the bus. For safety purposes, students need to be unplugged in order to aware of what is going on around them in these situations. Once on the bus, students can listen to their devices.

If you need to get a message to the driver of your child's bus, these are important numbers to remember:

Dan Stacey, Transportation Supervisor
Bus Garage, 4:45 pm – 6:30 am
Nevis School, 6:30-8:00 am
Nevis School, 3:16-4:30 pm

218-252-9255 – Emergency Only
 218-652-3526, leave a message
 218-652-3500, option 1 twice (Lynne Gustafson)
 218-652-3500, option 2 (Linda Hanson)

Miscellaneous Stuff to Know

ASVAB — The ASVAB Interest Inventory will be administered to all juniors on Thursday, October 26. Results and interpretation will be given at a later date. This is a test to determine student strengths and interests. For questions regarding the test, students should contact Mrs. Sandmeyer.

Cookie Dough Sales & Concert Dates — The band and choir are getting fundraising underway for their next trip in two years with the annual cookie dough sales. Students will be selling cookie dough beginning October 12 with delivery of the cookie dough before Thanksgiving. Add these music concert dates to your calendar:

Wednesday, November 1	High School Solo Contest, Northome/Kelliher High School
Monday, December 4	Elementary (Gr. K-3) Holiday Concert, 6:30 p.m.
Monday, December 11	High School Winter Concert, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, December 12	Elementary (Gr. 4-6) Holiday Concert, 6:30 p.m.

Fall Festival — Come out for a family evening filled with fun at our annual Halloween Festival at the Nevis School, which will be held on Saturday, October 28 from 4-7:00 p.m. There will be concessions of pizza, chili, hot dogs and more, available for purchase to feed your little goblins, so come hungry!! Each game will cost 50 cents or save a little money by purchasing a punch card for \$5, which will be good for 15 games and the opportunity to win a prize with every game!! In addition, purchase a wristband for unlimited inflatable fun for \$3 each or 2/\$5. All proceeds will go to support the Nevis PTA. Please contact Angie Lindow at 218-252-5164 or Alexia Isaacson at 218-255-0122 with any questions or if you would like to volunteer to help at the event. We look forward to seeing you there!!

Financial Aid — The annual financial aid meeting for juniors, seniors and parents is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m. in room 183. This is an opportunity for you to learn about FAFSA and scholarship opportunities available. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Jodi Sandmeyer.

Fundraising — Help the school obtain extra printers or other equipment without purchasing anything special. It is easy for you. All you have to do is save the required labels from **Pillsbury “BoxTops for Education”**. Then, bring the labels to the school.

You can also bring used printer or copier **ink cartridges**. The school can send them in for credit towards additional printers.

Labels from ‘Our Family’ products and receipts from Coborn’s in Park Rapids are also collected in the elementary office.

Arvig Communication Systems supports the Nevis School through the ACS School Partnership Program. If you’re an internet customer, sign up for the School Partnership Program and Arvig will donate \$1.00 each month to the school of your choice at no additional cost to you. Choose a school at arvig.com/supportyourschool

These are great ways for you to support the school without any additional cost to you. If you have any questions regarding these programs, please contact the elementary or high school office.

Just a reminder—The school is no longer accepting Campbell’s Soup labels as the program has been discontinued.

Grandparents Day — Please join us for Grandparents’ Day on Tuesday, October 17 for students in grades K-2 and Wednesday, October 18 for students in grades 3-5. Special activities are planned in the morning in each class and you are welcome to share lunch with the students. If you have any questions, please contact the elementary office.

More Miscellaneous Stuff to Know

Homecoming will be celebrated the week of October 2-6. The week will start with *Pajama Day* on Monday. Coronation will be held at 11:00 in Tiger Arena. Vying for the title of Homecoming Queen are Annalise A., Victoria C., Amy G. and Megan N. And on the guys side looking to be Homecoming King are Zach H., Sam H., Jack L. and Dillon M. Representing the junior class as attendants are Erin T. and Tom A., sophomore attendants are Teri G. and Michael W., and the 9th grade attendants are Jada R. and Hunter W. On Tuesday—*Class Color Day*, the staff and classes wore their colors. Activities will be held during 6th and 7th hour with a volleyball tournament, study halls and games in the library. The volleyball teams host Northome/Kelliher with royalty introduced prior to the varsity game. Wednesday will be *America Day* with the red, white, and blue throughout the halls. Thursday is *Tropical Day*, and Friday will feature *Green & Gold Day* with a pepfest in the afternoon for grades 6-12. The football team hosts Norman County East/Ulen Hitterdal at 7:00. The ever popular dances will be held that evening for students in grades 6-8 from 6:00-7:30 and from 9:00-11:30 for students in grades 9-12. Cost is \$2.00 (grades 6-8) and \$4 (grades 9-12) with a \$1 discount if wearing a Homecoming button. Credit goes to Student Council members and advisors Mrs. Sandmeyer and Ms. Gustafson for all their work in planning this week of activities for students.

Picture Retake Day — Retakes will be taken on Wednesday, October 25 for those students absent for the September photos or students who need new pictures taken. Remember to send the picture packet with your student if pictures are being retaken.

Pre-ACT Test — The Pre-ACT will be given to interested 10th and 11th grade students on Tuesday morning, October 17 at a cost of \$12. For questions or additional information, students should see Mrs. Sandmeyer.

Seniors — The individual pictures of 12th grade students are due Tuesday, November 7 for the yearbook. This picture must be a vertical **head and shoulder only** photo – no hands, arms, fingers, torso, or props will be allowed in the photo. The photo for the yearbook may be sent electronically (preferred) to lgustafson@nevis308.org. A photo is also needed for the school composite picture that hangs in the hall – again, head and shoulders only, no props. This photo needs to be a hard copy and printed by a professional or business with a photo quality process – please do not print it on your home computer printer. Baby pictures are also due to the yearbook staff by November 6. If you have any questions, please contact yearbook advisor, Lynne Gustafson.

ACT and SAT registration deadlines are on the calendar in the office. Deadline to register for the December 9 ACT Test is November 3. Students planning to attend a university must take one of these tests, which test is required depends on the school. Also, students should begin contacting prospective colleges.

October is College Knowledge Month. Most Minnesota colleges participate in 'free college app week', October 23-27, where students can apply to colleges without having to pay the application fee.

For questions regarding testing, scholarships, or colleges, please contact Mrs. Sandmeyer.

Title I Parent Night — Parents of elementary students who receive Title I services are invited to an information night on Tuesday, October 10 from 6:00-7:00 in the cafeteria (by the round tables) to meet, visit and receive information concerning your child from the Title I teachers.

Testing — *Student* MCA test results from April 2017 were distributed to families at Open House. If you did not receive your test results, please contact the high school office. School and district summary information is available on the District Report Card found on the Minnesota Department of Education's website: <http://rc.education.state.mn.us/> If you have questions regarding the report card, please feel free to contact the Mrs. Sandmeyer, testing coordinator.

The Last of the Miscellaneous Stuff to Know

Yearbook Sales for high school and elementary students will began Monday, October 2. The cost for the elementary yearbooks (grades PreK-6) is \$15 through Tuesday, October 31; after that date the price will be \$18. High school yearbooks for students in grades 7-12 will cost \$35 through Tuesday, October 31, and after that date will be \$40.

Yearbooks may be ordered in the high school or district offices or online at Balfour.com. Payment options are: cash or check (payable to Nevis School) to pay in full or pay half now and half when delivered in the spring, or with a credit card online at Balfour.com. If you have questions, contact Advisor, Lynne Gustafson.

NEVIS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT 308

Indoor Air Quality Notification

Nevis School District is proud to be taking a leadership role in providing a safe, comfortable and productive environment for our students and staff so that we achieve our core mission—educating students. Our school will follow the EPA guidance to improve our indoor air quality by preventing as many IAQ problems as possible, and by quickly responding to any IAQ problems that may arise. Good air quality requires an ongoing commitment by everyone in our school, because each of us daily makes decisions and performs activities that affect the quality of the air we breathe.

School staff, students and parents can obtain checklists or self-help information so they can properly evaluate their child's home or other out of school situation by contacting the school. Staff and parents can also obtain information about school facility construction, maintenance and housekeeping practices, chemicals used, mold and HVAC related information, chemical producing academic subjects, and pesticide and herbicide applications to determine the extent to which school activities contribute to a child's symptoms by contacting the school.

The Nevis School District Indoor Air Quality contact person is Randy Jansen. If there are any questions regarding the school's IAQ Program, please feel free to call the school at 218-652-3500.

Pesticide General Notice

A Minnesota state law went into effect in year 2000 that requires schools to inform school staff, students and parents if they apply certain pesticides on school property.

Specifically, this law requires schools that apply these pesticides to maintain an estimated schedule of pesticide applications and to make the schedule available to employees and parents for review or copying at the school office.

State law also requires that you be told that the long-term health effects on children from the application of such pesticides or the class of chemicals to which they belong may not be fully understood.

If there are any questions regarding the Nevis School District Integrated Pest Management program or you would like more information on the pesticide application schedule, please feel free to call the school at 218-652-3500.

2017-2018 Asbestos Notification

As a result of recent federal legislation (Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act – AHERA), each primary and secondary school in the nation is required to complete a stringent inspection for asbestos and to develop a plan of management for all asbestos-containing building materials. The Nevis School District has a goal to be in full compliance with this law and is following the spirit, as well as the letter of the law. As a matter of policy, the district shall continue to maintain a safe and healthful environment for our community's youth and employees.

In keeping with this legislation, all buildings (including support buildings) owned or leased by the Nevis School District were inspected by EPA accredited inspectors and samples were analyzed by an independent laboratory. Based on the inspection, the school prepared, and the state approved, a comprehensive management plan for handling the asbestos located within its buildings safely and responsibly.

Furthermore, the Nevis School District has completed their 3-year re-inspection required by AHERA. Our district buildings, where asbestos -containing materials were found, are under repair.

This past year, Nevis School District conducted the following with respect to its asbestos containing building materials:

****Continued our Operations and Maintenance Program***

Federal law requires a periodic walk-through (call "surveillance") every six months of each area containing asbestos. In addition, the law requires all buildings to be re-inspected every three years after a management plan went into effect. MacNeil Environmental, Inc will accomplish this under contract.

Short-term workers (outside contractors – i.e., telephone repair workers, electricians and exterminators) must be provided information regarding the location of asbestos in which they may come into contact. All short-term workers shall contact the district's Designated Person before commencing work to be given this information.

The Nevis School District has a list of the locations(s) and type(s) of asbestos containing materials found in the school building and a description and time-table for their proper management. A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is available for review in the district office. Copies are available at 25 cents per page. Questions related to the plan should be directed to the Nevis School District at 218-652-3500.

Nevis School

218-652-3500 ~ Office Hours 8 am to 4 pm
 School Website: www.nevis.k12.mn.us

October 2017



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, 3:15-5:00 pm ~ 218-652-3500, option 12 (Linda H.)
 Dan Stacey, Trans. Supervisor ~ 218-252-9255 – Emergency Only

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Coronation—11:05 JV FB HOME Win-E-Mac, 5:00 CE Creative Youngsters, 3:30-4:30 CE Pickleball, 6:30-8:30	3 Mid-Quarter 1 JH/JVV/VB HOME Northome/Kelliher, 5:00 JH FB AT Laporte, 5:00 CE Creative Youngsters, 3:30-4:30	4 Vision/Hearing Screening CE Discovery Weds., 3:30-5 CE Creative Youngsters, 3:30-4:30 CE Pickleball, 6:30-8:30	5 JH/CJVV/VB AT Pequot Lakes, 5:00 CC AT Perham Invite, 4:30 CE Creative Youngsters, 3:30-4:30	6 Field Trip—Kindergarten to Pumpkin Patch V FB HOME NCE/U-H, 7:00 Homecoming Dances: 6th-8th Grade 6:00-7:30 9th-12th Grade 9:00-11:30	7 CE Pickleball, 8:30-10:30 JH VB AT Bemidji Tournament
8	9 Columbus Day C/JVV/VB AT Cass Lake CE Pickleball, 6:30-8:30	10 Parent-Teacher Conferences, Gr. PreK-12, 3:45-7:15 Title I Night, 6:00-7:00 JH/CJVV/VB AT Clearbrook, 5:00 JH FB HOME Onamia, 4:30	11 CE Discovery Weds., 3:30-5 CE Creative Youngsters, 3:30-4:30 CE Pickleball, 6:30-8:30	12 Parent-Teacher Conferences, Gr. PreK-12, 3:45-7:15 JH/JVV/VB HOME Hill City, 5:00 — Parents' Night V FB AT Grygla-Goodrich- Gatzke, 7:00	13	14 JV/VB AT Cass Lake-Bena Tournament, 9:00 CE Pickleball, 8:30-10:30
15	16 JH/JVV/VB HOME Sebek, 5:00—Senior Night CC AT Park Rapids Invite, 4:00	17 Pre-ACT Test Grandparents Day, Gr. K-2—8:30-Noon Family Community Night, Dinner 5:30, Speaker 6:00 Childcare available Financial Aid Night, 6:30 Room 183	18 Grandparents Day, Gr. 3-5—8:30-Noon V FB HOME Stephen-Argyle, 7:00—Senior Night CE Discovery Weds., 3:30-5 CE Pickleball, 6:30-8:30 Preschool Screening by appt.	19	20 NO SCHOOL Education Minnesota Conference V VB AT Moorhead Tournament, TBA	21 V VB AT Moorhead Tournament, TBA CE Pickleball, 8:30-10:30
22	23 School Board Meeting, 7:00 CE Pickleball, 6:30-8:30 CE Intermediate Art Club, 3:30-5:00	24 V FB Playoff, TBD High Seed CE Intermediate Art Club, 3:30-5:00 CE Youth Basketball Camp Gr. K-2, 3:30-4:30	25 School Picture Retake Day CE Intermediate Art Club, 3:30-5:00 CE Youth Basketball Camp Gr. K-2, 3:30-4:30 CE Discovery Weds., 3:30-5 CE Pickleball, 6:30-8:30	26 ASVAB Interest Inventory, Grade 11 V VB Playoff, TBD CC Section Meet, TBD CE Intermediate Art Club, 3:30-5:00 CE Youth Basketball Camp Gr. K-2, 3:30-4:30	27 EARLY OUT 2:15 Grades K-12 Teacher In-Service 2:15-3:45 V VB Playoff, TBD	28 PTA Fall Festival Birth—6th grade 4:7:00 Concessions, Family Fun & Games CE Pickleball, 8:30-10:30 V FB Playoff, TBD High Seed
29	30 CE Pickleball, 6:30-8:30	31 HALLOWEEN	November 1 Solo Contest—Northome/ Kelliher CE Discovery Weds., 3:30-5 CE Pickleball, 6:30-8:30	2 V FB Playoff AT Fargo Dome V VB Playoff AT Little Falls	3 Quarter 1 Ends Blood Drive Sponsored by Student Council, ECFE Wing 9:00-2:15	4 CC State Meet, TBA VB Playoffs, TBA CE Pickleball, 8:30-10:30

Homecoming Week ~ October 2-6