

Dear Parents,

A new year is upon us bringing a time of reflection and excitement for what lies ahead. January is a great time to talk with your child about the goals she/he set at the beginning of the school year. Take this opportunity to ask your child how they are succeeding toward their goal and if they need to make any changes.

Perhaps your child would like to set a new goal.

Whether the goal is large or small, new or improving on an old goal, discuss the steps involved in reaching their goals. Encourage your child to celebrate progress being made toward their goals and not to be discouraged by a step backward, but to learn from it. Through dedication, hard work, and support, your child can achieve their goals! I am very excited about starting this New Year and look forward to hearing about all of the great things the students have done over the holidays.

Sincerely,


Cynthia L. Yeater,

Principal



"It Takes a Team to Educate a Child"

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STUDENT LED/FAMILY CONFERENCES

NMES will be having student led/family conferences with every grade level on Tuesday, January 16, 2018. These conferences will be held between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Your child's teacher will contact you in regards to setting up a time for you and your child. We strongly encourage you to attend the conference with your child, as we will be discussing your child's progress to this point in the school year as well as goals to help your child achieve success throughout the remainder of the year.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance and arriving on time to school is a priority. Remind your child of the importance of attending school regularly. When your child misses school, even if it is for a few minutes, it is difficult to "catch up". Nothing substitutes participating daily in classroom activities.

SCHOOL NURSE'S CORNER

With the New Year comes many new and wonderful things, being sick is not one of them! Teaching our children to wash their hands, using hand sanitizer, not touch their face, and cover their coughs will surely help prevent illness. Many parents are not sure when to send their child to school when they do become ill. It is OK to send your child to school with a runny nose or little cough with no other symptoms. If fevered, diarrhea, or throwing up, a child should stay home for 24 hours AFTER those symptoms are gone without taking fever-reducing medicine. Keep your child at home with a fever higher than 100 degrees Fahrenheit. Please, do not give a fever reducing medicine and send your child to school. A child is considered contagious when fevered, throwing up, or diarrhea; and, is considered contagious for the next 24 hours after those symptoms have stopped. In addition, if your child has crusty drainage on their eyelashes with bloodshot eyes or swollen eyelids they are considered contagious until proper diagnosis and treatment. It is time to call the doctor if there is a fever, diarrhea, or throwing up for more than two days. Wishing you and your family a Happier and Healthier New Year!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Deputy Barnhart and Mr. Taylor finished the Keep A Clear Mind series presentations for fourth graders about making good choices, being in control of their minds and feelings, and addressing risks associated with alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana use. They also read to and discussed the magic of Christmas with the younger grades.

Mr. Taylor would also like to offer a few Holiday suggestions since it might not always feel like "the most wonderful time of the year or the hap-happiest season of all." Just as the students were told, it is important to appreciate what we have. Be realistic about our expectations; things do not have to be perfect or just like last year. Set and stick to a budget. Plan as much as possible but accept changes as they come. Learn to say No! Do not abandon healthy habits. Enjoy everything, but in moderation. Make time for yourself. Happy Holidays.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1/3	School Resumes
1/4	Born Learning at 5:30 p.m.
1/8	PTA at 6:15 p.m.
1/10	Attendance Committee Meeting at 7:45 a.m.
1/12	End of the 2 nd 9 Weeks
1/12	No Preschool ONLY
1/15	NO SCHOOL
1/16	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS – Parent/Student Led Conferences
1/19	AR Reward
1/22	Report Cards
1/26	Read Aloud
1/26	No Preschool ONLY



Equal Education Opportunity is the right of a student to participate fully in classroom instruction and extracurricular activities and shall not be abridged or impaired because of age, sex, race, religion, national origin, handicap, pregnancy, parenthood or marriage.

Under FERPA, a school must annually notify parents of students in attendance of their rights under FERPA. The annual notification must include information regarding a parent's right to inspect and review his or her child's education records, the right to seek to amend the records, the right to consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information from the records (except in certain circumstances), and the right to file a complaint with the Office regarding an alleged failure by a school to comply with FERPA. The school must also inform parents of its definitions of the terms "school official" and "legitimate educational interest." For further information, please contact Student Services at (304) 564-3411 ext. 3327

Happy New Year!