

Husky Happenings

August 30th, 2015



Dear Parents,

Thanks to all the parents that came out to meet with your child's teachers on November 10th. I hope it was beneficial. I would like you to continue to communicate with your child's teachers anytime you have questions.

Next week is a short week with Thanksgiving break. Progress reports will

also be sent home on Tuesday. Please continue to encourage your children to turn in their homework and arrive to school on time.

As always, I appreciate your continued support of NECP.

Happy Turkey Day!

Miles Brite

Note from Elementary

With colder weather upon us, please make sure your child's jacket is labeled with his or her name in case it is misplaced. Weather permitting, the Elementary students have out door recess daily unless the temperatures drop below 35 degrees. Please help your child dress appropriately.

The staff at NECP wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Cheryl Iannucci, Principal K-6

Open Enrollment

November 30, 2015 will kick off NECP's open enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year. Applications will be accepted for Kindergarten and any openings we may have in other grades for next year. **Space is limited;** therefore, a lottery drawing is scheduled for February 18, 2016. Priority enrollment is given to children of employees and siblings of students already enrolled. To be eligible for Kindergarten, a child must turn 5 years of age on or before August 30, 2016.

Don't miss this opportunity to join one of the largest Charter Schools in North Carolina.

Applications for next year will be available on our website at www.necprepschool.com or can be picked up in the main office which is located in the Elementary School Building after November 30, 2015.

Applications for the 2015-16 school year are no longer being accepted.

Counselor Corner

Thank you to all the parents and students who attended our first Junior Parent Night! The evening was a great success. We were very grateful to have Amy Denton from CFNC and Alex Williams from East Carolina University to provide us with information about planning for life after high school. The junior information packet distributed will be available on the NECP counseling website next week. Any parent that did not attend who wishes to learn more about the evening and join our junior parent listserv can contact me at lebowitzwa@necprepschool.com. Evaluation forms from the evening has been emailed out to all attendees and we are looking to use this information to plan future events.

Also, save the date. Our first National Honor Society induction ceremony will be held December 9 at 6pm.

Wendy Lebowitz Guidance Counselor



End of Year Testing

The NC Department of Public Instruction has outlined the end of the year testing with EOG/EOC's required to be given within the last 10 days of the school year.

Additionally as a public Charter School, NECP is also required to administer the North Carolina Final Exams (NCFE). These exams are subject based and are administered in 6th grade -11th grade for all core subject areas where an EOG/EOC or AP exam is not given. According to NC state guidelines, the NCFE has to be administered in the last 5 days of school and counts as 10% of the students' final grade.

Cheryl Iannucci, Testing Coordinator, Principal K-6

Arts & Culture

Band and Chorus

The Winter Concert has been moved to December 15th. Please come and see all the students' hard work.

Elementary Music


Students are now moving into the classical period. They will learn about musicians like Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, and Schubert.

Theatre Arts

Auditions will be held for this year's night of one act plays the week after Thanksgiving. We will be producing *The Lottery* and *Goldilocks on Trial*. There are plenty of roles for both girls and boys so please come out and audition for a chance to be a part of these great plays. Please contact Mr. Ames with any questions.



Athletics



Congratulations to our student athletes as we have tipped off the 2015 campaign. Our student athletes have come out of the gate on a mission to surpass their goals in 2014 on the court and in the classroom. This Winter, approximately 160 students tried out for basketball and cheerleading. A special congratulations to the student athletes who made the teams (rosters will be listed in the next edition). Please remember to support your child by joining the booster team. Volunteers are needed with fundraising and concessions (parents are asked to sign up to work one game for the season-please contact myself directly to sign up).

Once again, a friendly reminder that our athletic schedules and forms are available online and don't forget to register for your team in order to receive e blasts for schedule changes. Please go to the NECP website and follow the athletic prompts and you will be redirected to our athletic website (necprepathletics.com). Please note the sponsor board on the website in the event you have any family members who may want to support our athletic program through advertising. Please feel free to contact me (Iannuccib@necprepschool.com) with any questions.

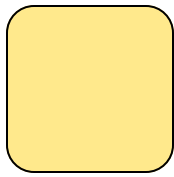
Bob Iannucci
Athletic Director

* Pictures will be held on Monday, December 7, and your child will bring home registration packets.

* Avoid the hassle of black Friday. Get your Yankee Candles for Xmas and holiday presents and give 40% per sale back to the athletes Order online today at www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and use group # 990087773.

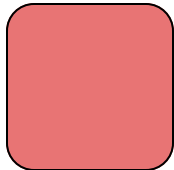
Sale ends on Sunday, December 13. Thank you for your support as we have already raised over \$1500 for our student athletes!





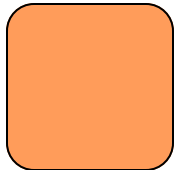
Picture Retake

December 7th



Band Concert

December 15th.



Drama Auditions

November 30– December 4

Upcoming home athletics for the week (full schedule at necprepathletics.com)

Monday (11-23)

MS Girls Basketball vs. Riverside 4:15

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Tuesday (12/1)

MS Girls Basketball vs. Bear Grass 4:15

JV Girls Basketball vs. Bear Grass 5:30

Wednesday (12/1)

JV Boys Basketball vs. Kipp 4:45

Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Kipp 6:15



Media Center Notes

It's been a busy year so far in both of our media centers! Here are some facts that you may not know:

- We earned \$3000 in books and cash profit from our 1st Scholastic Book Fair this year.
- 100+ new books have been ordered or purchased, and many books have been generously donated by parents and staff.
- Our collection now contains about 6,000 copies.
- There are 30+ students trying out for our 2 Battle of the Books Teams (Elementary 4th,5th and Middle 6th-8th).
- A "Lunch Bunch" Reading Enrichment Activity has begun on Wednesdays for 3rd graders (Aso ne group finishes their book study, we'll bring in another group of students.)
- Our "Husky Star Reader" wall is filling up with 1st-6th graders' pictures. Stars will be added for each additional book read.
- I keep up with the best literature for children and young adults by reading journals, attending conferences and listening to student and faculty requests.

Please touch base with the students about what they are reading and read with them. If you model reading at home, these children will pick up on it! Ask them about their books and make sure they are reading on the right level. My favorite part of my job is matching books to children's reading levels and interests. They will tell you that I don't accept, "I don't like to read." My theory is that they haven't been connected with the right book!

Also, it's important to help your child take care of his/her library book. We have lost hundreds of books that equate to hundreds of dollars lost for our school media centers. When I ask for payment for these books, it's not a punishment but just a way to replace them. All books will need to be turned in or paid for at the end of the year for students to receive their report cards. If you need to contact me, my email is brittainc@necprepschool.com.

The best way to get kids reading more is to give them books they'll gobble up-and then ask for another. Yes, it's that simple. 1+1=2. It just does. Kids say the number one reason they don't read more is that they can't find books they like. Freedom of choice is a key to getting them motivated and excited. - James Patterson, Author

Thanks for your support!
Cindy Brittain, Media Coordinator