



Newfields Elementary School Newsletter

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Have fun! Challenge Yourself!

Be Responsible. Be Respectful.

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NES Full Day Kindergarten Committee

I want to thank Dee Kettlewood, Carolyn O'Hara, Beth Wynn, Amber Ward and Jennie Bishop for serving on the NES Full Day Kindergarten Research Committee. The committee is co-chaired by Principal Segal and Mrs. Kettlewood and has been charged to consider and research the impact of full day kindergarten at Newfields Elementary School. There are no direct financial impacts to the district from changing from an extended five hour school day to a full six and one half hour school day. Most of the elementary schools in SAU16 offer full day kindergarten. However, each town has its own personality, and we encourage any input from the Newfields community. To gather opinions, the committee has sent home surveys to present and upcoming kindergarten parents and teachers. If you would like to join us, please come to our next meeting on January 12, 2017 at 11:45 or e-mail your comments and suggestions to ksegal@sau16.org. The committee will make a recommendation to the board at the March meeting.

NES Calendar

January

- 11 6:00 NES Budget Meeting;
Board to follow
- 12 11:45 NES K. Research Committee
- 16 MLK, Jr. Day; No School
- 20 Grades close
- 20 **Spelling Bee at 8:45 in MPR**
- 27 Report Cards go home

February

- 2 7:00 NPTO Meeting
- 7 6:00 NES Deliberative Session;
Board to follow
- 9 11:45 NES K. Research Committee
- 20-24 **Read Across America** Week

The NPTO is now serving Gepetto's pizza at Friday Community Lunch. Thank you NPTO for Friday Pizza!

NES Vision is to empower our students to become compassionate, confident, and critical learners of tomorrow with an inner resiliency to serve others.
NES Faculty June 7, 2016 with NPTO input

Dear Fourth Grade Parents:

A portion of Newfields Elementary School 4th graders will participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on February 1st. NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students know and can do in various subjects. It is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics, within the U.S. Department of Education. NAEP is different from our state assessment because it provides a common measure of student achievement across the country. The results are released as The Nation's Report Card, which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents, policymakers, and the public.

Your child may be selected to take either a mathematics or reading assessment. The assessment also asks students questions about their daily routine and their educational experiences. For example, students are asked if there is a computer at home and about the amount of reading they do. These survey questions are optional and student responses are anonymous. The responses help provide context and meaning to the assessment results

The assessment takes about 90 to 120 minutes for most students. The results are completely confidential (in accordance with the Confidential Information Protection provisions of Title V, Subtitle A, Public Law 107-347). . Please visit <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/about/booklets.asp> to review sample questions.

The information collected is used for statistical purposes only. Your child's grades will not be affected. Students may be excused for any reason, are not required to complete the assessment, and may skip any question. While the assessment is voluntary, NAEP depends on student participation to help policymakers improve education. However, **if you do not want your child to participate, please notify me in writing by January 13th.**

There is no need to study in preparation for NAEP, but please encourage your child to do their best. A brochure that explains what participation in NAEP means for you and your child is available at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/pdf/parents/2012469.pdf>.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kate Segal, NES Principal