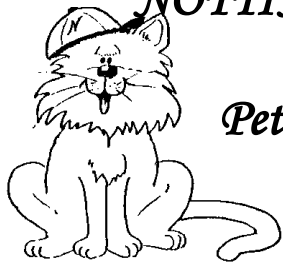


NOTTINGHAM WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CATFLASH NEWS



*Peter Durso,
Principal*

*Michael McNelis,
Asst. Principal*



January, 2012

<http://nwes.sau81.org>

Character Education Word of the Month –Tolerance

The Nottingham West staff would like to wish you all a healthy and wonderful holiday season. We would like to take this time to thank you for all your help you have given this year. The treats, meals and all the time that you volunteer is very much appreciated by all. We thank you all so very much.

A NEW FACE AT NOTTINGHAM

If you have not already noticed, we have a new face to greet you in the office. Mrs. Maglio has taken a position at Alvirne High School and **Mrs. Johnson** has accepted the position at the receptionist desk. She'll be looking forward to greeting you, answering your questions, and assisting you in any way.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH – NOVEMBER, 2011

Positive Attitude, Acted Responsibly, Worked and Played Safely and Showed Respect (PAWS.) The students received their picture on the "wall of honor" (located on the first floor), a medal, certificate, pencil and a Congratulatory Letter mailed home.

1st Grade: Mallory Busnach, Kiera Garvey, Anita Bianchi, Mark Rando, Samuel Pinard
Jessica Aldrich; 2nd Grade: Molly O'Donnell
Samuel Stratton, Madison Nicolosi, Shayla Stevens
Caleb Hurley, Max Thomas; 3rd Grade: Joseph Arena
Abigail Dufault, Julie Crane, Tyler Varnum, Allison Abbott;
4th Grade: Rose Boudreau; Alexis Ripaldi
Alec Dubois, Megan Fournier, Antonia Carbajal
5th Grade: Kiara Chase, Ashley Blais, Robert Pace
Paola Matos-Robles, Donovan Guerrero



Great Job—Keep up the good work!

REMEMBER TO CALL YOUR CHILD IN ABSENT. YOU CAN LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE ANSWERING MACHINE 24 HOURS A DAY. CALL 595-1570, X-3 (for the absent line)

NOTES:

When writing a dismissal note and you have more than one child, be sure to write a note to each teacher—this will alert each child's classroom teacher of their end of day procedure. Thank you.



VALENTINE'S PENCIL GRAM

The NWES Post Office is now accepting Valentine Pencil Gram orders. The deadline for orders is on **Monday, February 6**. Please observe the deadline date so that orders can be properly filled. Thank you for your assistance.

THE DISTRICT WEBSITE

www.sau81.org

NOTTINGHAM WEST WEBSITE:

<http://nwes.sau81.org>

NO SCHOOL:

December	26 – 30	Holiday recess
January	2	Holiday recess
	16	Martin Luther King
	26	Early Release, 12:30
	27	No School – Workshops
February	27-29	Winter Recess
March	1 & 2	Winter Recess
	22	Early Release, 12:30
	23	No School - Workshops
April	23 – 27	Spring Recess
May	28	Memorial Day
June	18	Tentative Last day
		(depending upon snow days)



BUS TRANSPORTATION

**First Student (regular bus) 883-0251
Provider: 895-9664**

CATFLASH QUESTION:

What day is Early Release in January?
(See answer form at the end of the newsletter.)



CAFETERIA NEWS:

The cafeteria staff would love to have someone help them on Tuesdays. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Nutrition Nugget is attached. For more nutritional information from the Food Service Department, please see the school website for: Seasonal Gr'Eaatings!"



CAFETERIA IS LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER FOR TUESDAYS.

READY TO LEARN

Eating breakfast improves attendance & concentration

There used to be a cereal that advertised itself as the "Breakfast of Champions." That may or may not have been true--but there is no question that some sort of healthy food in the morning helps kids become champions in school.

One Harvard Medical School study looked at how breakfast affected attendance and school performance. They found that children who eat breakfast have: Better attendance. Fewer episodes of tardiness. Higher math scores. A stronger ability to concentrate in class.

Of course, with today's hectic schedules, there isn't always time to sit down for a long breakfast. So you can be prepared by keeping a few healthy grab-and-go options. A granola bar and a piece of fruit will get your child off to a good start, so will dried cereal and fruit juice. In a pinch, a piece of last night's pizza will do!

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RECYCLING

We collect: **computer printer cartridges, cell phones and now we accept, digital cameras, IPODs (and MP3 players & other discarded gaming formats, GPS devices and laptops.)**



MUSIC NEWS

Watch for upcoming chorus applications and events.

PTO CHRONICLE



Contact Information:

Co-Presidents:

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Christine Sinclair Christine@christinesbookbag.com
(603) 882-3414

PTO Meeting schedule, 7 p.m., Library

Jan. 4	Feb. 1	
Mar. 7	Apr. 4	May 2

We hope everyone will have a fun over the break and enjoy their families and the holiday season.

THANK YOU!

We'd like to thank the many volunteers and families who participated in December's Scholastic Book Fair. Once again, we had an overwhelming response!

Thanks also to the volunteers and our "kid shoppers" who participated in the Kids' Holiday Shopping Event. The students were excited to have "surprises" to give to family and friends.

Thank you to all the bakers who donated to the Holiday dessert bar for the NWES staff.



BINGO NIGHT:

Our next Bingo Night is coming soon! Last time we had a sell-out crowd. This will be an RSVP event so watch for more information to come.

We'd like to thank all of the volunteers and families who participated in Parents' Night Out. The kids enjoyed an evening of games, crafts, dinner and a movie.



We ask and thank you for observing deadline dates for all PTO sponsored activities.

SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

The new session will run from January 23 to February 17.

SKI/SNOWBOARD PROGRAM



Mrs. Atkins, one of our first grade teachers, will be organizing the ski program. The program will run from February 17 to March 23, 2011. You will need to register online at www.patspeak.com; Learn to Ski and Ride, Username: Hudson; Password: skiclub.

Information has been sent home. If you require further information, please contact jatkins@sau81.org or 595-1570, voice mail box:1434.

GUIDANCE NEWS
WORD OF THE MONTH – Tolerance
 (See Wildcat Word attached)



CATIE'S CLOSET –

"A good education forms intelligent people and builds a world of tolerance and understanding."

- Catie

<http://www.catiescloset.org/index.html>.

This is an ongoing effort, if you would like to donate gently used clothing (including warm winter jackets, boots) please feel free to drop your items off at NWES 10 Pelham Road, Hudson.

Thank you and Happy Holidays!



HOME SCHOOL CONNECTION
(news for the Home Schooled Students)

Please contact the guidance office to arrange times for your child to join his/her assigned classes for any tests or activities. Contact our Guidance

Department at 595-1570, x-1418 or x-1419.

LOST AND FOUND

Please be sure to have your child check the lost and found. All items will be put into the clothing collection box behind the school during the Holiday break. Thank you for your help.

HEALTH CENTER, NURSE – MRS. PICARD, RN

You may contact the nursing department at 595-1570, x-1400 or lpicard@sau81.org or sbrown@sau81.org.

The nurse is almost out of her supply of cough drops for the year. If you would like to donate this item to the nurse's office, it would help out their efforts. Thank you.



READING NEWS– READING SPECIALIST, MRS. NICHOLS–CRUZ

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS SCHEDULE

Gr. 4	Tuesdays 8:10 – 8:40 a.m.	Gr. 5	Wednesdays 8:10- 8:40 a.m.
	Jan. 3, 17, 31		Jan. 4, 18
	Feb. 14		Feb. 1,15

**READING WITH YOUR CHILD
 CHOOSE THE BEST BOOKS TO
 READ ALOUD WITH YOUR CHILD**

Choosing books to read with your child can be fun and rewarding. It can also be overwhelming as you face shelf after shelf of library books. How can you find the best books to read aloud? Here are some tips:

Does this book relate to something that interests my child? Would she like to look at these pictures? Is the book similar to something we have enjoyed in the past? Will this book teach my child some new words? Each time you read a book with your child, you are helping her expand her vocabulary. The best books do this so easily that children don't even know they are learning.

If this book is a story book, is it a story that my child could tell later? Could she act it out? One of the reasons that fairy tales remain so popular after hundreds of years is that they tell stories children love to hear again and again. Is this book sturdy enough for my child to handle? Is the print large enough so she can read it easily? Here's a rule of thumb: The younger the child, the more sturdy the book needs to be.

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90 MINUTE DELAYS

Kindergarten and Preschool morning programs **will not be in session** for 90 minute delay days.. If you transport your student(s) in the morning, remember that **students cannot be dropped off earlier than 9:50 a.m., the school day begins at 10:15 a.m.** The school is a locked facility and children will not be able to enter the building until this time.



LIBRARY NEWS, MRS. BRUN, LIBRARIAN

Contact her at 595-1570, X1408 or rbrun@sau81.org.



Access to World Book Kids as well as World Book Student. You can login at: <http://www.worldbookonline.com>

Login: hudsonelem
Password: research1

**NOTTINGHAM WEST
BANKING PROGRAM**

Mrs. Searles-Allen's class is hoping to begin the Banking Program by the first of the new year. Paperwork explaining the program should be forthcoming in the very near future. For new families, this allows you to set up a savings account through St. Mary's Bank. Money is collected each week and deposited at the bank.



***NO SCHOOL,
JANUARY 16, 2012
MARTIN LUTHER KING
DAY***

***EARLY RELEASE
THURSDAY,
JANUARY 26, 2012***

2011-2012 NWES Fundraisers

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. Target Stores, assign NWES as your school of choice.
2. Holiday Pencil Sales, Christmas, Valentines, St. Patrick's Days
3. Scholastic Book Fairs
4. Popcorn Sales
5. School Stores
6. Egg Crackin Good Time (April)
7. Artworks (March) –proceeds go to the Artist-In-Residence program.

***NO SCHOOL,
JANUARY 27, 2012
TEACHER WORKSHOP***

***WISHING ALL THE VERY BEST
DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.***

***MAY YOU ALL HAVE A
WONDERFUL NEW YEAR.***

NO SCHOOL



***DECEMBER 26 THROUGH
JANUARY 3, 2012***

CATFLASH MONTHLY QUESTION

THE ANSWER IS: _____

MY CHILD'S NAME:
_____, ***ROOM #*** _____

MY CHILD'S NAME: _____, ***ROOM #*** _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:
