



As the conclusion of our school year winds down, Nottingham West continues to be active in all aspects of the school.

Students enjoyed Spirit week from June 14-18 where they had fun with the following themes:

Monday, 6/14	CRAZY Hair Day
Tuesday, 6/15	Sports Day
Wednesday, 6/16	NWES School Color Blue & Gold Day
Thursday, 6/17	CRAZY Hat Day
Friday, 6/18	Pajama Day

Summer Reading Program: Rogers Memorial Library

On Wednesday, June 17, 2009, librarians from Roger Memorial Library presented *Make a Splash with Reading Summer Program and Literature Circle* to let students know about the summer library opportunities.

5th Grade Farewell Movie

Several activities were in place to honor our 5th grade classes as they transition to the middle school. Fifth graders were honored with a special outing to Chunky's to see the animated film, *Toy Story 3* and enjoyed a pizza lunch.

Olympic Day

Olympic Day was celebrated on June 7th. This all day event provided students with a variety of outdoor activities. Grades 3-4-5 participated in Olympic games events from 9-12, while grades 1-2 participated in the afternoon between 1-3. The event was well received by teachers, parents, and students. The event was coordinated by physical education teacher, Kyle Tave. Parent and PTO support was tremendous as volunteers ran activities and gave out ice-pops throughout day.



Grade 1: Olympic Day Classroom AM Activities

On Monday, June 7th Nottingham West held it's Olympic Day. While the first graders waited for their Olympic Day scheduled in the afternoon, first grade teachers (Beth Cadorette, Kelly Garas, Cat Kolar, Kelly McGivern, Kelli Searles-Allen, and Danielle Solari) planned exciting activities during the morning session. Each teacher developed an activity to conduct within their classroom. Once activities were selected the team worked together to create a schedule where the classrooms would rotate and spend half an hour within another teacher's room completing the activities. The activities included: Freeze Dance and Sparkle (a spelling bee type of game), a science themed movie, Geoboards and other Math manipulatives, an Olympic craft activity, Solving Puzzles, and an array of Math based games. This is not the first time the first grade teachers did a rotating schedule of activities. They also rotated for Johnny Appleseed Day, Halloween/Pumpkin Activities, Thanksgiving, Christmas/Winter, and End of the Year/Summer Fun. These rotations gave each teacher a chance to know many of the first graders and offer a helping hand of ideas when needed allowing for a better professional community.



Grade K: Olympic Day

Kindergarten Classes of Mrs. Blackwell and Ms. Stanley's am and pm classes participated in a special field day on the last day of school, June 18th. Students rotated through a variety of fun activities under the direction of P.E. teacher, Kyle Tave. We had lots of parent volunteers on hand to support our young Olympians.

Ice-Cream Social

On June 17th, Nottingham West PTO sponsored "Make your Own Sundaes" from 6:30-8pm. There were lots of PTO members and staff on hand to help students and parents as they came through to support the school!

On-Line Math Superstars

Students in grades K through 5 who participated in the ten week on-line Math Superstars Program were recognized with a medal, a letter sent to the parent, and his/her picture taken.

Stop & Shop's A+ Bonus Bucks Benefits Local Schools

Stop & Shop's A+ Bonus Bucks program is easy to do and comes at no cost to our customers or schools. Nottingham West has been delighted with Stop & Shop's generous support, especially in an era of tight budgets and rising costs. We greatly thank Stop & Shop for their community partnership Nottingham West and applaud Stop and Shop's generosity and the support of our parent participants.

Essentially, all public, private and parochial schools grades K-12 are eligible to participate in the new A+ Bonus Bucks program. It simply requires two things every year:

- 1) a school enrolls in the program a
- 2) a customer with a Stop & Shop card registers and designates up to 3 schools to benefit from their A+ BonusBucks that automatically accrue each month. The key is that both the school and customer must respectively enroll and designate each year.

Music Department

Fourth Grade Recorder Program

Nottingham West held its fifth annual recorder concert "A Little Recorder Music" on June 3rd & 4th. Each fourth grade class presented four songs from the Recorder Karate program. Students also composed parts for the Orff instruments (xylophones) and other percussion instruments to accompany the recorders. After the concert students celebrated their hard work with an honored guest.

All fourth grade students recently completed the Recorder Karate Program. Students learned and performed nine songs to earn different karate belts for their recorder. All students received a certificate of commendation at the end of the recorder program. Students that earned their black belt went on the Recorder Road Show with Ms. Mohring to all the grade 3 classrooms.



Guitar Cafe

Nottingham West held its second annual Guitar Cafe on June 9th & 10th.

Each fifth grade class had their own cafe show and presented 12 songs learned in music class. At the cafe students demonstrated their knowledge of chord and pitches in first position on the guitar. The song list included; "Are You Strumming" "Yellow Submarine", "Solid Rock" and many more! The well attended concert was enjoyed by friends and family. The guitar program is the culminating activity of the fifth grade general music program. This experience creates a

pathway for future instruments and prepares students for the music program at Hudson Memorial.

The Alvirne High School Jazz Band

On June 4th, grade four; five and kindergarten students enjoyed an enthusiastic concert performed by the Alvirne High School Jazz Band. The audience listened and danced to several upbeat tunes such as "Love Shack" and "Hot, Hot, Hot". The concert was a great opportunity for the different grade levels to connect and for elementary students to see experiences in their future music education.



Solar Ovens

Classrooms of Ms. Troup, Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Dillon and Mrs. Mahoney spent a sunny afternoon testing out solar ovens. Students constructed solar ovens from cardboard, aluminum foil, and plexiglas panels. Students cooked items such as hotdogs, shrimp, marshmallows, s' mores, and even tried popping popcorn. The activity was related to the fifth grade unit on energy.

Poetry Sharing- Danielle Solari-Grade 1

Over the course of this school year, Ms. Solari's students kept a poetry folder consisting of poems and songs that coordinated with their science and social studies curriculum and seasonal events and holidays. With each poem that was put into the folder students were asked to look for high frequency words, spelling words, phonics skills, conventions, and other writing skills that supported the 6-traits

writing program. Students loved practicing these poems as a whole class, with a partner, or in their own free time. The poetry folders quickly became a class favorite and students were inspired to write their own poems! Throughout the year different styles of poetry were introduced to the students. As a way to wrap-up the year the students were asked to pick their favorite poem to perform with a partner or small group. The students were also asked to problem solve through this activity to make sure that everyone had a group and a unique poem. Some students asked to perform the poems that they had written on their own. The children spent the next several weeks practicing in school and at home and creating props. On June 16th the students put on a poetry show on the stage for their parents as a fun and exciting way to end our year. They performed several poems as a whole group and broke off into small groups as well. This activity supported all areas of the first grade curriculum throughout the year and allowed the students a fun and creative way to enhance skills and themes. The poetry party was a huge hit and a lot of fun for the students!

Hudson, NH Town Recycling Contest

To promote recycling among students in Hudson, the Hudson Recycling Committee, spearheaded by Frank Rosier, Vice-Chairman of the Hudson Recycling Committee held a slogan contest. There were over 270 entries for the entire district! Nottingham had 96 entrants, excellent. There was one winner from each school and from those 4 an overall winner was chosen and their Slogan will become the Slogan of the Hudson Recycling Committee.

From Nottingham West the winner is Jack Gasdia, Rm 206, second grade. Jack's slogan is "*Hudson, a town to treasure, not to trash*". The overall winner was from Hills Garrison, with the slogan of: *Recycle Everyday and Make the Trash Go Away!*

The class with the most entries was Rm 108 at NWES and they received a popsicle party. Great job!



COWBOYS

Second graders had a Cowboy themed week (the last story in Scott Foresman Reading Series was Cowboys). The second grade team thought that this would be a perfect theme to celebrate the conclusion of the reading series with a "mini" hoedown held in the gym. Throughout the week the students switched classes and were taught by teacher a different cowboy related topics; creating a wanted poster, making a picture frame from sticks and string, playing bingo with our vocabulary words, learned campfire songs and stories, learning two line dances, and finally decorated their own cowboy boot. Students came together to showcase their dances and songs that were learned.



First Grade Life Cycle Enrichment Program

The first grade students recently had an enrichment program come to the school from the Boston Museum of Science to talk about different animal lifecycles, which is a current science topic in all of the first grade classrooms. The presenter brought with him a flat screen projector/TV and went over some important lifecycles that the kids were studying, especially focusing in on frogs. He captivated the kids with realistic pictures and interesting information and even brought in several real frogs in different stages of development for the kids to see, and a turtle too! This enrichment program was enjoyed by students and teachers alike and was a fascinating introduction to our study of lifecycles!

Cheerleading Year long enrichment program

During the 2009-2010 school year, Ms. Danielle Solari organized a weekly cheerleading program, with twenty 2nd grade girls on the team. After seeing how popular the shorter cheerleading enrichment programs were last year, Ms. Solari decided to increase interest and skill level by running a year long program. The girls learned different cheers, stunts, dance, and gymnastic skills throughout the year. Two different performances were planned; one in January and the last in May, so that parents, friends, teachers, and the after school program could come and watch the girls perform. The girls really got to see the importance of being a part of a team! They participated in other events together such as a holiday cookie making party, wearing the NWS cheering T-shirt to school on the same day, and reading to Ms. Solari's first grade class. The program was a HUGE success and the girls really had a great time learning to cheer! ☺

Visit New Hampshire Fair

Ms. Ford's class recently held the first annual "Visit New Hampshire Fair" at NWES. Students researched a famous landmark in the state of New Hampshire and created a 3-dimensional model of their chosen landmark and also made a poster. Locations included Mt. Washington, the Cog Railway, Polar Caves, Strawberry Banke, Ruggles Mine, and various other locations. The class invited other NWES classes to visit their fair and learn about locations around the state of New Hampshire that they could possibly visit this summer. The projects came out amazing, and it truly got students excited about this wonderful state that we live in.

Mrs. Searles-Allen Second Grade Poetry Show

Part of the second grade curriculum is to be exposed to different types of poetry. Mrs. Searles-Allen's class takes home a different poem each week to read to ten different people to help build fluency. On Friday, June 4 the students in room 108 held a poetry show to showcase their chosen poems for their families. The poetry show ran for about 45 minutes. Each student was responsible for presenting two poems. It was never required for them to memorize their poems; however, the majority did and performed that day without their papers or reminders from the teacher. It was thrilling to see these seven and eight year olds



present in front of an audience in a public speaking forum without hesitation. Our classroom also used technology to include a student who could not be there the day of the performance because of major surgery. The class set up the connection with him in his hospital room. He "watched" the show from a seat next to his grandmother (through the laptop camera, of course) and when it was time for him to present his poems, the laptop where he delivered his poems via Skype to the audience was displayed for the class to view. Twice he was able to be part of the whole group reciting a poem and song at the end. This was a great opportunity for not only his family to be part of but also for the classroom community, students, staff, and families alike.



Hats for the Homeless

On Friday, June 11th, Nottingham West held a “Hats for the Homeless” day. This project was inspired by third grader, Carolyn McCrystal, who observed the plight of homeless families and felt the need to help. Students paid \$1.00 for the privilege of wearing their favorite hat in school on that day. \$339.00 was raised and will be donated by Carolyn to support the House of Hope in Lowell. The House of Hope has provided emergency housing and services to hundreds of homeless families since 1985. Thank you, Carolyn, for inspiring our school community by taking action to help others.

Community Service

Mrs. Stanley's 5th grades K helpers logged in 330 hours this year.

Watt Watchers

Nottingham West School is embarking on a student-driven effort to save electricity and money. Joan Troup and a group of fifth grade students will participate in a *Watt Watchers* program. This program is provided by Wilson Educational Services of Meriden, CT, **and is funded by a grant from PSNH**. Participants will learn to apply academic skills to energy problems found in the school. The result will be strengthened academic skills for the students and identified opportunities to reduce energy use. This program has saved thousands of dollars in energy costs in schools throughout the eastern United States.

The *Watt Watchers* program includes a survey of the school and several activities that help students to understand how electricity is wasted and how it can be used more wisely.