

Grinnell Elementary School October ~2011



Where did October go? Time flies when you are having fun. It never gets old walking through the building and seeing our students learning.

October 3-25, our students in grades 3-5 were actively involved in The New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP). This assessment is the result of collaboration among New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Maine to build a set of assessments for grades 3 through 8 to meet the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLBA). The students will be assessed on a broad range of objectives in reading and mathematics and writing in grade 5. Our generous PTA paid for breakfast on the days of testing for whichever grade level was involved. Many of our students took advantage of this.

Your child brought home their first trimester progress report on September 30th and the second one will come home on October 28th. Grade five students also brought home the results of their Science NECAP report from the assessment they took last spring. Students in grades K-5 brought home their academic goal sheets for you to review and sign. This is a great time to look over the information and call the classroom teacher with any questions or concerns you may have.

We had a school assembly in September to celebrate the students who completed the Summer Math Challenge packets and Reading Logs as well as for students who received that month's PIE Award. We will continue to celebrate PIE Awards each month. Students will either receive the Positive Attitude, Improvement, or Effort award (PIE). It was very exciting to hear the wonderful stories each teacher told about the recipients. The students who brought back their summer enrichment packets got \$5.00 gift cards to Barnes and Nobles. This year we gave out 70 gift cards. We can't wait to see how many students participate next summer!

The Gecko Goals continue to be our focus for our building wide behavior management system. Ask your child some ways they can demonstrate being Safe, Respectful, or Responsible throughout the building!

How about the Stanley Cup? What an event that was for our students' and staff. It was extremely exciting to see the faces of our students. For many of us, it was a once in a lifetime opportunity. Thank you to Kelly Herr and Donna Michaud for heading up the contest that brought the Cup here!

In closing, I look forward to spending more time with you and your children!





Notice of Nondiscrimination

The Derry Cooperative School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability in admission to, access to, treatment in, or employment in its programs and activities.

Any student, parent on behalf of their child, or employee who believes that he or she has a disability and thinks that accommodations are necessary to afford an equal opportunity for success, should contact their school Section 504 coordinator.

Grinnell Elementary School

Jeff Haines 432-1238

District Coordinators

Mindy Schuman-Vye 432-1210

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District wide School Security Procedures

Ensuring the safety and security of our students and staff is of critical importance. The school district has been working closely with the Derry Police Department to develop a school security plan that minimizes the risk of unwarranted or inappropriate entry into our schools. We have carefully considered the needs of visitors to our schools after hours and have agreed that, to the extent possible, our main entry doors only will remain open until 6:00 PM. After that time, all areas of the school building that can be secured will be locked, including access to classrooms and corridors. After-school and evening activities will continue as planned and all entrances to the school building will be secured once all activities have been completed and no one will be allowed to enter the building.

Students who return with their parents to pick up missed homework or other

materials may do so prior to 6:00 PM. All visitors must report to the school office before proceeding to any part of the building.

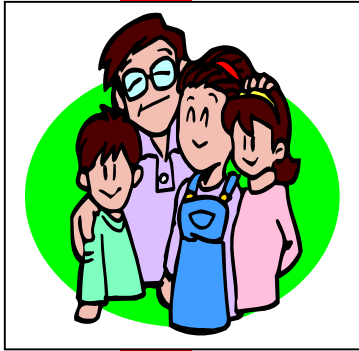
It is possible that on some occasions no one will be available to retrieve items because the school office closes at 4:00 PM daily. Principals and/or other staff may be available between 4:00 and 6:00, but there is no guarantee. Building custodians will not be asked to stop their work to provide access to the building after 6:00. The best possible situation is for your child to make sure they have the materials they need before they leave the building each day. In the event that your child forgets their homework, or materials you may write a note to the teacher explaining the situation the following day. Your cooperation and understanding in this matter will be very much appreciated.



Go Geckos!

Parents Right to Know ~ (Section 1111(h)(6)(A-C))

Title I, Part A of ESEA (*The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*)



Qualifications: At the beginning of each school year, a LEA that receives Title I funds must notify parents of each student attending any Title I school that the parents may request, and that agency will provide the parents on request (and in a timely manner) information regarding the professional qualification of the student's classroom teachers, including at minimum the following:

- ◆ Whether the teacher has met State qualifications for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- ◆ Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other professional status that the State has waived;
- ◆ The degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and
- ◆ Whether the child is provided services by professionals and if so their qualifications.

Additional Information - A school that receives Title I funds **must provide to each individual parent** -

- ◆ Information on the level of achievement the child has made on all state assessments; and
- ◆ Timely notice that the parent's child has been assigned or taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified.

Format - The notice and information provided to parents under this paragraph shall be in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language that the parents can understand.



SCHOOL PHONE

432-1238

SCHOOL FAX

432-8717

SCHOOL NURSE

432-1254

CAFETERIA

421-9025

FIRST STUDENT

BUS COMPANY

432-7417

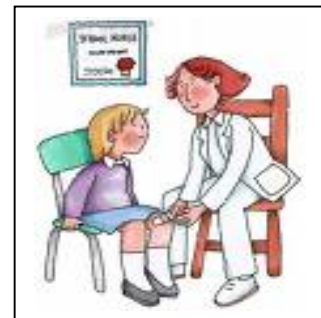
We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.derry.k12.nh.us

Nurse's Corner ~ Lucie Collins

Important Health News



New Hampshire Healthy Kids (NHHK) is a non-profit organization providing low cost or free health care options for uninsured children. Their philosophy is to promote healthy life styles and encourage preventive health and dental care. NHHK works in conjunction with health care facilities, schools, and social service agencies to provide children the care they need to stay healthy, and attend school ready to learn.

If you do not have health insurance for your child, we can help you apply for coverage through NHHK. Please contact Community Health Services (CHS) at 425-2545 and ask for Robin.

You may also call NHHK directly at 1-877-464-2447. Applications may be downloaded from their website www.nhhealthykids.com.

Parents may also contact Maryanne Taylor, School Social Worker, or Lucie Collins, School Nurse, at 434-1254 for assistance.



Cell Phones For Soldiers

We are once again collecting cell phones for soldiers.
Donations can be dropped off in the basket outside the office.

Thank you!

Important Dates:

October

10/3-25 NECAP

Grades 3-5

10/25 Kids' Car Club to Food Pantry

10/28 Progress Reports Go Home

10/31-11/4 Book Fair

November

11/1 Family Night for Book Fair
5:30 pm -7:30 pm

11/3 Title I Family Night

11/8 PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm- 8:00 pm

11/10 *No School
*Parent Teacher
Conferences

11/11 No School
Veterans Day

11/17 PALS

11/23-25 Thanksgiving Recess

Derry Cooperative School District Child Nutrition BREAKFAST PROGRAM



Why Eat Breakfast?

Studies have shown that children who eat breakfast

- *Learn better/ Have improved memory
- *Achieve more
- *Participate in the class more often
- *Have increased attentiveness
- *Behave better

Kick off your child's day with a budget friendly school breakfast that meets the Federal Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

Breakfast Prices

Paid = \$1.25

Students that qualify for reduced status = \$.30
Students that qualify for free status are eligible for breakfast too.



**Child Nutrition Program
Susan Boroska**

Don't forget that if your financial status should change, you can apply for free or reduced lunch status. If you have any questions, please call 421-9025.

