



It's Elementary

November 2017

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Teachers will notify all parents regarding setting up Parent/Teacher Conferences. This is a wonderful opportunity to find out how your child is doing in school and get suggestions to support them at home. There will be two early dismissal dates to assist with this scheduling. On Friday, 11/17 and Thurs. 11/30, all PK-5 students will be dismissed at 10:30 A.M. Please be sure to fill out and return the "Early Dismissal" form that the teacher sends home if you need to change your child's dismissal plans for those days.



The Red Paw Program, now in its **FIFTH YEAR**, is already off to a great start! We have Cornell Men's Hockey players volunteering in elementary classrooms, lunch and recess among various grades. Our students and staff enjoy having them share part of our day. Whether it's help with reading, math, writing, playing at recess, or just chatting at lunch, these positive role models are making a difference in the lives of our students. The hockey players tell us (and others) how much they enjoy their time at Newfield! We are grateful for their continued outstanding commitment to our school community. They have awarded 3 **Red Paw Awards** so far this year to students who exemplify Otter Code of Conduct behavior in being Safe, Caring, Respectful and Being Ready to work their hardest every day at school. Our winners to date are Emma Hsu, Cadren Rumsey, and Gregory Taylor! Tell them congratulations if you see them!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR COMING TO NEWFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THIS DECEMBER! WATCH FOR DETAILS...

REPORT CARDS



Report Cards will be sent home on Friday, November 17th. Please review, sign and return your child's report card envelope to his/her homeroom teacher as soon as possible. Questions regarding your child's progress can be addressed by contacting his/her teacher.

Food Drive:

The Elementary PBIS theme for November is "Citizenship in our Community." To teach this concept, we are asking students (who want) to bring a can, box, pouch or other non-perishable item to school in November. Our Elementary Student Council is coordinating this effort. Donations will be delivered to the Community Good Neighbor Fund food pantry. Watch for details to come!

No School November 10th



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V. Volpicelli,
Principal



November Dates:

11/1-11/17 Food Drive

11/10 Veterans Day observance -NO SCHOOL

11/17 Picture Retakes

11/17 P/T Conferences

10:30 dismissal PK-5

11/17 Report Cards home

11/22-24 NO SCHOOL

11/30 P/T Conferences

10:30 dismissal

DECEMBER DATES:

12/8-12/15 Book Fair!

12/14 Winter Concert—Gr 1,2, & 3 Upper gym @6:30

12/23-1/2/18 NO SCHOOL

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 NO SCHOOL Veterans Day	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Parent/Teacher Conferences 10:30 early dismissal	18
19	20 Kindergarten Family Feast Event 1:30-2:30	21	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25
26	27	28	29	30 Parent/Teacher Conferences 10:30 early dismissal		

Becky Charsky

School Counselor

PBIS Topic of the Month:

A Bully Proof School

Question:

Ask your children about the different types of bully's, and what to do if they are getting bullied.

PBIS Lessons: Grades K & 1



During the K & 1st grade PBIS lessons we created *Bully Bee & Honey Bee* lap books. The lap books compare what bullying verses friendship look like, sound like, and feel like. We talked about how to help and/or get help if someone is being bullied.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

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PBIS Lessons: Grades 2 & 3



During the 2nd & 3rd grade PBIS lessons we defined bullying behavior. Students learned the HA HA SO strategies to use if they are being bullied and C A R E S strategies to assist and prevent bullying.

PBIS Lessons: Grades 4 & 5



During the 4th & 5th grade PBIS lessons we defined the different types of bullying. Students learned the HA HA SO strategies to use if they are being bullied and C A R E S strategies to assist and prevent bullying.

NEXT MONTH: CITIZENSHIP

Reminder:

While we are not assigning “traditional homework,” we are asking that **students** read nightly for at least 15 minutes. This time can include reading that you do together, or even if you are reading aloud to your child. It is also fine to tell your child an unknown word if he/she is struggling to read it. We want this to be an enjoyable time for your family. Please see the attached fact sheet. These 15 minutes per day can make such a difference for your child. Thank you for your support.

Read Aloud
15 MINUTES
Every child. Every parent. Every day.



More than one in three children arrive at kindergarten without the skills necessary for lifetime learning.

Research shows that reading aloud is the single most important thing you can do to help a child prepare for reading and learning.

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

The number of words that a child knows on entering kindergarten is a key predictor of his or her future success.

LITERACY SKILL BUILDING

Vocabulary, Phonics, Fluency with the printed word, Storytelling, Comprehension. Reading aloud builds literacy skills.

INSTILL A LOVE OF READING

Your example demonstrates that reading is important, pleasurable and valued.

WHY READ ALOUD?

BRAIN DEVELOPMENT

From birth to age 3 are critical years in the development of language skills.

KNOWLEDGE GAINED & SHARED

Books are a pleasure, yes, and they are also informative. You and your child can learn something new as you read aloud.

BONDING

Is anything better than sharing a good book?

More than 15% of young children, 3.1 million, are read to by family members fewer than three times a week.

DON'T GOOD PARENTS ALREADY READ ALOUD DAILY? NO

Only 48% of young children in this country are read to each day.

Reading 15 minutes every day for 5 years:
27,375 MINUTES

IS 15 MINUTES ENOUGH TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE? YES!

456.25 HOURS

