

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Feb. 2
End of Marking Period
Grades 1-5
- Feb. 6 - 10
IOWAS GRADE 1
- Feb. 10
Sweetheart Dance
7:00 - 8:30 pm
- Feb 14
Valentine Day Cookies
Delivered
- Feb. 14
Market Day Pick-up 6:00 pm
- Feb. 15
PTO Meeting 7:00 pm
- Feb. 16
End of Marking Period
for Kindergarten
- Feb. 17
Progress Reports
Distributed Grades 1-5
- Feb. 20
SCHOOL CLOSED
President's Day
- Feb. 21—27
COGATS Grade 2

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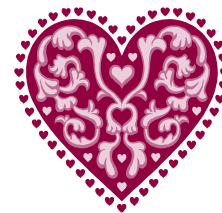
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Principal's Message...



Dear Parents/Guardians:

The end of the second marking period is Thursday, February 2, 2012. Progress Reports will be distributed on Friday, February 17, 2012. Please review them with your children and continue to encourage them to do their *Personal Best* every day. We all applaud their good work and encourage them to continue to work on areas needing improvement.

Our C.A.R.E.S. Behavior system has given students an opportunity to be recognized for demonstrating essential social/emotional skills; cooperation, positive attitude, respect, empathy and safety. Thank you, to all students in our school, who have demonstrated these skills and continue to exhibit C.A.R.E.S. behavior!

I am also grateful for the continued support and commitment of our Schweitzer parents. Our strong, collaborative relationship is imperative to your child's success.

In closing, February is American Heart Month. We hope you will discuss with your children the importance of eating a heart-healthy diet and getting at least 30 minutes of exercise per day!

Sincerely,
Ms. Kathleen Brewster
Principal

High School Students Give Back to Albert

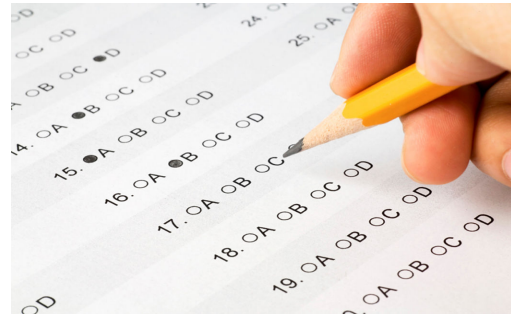
Students from Mrs. Macauley's Family and Consumer Science class at the High School made fabric "book caddies" for students in Ms. Supowitz's and Mrs. Deeny's classrooms.

The book caddies, which slide over the back of the students' chairs to hold their reading books, were constructed from colorful children's fabric purchased through grant funding.

A "BIG" thank you is extended to Mrs. Macauley and her students at the high school for their beautiful work!



IOWA & COGAT TESTING



All first grade students will be taking the IOWA Tests of Basic Skills the week of **February 6th**. The testing will occur in the morning, so please do your best to have your children to school on time and well rested. Make-ups will be given the week of **February 13th** for any child that is out sick during the testing window.

The purpose of IOWA testing:

- To help determine the extent to which individual students have the background and skills needed to deal successfully with the academic aspects of an instructional program or a planned instructional sequence
- To estimate the general developmental level of students
- To identify the areas of greatest and least development to use in planning individual instruction for early classroom intervention
- To identify students that may be eligible for testing for the academic enrichment program

The results of the IOWA testing will be sent home sometime in April.

Valentine's Day Conversation Heart

Once again we will be holding a Cookie Valentine Fundraiser for our students.

Parents can order a "5" heart-shaped cookie containing a personalized message.

The cost of a cookie is \$3.50

Our order deadline is
February 6, 2012

Delivery is February 14, 2012

All proceeds benefit our school and the
Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure.



Cafeteria News

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

Please remember the cafeteria provides a hot breakfast daily with milk and juice for only \$1.00



Neshaminy "Takes Pride"

The "TAKES PRIDE" theme for the month of February is "**PERSEVERANCE.**" "Perseverance" is continued effort, usually over a long period of time, in spite of any setbacks, discouragement or defeats. People who demonstrate "perseverance" persist in reaching a goal no matter how long it takes or how many failures they encounter.

GLOBAL CONNECT...Important Information Update

Our automated dialing system called Global Connect is up and running. This system provides a unified method for contacting families and staff members instantly in the event of weather-related closings, unexpected circumstances, or to share important information.

Global Connect has been set up to leave messages on the home telephone number and/or the Audio Response Number (if you registered online). The system will make two attempts to leave a message. If a live person does not pick up after the 2nd try, a message will be left on the answering machine/service.



Please be sure to keep our school office updated with any changes/additions of telephone numbers related to your household, work or cell. If you prefer that messages are left on your cell phone number, please contact the office to have the home/main number changed to your cell number.

Global Connect messages are sent out as a courtesy. Therefore, please be sure to continue to utilize other resources for weather-related closings, such as our school website www.neshaminy.org or the Neshaminy Channel on your television. Thank you.



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GROUNDHOG DAY



We're on the Web!
www.neshaminy.k12.pa.us

Groundhog Day is an annual holiday celebrated on February 2 in the United States and Canada. According to folklore, if a groundhog emerging from its burrow on this day fails to see its shadow, it will leave the burrow, signifying that winter will soon end. If on the other hand, the groundhog sees its shadow, the groundhog will supposedly retreat into its burrow, and winter will continue for six more weeks. Looks like we are in for 6 more weeks of winter!!!

PEST MANAGEMENT NOTIFICATION



The Neshaminy School District uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for managing insects, rodents and weeds. Our goal is to protect every student from pesticide exposure by using an IPM approach to pest management. Our IPM approach focuses on making the school building and grounds an unfavorable habitat for these pests by removing food and water sources and eliminating their hiding and breeding places. We accomplish this through routine cleaning and maintenance. We routinely monitor the school building and grounds to detect any pests that are present. The pest monitoring team consists of our building, office, and teaching staff and includes our students. Pest sightings are reported to our IPM contractor who evaluates the "pest problem" and determines the appropriate pest management techniques to address the problem. The techniques can include increased sanitation, modifying storage practices, sealing entry points, physically removing the pest, etc.

From time to time, it may be necessary to use pesticides registered by the Environmental Protection Agency to manage a pest problem. A pesticide will only be used when necessary, and will not be routinely applied. When a pesticide is necessary, the school will try to use the least toxic product that is effective. Applications will be made only when unauthorized persons do not have access to the area(s) being treated. The Schedule for all Neshaminy School District monthly IPM services will be posted in all Main Office sites throughout the year.

Staff and parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school may request prior notification of specific pesticide applications made at the school. To receive notification, you must be placed on the school's notification registry. If you would like to be placed on this registry please send a letter to the Neshaminy School District Facilities Department, 1700A Woodbourne Road, Levittown, PA 19056.

If a pesticide application must be made to control an emergency pest problem, notice will be provided via the Neshaminy School District web site, Neshaminy TV channel and postings in the site's Main Office. Exemptions to this notification include disinfectants and antimicrobial products; self-containerized baits placed in areas not accessible to students, and gel type baits placed in cracks, crevices or voids; and swimming pool maintenance chemicals. If you have any questions, please contact the Facilities Office at 215-809-6250.