



# Nottingham Elementary

# NEWS

December 2007

## COMING UP AT NOTTINGHAM

- Nov. 26 Classes resume at regular time
- Dec. 7 PEP screenings (appt. only)
- Dec. 11 PTO meeting, EWE, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 12 Early dismissal, 1:15 p.m.
- Dec. 13 Board of Education meeting, EMS library, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 15 Santa Shop opens at 8 a.m.
- Dec. 18 Student winter break begins at 2 p.m.
- Dec. 19 Teacher work day. Schools close for holidays at 2 p.m.

## Brrrrrr.....

All students should begin to bring their winter coats, hats and gloves to school. It's always better to have the supplies here than leave them at home and feel the wrath of the winter weather. We have some winter gear – especially winter hats – in the office to give away for students who need assistance, but the supply is limited. If you are in need of an item or two, please inquire in the office.

Unless the weather is considered unsafe, we will still be using the playground for recess during the colder months. A better time can be had when the proper amount of clothing is applied and utilized!

Be sure to label your child's coats, sweaters or other layers of clothing that may be discarded during the day. We have an overflowing pile of lost and found items at the school. Unidentified or unclaimed items are donated regularly to an appreciative organization. By labeling them, we can make the attempt to return the "lost" item to its rightful owner prior to sharing it with others.



## Word of the Week!



We are expanding our vocabulary! Every week, we will focus on a new word. Here are the words for each week of next two months:

- Nov. 26 Destination
- Dec. 3 Inquire
- Dec. 10 Ecstatic
- Dec. 17 Vocabulary review

## A message from the principal

Let's start with a big THANKS to everyone who attended fall conferences at Nottingham this year. Thanks a bunch for taking the time and for being an integral part of your child's education. It is a team effort between the school staff, the students and the home environment for learning to take place. Your attendance at conferences is only one way that you can involve yourself in education.

Kindergarten had 100% parent participation – that's just outstanding! First grade had 98.4% participation and second grade followed with 93.2%. These are great numbers, but I encourage everyone to attend conferences or communicate with teachers and staff. Open communication is a huge part of this process!

As weather is getting colder, some new procedures and recommendations will be in place in our school. Take a look at the back of this month's newsletter to make sure you and your student are on track for a great winter!

One thing for parents to keep in mind about toys and trading cards: We ask that you not allow your young people to bring toys and trading cards to school. There have been some incidents where someone might be playing with toys instead of listening or doing their work. There are other times when trading of different types of cards is taking place in classrooms, in the hallways, outside at recess and even in the restrooms. I don't discourage the collection of these items, but I believe it's best if they're left at home!

Finally, an update on the passage of the school bond on Nov. 6. Thanks to all who played a part in this success! There will be a number of things put in motion in the near future and we'll share as much information as possible throughout the process. The new elementary school will have a huge educational impact for all of the students now at Nottingham, and all of those who will follow! Here's looking toward the future!

– Jim Lauer

## Morning arrival at school

As the weather is turning cooler, it appears that some are running a little later than usual! The school day begins at 8:10 a.m. Students arriving after the 8:10 bell are considered tardy. Students that are tardy disrupt the learning environment that is created for and by the students who arrive on time. Again I ask you to make the effort to have your student(s) at school on time. It would be GREATLY appreciated.

For those arriving before 8 a.m., we will have the children wait in the gym from now on, throughout the winter months. This is a time for them to sit quietly and read a book or work quietly on math facts. The students should bring a book with them to read, or their flashcards to practice with, during their

time in the gym.

The doors open for students to enter the gym at 7:40 a.m., which is also the time the breakfast doors open for business. Students eating breakfast will enter the gym through the lunchroom and join their classmates there to wait.

When the 8 a.m. bell rings, the staff members will release everyone to their rooms. First grade classes will exit the building through the lunchroom and go directly to their classroom. PEP, kindergarten and second grade students will be dismissed by the supervisors down the appropriate hallways.



## Did you know?

- **Yearbook sales** at NES will continue until Feb. 28. Students may choose the regular yearbook for \$11.25, or the personalized cover with the child's name and photo for \$16. Personalized orders will not be accepted after the Feb. 28 deadline. Please stop by the office to pick up an order form. Yearbooks will arrive in May.
- **Outside recess** will be the routine for most days, even on days when some might think it is cold. Please have your young people properly attired with coats, hats and gloves. Fresh air revives minds and attitudes, and the chance to run and climb makes the classroom time much more effective. We will go outdoors if at all possible.
- **Special thanks** go to Steve at Eudora Dairy Queen and Bill & Robyn at Simple Simon's for sponsoring our classes of the month programs at NES. Everyone involved enjoys the awards and rewards for their class being chosen! August/September classes of the month were **Miss Seeman's first grade** (DQ) and **Miss Adams' first grade** (Simple Simons). October/November DQ class of the month was **Miss Meyer's kindergarten**; and October Class of the Month from Simple Simons was **Mrs. Grado's first grade**. Congratulations!
- Congratulations to kindergarten teacher, Mandy Meyer, for being chosen as the Teacher of the Month for November. The entire staff had the opportunity to vote for any staff member they felt deserved this award. There were more than a dozen teachers nominated by the staff which shows that we have a super staff throughout the building! She received an award basket from the Eudora Chamber of Commerce, and the staff enjoyed treats donated by Madame Hatter's. Again, congratulations to Miss Meyer. For more information, look on the school district's website or the *Eudora News*.

## WOW WINNERS

Nottingham students earn WOW slips from teachers and staff by doing extraordinary work or demonstrating good manners. At the end of each week, the office draws from all of the WOW slips to select winners to receive a certificate and a candy bar.

Here are recent winners:

Sept. 14	Samantha Gregory
Sept. 21	Maci Thomas
Sept. 28	Jonathan Mosley
Oct. 5	Joseph Thompson
Oct. 5	Caden Willits
Oct. 12	Alyssa Lackner
Oct. 18	Chloe Hernandez
Oct. 24	Corey Newman
Nov. 2	Julia Smith
Nov. 9	Craig Williams