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Important Dates

December 3

PTA Meeting
NNS Lounge - 3:45pm

December 10

Practice for Concert
NMHS at 9:00am

December 11

K-2 Holiday Concert
NMHS - 6:00pm
(Performers - 5:45pm)

December 19

Teacher Inservice Day
NO SCHOOL

December 22 - Jan 2

Christmas Break
NO SCHOOL



Principal Points

Happy Holidays!

I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and are able to enjoy some restful time with your children over this weekend. It's a busy time of year so it's always nice to take time to relax and enjoy.

It is a joy for me to see your students every day and watch them as they learn new skills. As I visit classrooms I see students mastering new concepts and happily engaged in their learning. It is that time of year when we are able to showcase our students in grades K-2 as they perform in the winter concert on Thursday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. They have been practicing hard and are ready to put on a great show. The concert is less than an hour so please plan to stay for the entire show rather than gather your student during the performance. We have been working on audience etiquette this year with our students so this is an excellent opportunity to reinforce that.

It was nice to see some families represented at the Math Night for Parents held in the beginning of the month. Our school goal is focused on improving math capabilities in our students so these opportunities will continue. One of the identified Key Factors of Academic Success for students is successfully completing Algebra as an 8th grader. Your students are still very young but we are intent on laying the groundwork to make that goal a reality as they get older.



Caleb and Patrick from Mrs. Baker's class showed their catapults off to their Study Buddies, Dalton and Caleb.

Another one of our school goals involves increasing our attendance rate. Research is very clear that consistent school attendance is associated with academic success. Regular school attendance provides a student the opportunity to feel connected to the school community.

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In that regard, we will be implementing an additional incentive at NNS. We already reward students each quarter for perfect attendance with an Excellent Attendance certificate and recognition. In addition to that we will have an Outstanding Attendance award for those students who have only missed one day of school per quarter. This aligns directly with our school attendance goal of 96%. If you have questions about this or are interested in more information regarding our school goals I would be happy to discuss that with you.

Thank you for all that you do to help your child be successful at school. Your support as parents is so very important. I wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Margaret



NO SCHOOL
Dec. 19 - Jan. 2

Please make sure your child has
hats, boots, snowpants & gloves!



K - 2nd Grade
HOLIDAY CONCERT
December 11th at 6:00pm
(Presenters arrive at 5:45pm)
Nikiski Mid/High Auditorium