

NO SCHOOL – NOV. 2-ALL STUDENTS

NEW HAMPSHIRE ESTATES ELEMENTARY *THE PRINCIPAL'S POST*

Jane Litchko - Principal
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2 - NOVEMBER 6

NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH - NOV. 1-30
CAREER DEVELOPMENT MONTH - NOV. 1-30
American Education Week
National Children's Book Week

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2:

- **NO SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3:

- Morning coffee with Jennifer and Linkages – “8:30-10:00 AM – “Gang Awareness/Prevention”
- First Grade field trip to Woodend Sanctuary – 10:15-11:15 AM – Bradley, Holder, Matthew Thomas
- After School Programs begin for students who received **confirmation letters**
- PTA Executive Board -

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4:

- First Grade field trip to Woodend Sanctuary – 10:15-11:15 AM – Harvey, Silverman, Remensnyder

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6:

*** AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS: Thank you for expressing an interest in the NHE after school programs. Space was limited and selections were made of a first come basis. If your child was selected to participate you should have received an orange letter to confirm their participation. All clubs will begin on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 3:15.

*** **EARLY RELEASE DAYS: On November 11 and 12, and November 25 students will be released at 12:30 PM.**

There will be NO HEAD START OR PRE-K on Nov. 11 and, 12.

***SALLY FOSTER: Thanks to everyone who turned in their Sally Foster order packets on time last week; you have all worked so hard to help raise money for our school! If you are still holding on to your order, please get it in as soon as possible. Any orders handed in after October 30 will be delivered late. Sally Foster delivery day is Nov. 11; cookie dough delivery day is Nov. 20.

*** PARENT CONFERENCES: **Teachers will be meeting with parents on November 11TH** from 1-8:00 PM. Conferences are usually 15-20 minutes long. This is a short time to discuss your child's progress, so it is important that you arrive on time and are prepared with any questions you may have for the teacher. Report cards will be given out at the conferences or sent home this week.

*** PARENTS VISITING THE SCHOOL: Many times parents would like to visit their child's classroom during the school day. To make this the best possible visit and to insure that instruction is not interrupted, we are asking the parents to please do the following:

- If you are a parent of a student in grades K-2, please contact your child's teacher before the visit to arrange a time and date with the teacher. This way the teacher can plan for your visit and still not interrupt her/his lesson. You can either call the school or write a note to request a visit and the teacher will get back to you.
- Head Start parents must sign in the office after 8:40 AM to visit the classes. Before 8:40 AM – please get a badge from the staff member in the hallway by the gym door entrance.

Please understand that visiting a teacher just before school begins or during bus dismissal time can be a problem for teachers as they are either preparing their classroom for that day's lessons or concentrating on getting the children to the buses on time. The office staff is prepared to help you with emergency situations.

A conference with your child's teacher can also be arranged ahead of time by writing a note or calling the teacher at school and leaving a message.

*** REMINDER: As the weather gets colder and more students are absent due to illness, it becomes even more important to have parents call and report the absence by phone to the office. You may call the school's answering machine at 301-431-7607 and leave a message. If you know the evening before that your child will be absent, please call the machine that evening. It will save you from having to remember in the morning and it will help our secretaries immensely. Thank you.

*** SCHOOL CLOSINGS DUE TO WEATHER: Now that we are moving into winter, please be alert to days when school may be closed, delayed, or dismissed early due to snow or ice. Announcements about the closing of school, delayed opening or early dismissal are made each day on regular radio and television stations. They are also announced on the MCPS Cable Channel 60. MCPS will now also be making an announcement over the Internet at <http://www.schools-out.com> for those of you using computers. Thank you.

*** HAVE YOU LOST IT? WE HAVE FOUND IT: We have a lot of lost and found items already in our Lost and Found bin. Stop by anytime to take a look. We will also spread out the items on Parent Conference night so you can see if you find your child's items. When you send your child/children to school, please take the time to write their names in articles of clothing especially, coats. This way, we can return lost items right away.