

NEW HAMPSHIRE ESTATES ELEMENTARY
THE PRINCIPAL'S POST

Jane Litchko - Principal
WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7 - SEPTEMBER 11

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7: LABOR DAY
Holiday – Relax and enjoy. NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8:

- Parent Coffee with Jennifer DeLorge – 8:30-10:30 AM – “Meet Ms. DeLorge and learn about the new community health center”
- **HEAD START/PRE-K Bus riders will begin on Tuesday, September 8th. They will not attend Wednesday because we have to stagger our first days.**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9:

- **HEAD START/PRE K Walkers will begin Wednesday September the 9th**
- **Back to School Night – Grades HS and 1st – 6:30– 8:00 PM**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10:

- **ALL HEAD START/ PRE-K STUDENTS will attend Thursday and Friday.**
- **Back to School Night – Grades K and 2nd – 6:30 – 8:00 PM**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11:

*** GREAT START TO THE YEAR: It was a wonderful beginning and great to see so many of our students happy and ready to learn. My thanks to the parents who were cooperative and helpful and sent their children off with smiles. Because of the wonderful preparation last year and ELO – our students came to school knowing the routines, knowing their skills and ready to learn. Thanks for all you are doing to help make this a great year for all.

*** YELLOW INFORMATION SHEETS AND LUNCH FORMS: Please, please, please – return your lunch forms (one per family listing ALL the children) and yellow emergency forms immediately for each child attending NHE. If you need help filling out these forms call Jennifer DeLorge at 301-431-7607.

*** **FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH:** On October 1 all students will be dropped from the program if they have not been re-approved for this year. If you have NOT turned in a new form for your child/children please get your form in now. If you need help completing the form, just bring it to school and we will help you. You only need to fill in one form for your entire family.

*** SENDING MONEY TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD: In order to help us direct the money to the right place, when you send money to school, please put your child's name and what the money is to be used for somewhere on the money or on an envelope. Examples might be: field trip money, lunch money, kindergarten snack money, PTA fundraiser, etc.

*** **NO SCHOOL – MONDAY–SEPT. 28 – YOM KIPPUR**

***** BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS ARE EARLIER THIS YEAR:**

You are invited to meet your child's teacher and other staff at NHE on our Back to School Nights. Also you may visit tables set up by our Parent Teacher Association, School Nurse and the new Health Center Staff, and Linkages to Learning

Dates for Back to School Nights:

Wednesday, September 9, 2009: PreK-Head Start and 1st Grade

Thursday, September 10, 2009: Kindergarten and 2nd Grade

***** OUR NEW HEALTH CENTER:** We are happy to announce the opening of our new Linkages to Learning School Based Health Center. We are located in the front of the building on the right of the school. The Linkages to Learning staff are located in the center. In addition we will offer free health services to all children, regardless of insurance, at New Hampshire Estates and Oak View Elementary schools. Enrollment forms will be sent home this week. Please stop by and visit us.

Niki George, RN - School Nurse

***** IMPORTANT ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL INFORMATION:**

- This year again, all walking and car riding students will be dismissed in the gym and out to the sidewalk near the gym. Please **DO NOT** take your child until your child has said 'good bye' to the teacher and the teacher has seen you there. It really helps when the person picking up your child knows the child's name, the teacher's name and the grade level.
- Please **do not drop off your child before 8:30 AM**, as we do not have staff available in the morning to watch your child. This year, students will go directly from the bus or walking to the classrooms at 8:30 AM. They will no longer line up in the hallway or in the gym in the morning. Please have your child walked through the doors by the gym – then if you want to visit the school – please come around to the front door and go to the office.
- The doors open at 8:30 AM and students are dismissed to class at 8:30 AM for breakfast.
- Please do not park in the parking lot and walk in to drop off your child. We do have a drop off lane with staff to help your child. We only have enough spaces for the staff in the morning so dropping off your child will really help us.
- Please remember that students are dismissed at 3:00 PM and the buses leave the school at 3:05 PM. It is important that whoever is picking up your child, be on time.

***** MORNING COFFEE WITH MS. DELORGE AND LINKAGES:** Coffees will again be held on **TUESDAY mornings** - 8:30-10 Morning Coffee Come – Come and meet our Parent Coordinator, Linkages staff, our Head Start family worker, counselor and the ESOL Vietnamese Parent Outreach Specialist. Morning Coffee is an informal get together for parents to meet each other, talk about issues related to parenting and learn more about New Hampshire Estates ES. The coffee will be in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

***** SCHOOL SAFETY:** Parents are beginning to volunteer again and we are all so happy to have your help. We also have parents in the building for many other reasons. Please make sure that you check into the office, sign in, get a badge, and then sign out each time you enter the building. This is for the safety of your child and the staff and I would very much appreciate your help with this matter.

***** SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES:** It is a State law that students' must bring in a note from their parents' when returning to school after being absent. Please call the school office, 301-431-7607 to let us know if your child will be absent for the day. If you do not call, we will call you.

*** BIRTHDAY PARTIES: Before you plan anything, please:

- Contact the teacher before you plan the birthday treat.
- All food must be 'store bought' – this is a county regulation.
- Limit the food to a small treat and a drink.
- Sign into the office before going to the classroom.
- No parties in the cafeteria.

*** SALLY FOSTER FUND RAISER: COOKIES!! The annual Sally Foster wrapping paper sale has something NEW this year: cookie dough! Among the flavors to be available for sale are chocolate chip, peanut butter, M&Ms, sugar, oatmeal raisin and snickerdoodle. Each kind is available either proportioned, for those who want their cookies fast, or easy-scoop tub, for those who enjoy spending time cooking in the kitchen with their children. Some FREE SAMPLES of CHOCOLATE CHIP and WHITE CHOCOLATE MACADAMIA NUT will be available at back-to-school nights. And for those of you who look forward to wrapping paper, ribbons and bows, all of that and more will still be available from Sally Foster. So when those envelopes come home with your kids, be sure to open them up and see what's new this year! There's something for everyone!

***H1N1: Letters were sent home this week with information about the H1N1 procedures and free inoculation for students. If you would like your child to participate and get the inoculation please return the permission slip in the packet to your child's teacher.

***DEVELOPING OUR SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL PLAN:

All schools develop or revise a School Improvement Plan (SIP) each school year. Our school is currently drafting the SIP by examining data collected from student assessments and parent and staff surveys. This data is used to determine where we will focus our efforts to enhance and improve instruction based on the needs of our students, staff, and parents; to allocate resources; and to plan parent and staff training. Parents are an important and vital part of the SIP process. We welcome your participation on our team so that your ideas and suggestions can be incorporated into our school's plan. To be part of our SIP team, please contact *Jane Litchko* at 301-431-7607.

Desarrollando el SIP

Cada ciclo escolar, todas las escuelas desarrollan o modifican un Plan de Mejoramiento de la Escuela (SIP). Nuestra escuela actualmente está desarrollando su SIP y examinando los datos obtenidos mediante las evaluaciones de estudiantes y las encuestas de padres y de la facultad. Estos datos serán utilizados para determinar dónde enfocaremos nuestros esfuerzos para enriquecer y mejorar la instrucción, basado en las necesidades de nuestros estudiantes, nuestra facultad y los padres; para asignar recursos; y para planear el entrenamiento de los padres y la facultad. Los padres son una parte vital e importante del proceso SIP. Agradecemos su participación en nuestro equipo, para que sus ideas y sugerencias puedan ser incorporadas en el plan de nuestra escuela. Para ser parte del equipo SIP, por favor llame a *Jane Litchko* al 301-431-7607.

*** This week's writing sample is from Grade 2: