



# The Nutshell



November 9, 2009

## Dates to Remember

- Nov 13 Parents Night Out
- Nov 14 PBH Kick-off Party
- Nov 18 OCC boxes due
- Nov 20 Pizza Day
- Nov 23-27 **Thanksgiving Break**
- Dec 3 Christmas Program (K-2<sup>nd</sup>)

## News and Notes . . .

. . . **Operation Christmas Child** ("OCC") boxes are due back next Wednesday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. Notes came home with each child last week with a suggested item to bring.

. . . **Lost and Found.** Our lost and found closet is starting to overflow with coats, sweatshirts and the like. If your child is missing any items please stop in to see if they have been found.

. . . **Devotions** this week will focus on two different paths – Wisdom and Folly. Next week will be "Thankful" week, centering around Hebrews 12:28. As always, you are more than welcome to join us for this time.

### \*\*\* LUNCH DUTY \*\*\*

Each grade has been assigned a week to provide volunteers (2 per day) to serve lunch. Please note the open dates below and consider contacting the office if you can help fill them in. Feel free to sign up even if it is not the week for your child's grade.

- Nov 9 Driskell/Harrison
- Nov 10 Sauder/Varenkamp
- Nov 11 Need 2 (K)**
- Nov 12 Haworth/Sauder
- Nov 13 Need 1 (K)/Duncan**
- Nov 16 Gill/Vargas
- Nov 17 Paez/Sauder
- Nov 18 Gill/McKeehan
- Nov 19 Need 1 (Pre-K)/Haworth**
- Nov 30 Need 1 (5th)/Driskell**
- Dec 1 Need 1 (5th)/Sauder**
- Dec 2 Need 2 (5<sup>th</sup>)**
- Dec 3 Need 1 (5<sup>th</sup>)/Palmer**
- Dec 4 Need 2 (5<sup>th</sup>)**

## Powered by Hope Party Kicks Off 2010 Race

Stacey Perry and Amanda McKeehan want you to know more about New Hope's half-marathon team, Powered by Hope ("PBH"). But, shhh, it's also a great excuse for a party!

Leave the kids at home and join us on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. to hear all of the exciting details about this year's PBH team, along with alumni testimonials, and a chance to see our new video.

Stacey says, "Even if you've never thought about walking or running a half-marathon before, and even if you have no intentions of doing so, dare us to try and change your mind!"

Best of all, enjoy chatting with friends old and new while you enjoy some festive desserts at the McKeehan's home here in Franklin. This event is for both PBH alumni and those considering participating for the first time.

And please don't hesitate to bring a guest! Sign up with a friend, spouse, or family member who is a first-time Powered by Hope team member, and we'll pay the Country Music Marathon registration fee for one of you.

Please RSVP to Stacey Perry if you plan to attend (bradandstaceyperry@yahoo.com)

Powered by Hope training kicks off on Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Runners and walkers of ALL levels are welcome.

## Let 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sweeten Your Thanksgiving

Stressed spelled backwards is desserts. Coincidence? I think not! ~Author Unknown

Don't get stressed, get desserts from the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class. We want to make your Thanksgiving holiday low on stress and filled with great desserts to serve to guests, take to a friend's house, or use as a surprise "thank you".

We will have Simone's cheesecake with raspberry topping, delicious pumpkin cake, fabulous carrot cake, yummy apple pie, irresistible chocolate pie, and the all new double layer pumpkin pie.

All desserts can be frozen to use later in the week for Thanksgiving. Cheesecake is \$12, all other options are \$10.

Use this Nutshell article as your order form by circling the dessert you would like with quantity, writing your name & grade on it and sending it in an envelope with payment.

Orders need to be turned in by **Monday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>** and your dessert will be ready for pick up on Friday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Christmas Program Scheduled for Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>

The 2009 New Hope Christmas Program will be presented by Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades on Thursday evening, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Please mark your calendar and make sure your child can be here – every child is an important part of the program!

Children need to arrive no later than 6:15 and gather in the K/Pre-K wing to line up for the program.

Children need to be dressed up in "church clothes" and shoes they can stand comfortably in during the program. The program will be in the NHA library. The library gets warm with so many of us in there, so dress your child accordingly – it is hard to perform well when they get too hot!

## Parents Night Out Opportunity Friday

The 6<sup>th</sup> Graders are doing a Parent's Night Out **THIS FRIDAY**, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 9:30. It is for kids from ages 1 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. They will serve light snacks. Cost is \$10/child with \$25 max per family. Look for details in your child's folder this week.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Joe P. Race Produces Fun and Funds

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Joe P. Rally Run was a huge success. It was a very rainy and cold day but just as the gun went off at the start of the race, the rain ceased and there was blue sky between the gray clouds.

### Where Did the Orange Cones Come From?

Hopefully you noticed the addition of the orange cones in the morning drop-off line. The cones were set up to encourage drivers to not pass stopped vehicles and cut in further up the line. That practice is not safe and is not worth saving a minute or two (at most) in the morning.

Also, please remember a few other things during the morning delivery hour:

First, please have children exit your vehicle along the curb next to the sidewalk. Children should never be dropped off in the far outside lane.

Second, if you must get out of the car, please use the outside lane, go all the way through to the parking lot, and park your vehicle in a non-handicap space (unless appropriate), to let your child out there.

Third, please do not stop along the curb between the front of the building and the parking lot entrance. It really jams up the traffic trying to exit and is not safe.

### Using Amazon.com? Go Through NHA First!

If you plan on using Amazon.com for your Christmas shopping (or any shopping for that matter). Please log onto the NHA website first ([www.nhafranklin.org](http://www.nhafranklin.org)). Click on "Invest", then the scroll down to "The Amazon Connection." A couple of clicks will take you right to the Amazon.com website and you can go on with your shopping.

By taking these few extra steps (less than a minute) Amazon will donate 5-7% of your purchase back to New Hope Academy. It's quick, it's easy, and it doesn't cost you a penny extra.

Among the 210 runners were New Hope's own Andy Haworth and Katrina Armstrong (along with their moms). Mrs. Blue, Mrs. Fontenot, and Mrs. Lane dressed up as "skittles" and won the female "dress up" contest.

The race brought in over \$22,500. This money will go to the pediatric brain cancer research department at St. Jude. Thank you NHA for your support! Plan on joining us next year!

### Great Clips Supports New Hope Academy

At the Great Clips on Hwy. 96W and Downs Blvd, next to Walgreens, you can get quality service for all your family members and support New Hope's 6th graders at the same time.

Any time you visit in the next few months, fill out the "Support Your School" card and have your stylist sign it before dropping it in the box. Owner Pete Gilreath will generously donate \$1 per cut to New Hope Academy for the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip.

Be sure to spread the word...Great idea, great service, great price...Great Clips!

### Choir and Percussion Groups Rock On in 2009-10

If you walk into school early some mornings or hang out in the hallways after school on certain afternoons, don't be surprised to hear some rhythmic melodies emanating from the music room.

The extracurricular choir and percussion groups, which Mrs. Boone launched last year, have really grown.

Last year, the two music groups (choir and percussion) served **32** different students, six of whom were in both groups.

This year, with the growth of numbers in both original groups (22 in percussion, 30 in choir), and the addition of a *second* percussion group (12 members), a total of **53** different students are involved, with 11 in both choir and percussion!

### Student Prayer Warriors

Each student is assigned a day to pray for our school. Of course we always encourage you to pray with your child, but please make extra effort to join your child in praying for NHA on their assigned day. The prayer warriors for Nov 10-30 are:

Nov 10	Andy Haworth
Nov 11	Christian Haworth
Nov 12	Noah Haworth
Nov 13	Ian Haynes
Nov 14	Lauren Hays
Nov 15	Taylor Hays
Nov 16	Blake Henke
Nov 17	Angel Hernandez
Nov 18	Samuel Hernandez
Nov 19	Jalyn Hicks
Nov 20	Tamera Hill
Nov 21	Tauri Hill
Nov 22	Jordan Hord
Nov 23	Grant Houser
Nov 24	Katie Houser
Nov 25	Stephen Houser
Nov 26	Keyla Hoyos
Nov 27	Ivy Huesmann
Nov 28	Tyrus Jackson
Nov 29	Gavin Johnsen
Nov 30	Donovan Johnson

To put that into perspective, only 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade may participate in elective music classes. There are a total of 92 students in these grades – well over 50% participation!

To top it all off, they sound great too! Watch for future dates when the groups will be performing and be sure not to miss.

### Prayer Corner

Weekly parent prayer meetings for New Hope are held on Wednesdays from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the prayer room in the NHA library.

Yanira Ocasio leads this prayer time. Anyone is welcome to come and pray for our students, faculty, and staff during that time.