



# The Nutshell



October 27, 2009

## Dates to Remember

- Oct 28 Vision Screening (Pre-K/K)
- Oct 30 Pizza Day
- Nov 2 Open House
- Nov 6 **Noon Dismissal**
- Nov 23-27 **Thanksgiving Break**

## Prospective Families Open House Next Week

It is never too early to begin thinking about admissions for next year. Next Monday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be hosting our third annual open house. The goal for the evening is to help tell more and more families about New Hope Academy. This open house will primarily be for families interested in our school for the 2010-11 school year.

As parents and friends of students at New Hope, we need your help getting the word out about NHA. It is interesting that many people drive by New Hope, but not many of them know about the school. Our goal is to change that.

The open house will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end around 7:30. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please invite them or ask them to contact the office.

## A Few Seats Are Still Available for 2009-10

Total enrollment for the 2009-10 school year is currently at 208 students, which means we are 95% full. What a praise! Every year we usually have a few students who join us mid-year. The grades that currently have openings are as follows:

There are several ways that you can help out.

First, please invite your friends and neighbors to come learn about New Hope Academy that evening. The event starts at 6:00 p.m. The first 30 to 45 minutes will feature one parent and one teacher giving their perspective about the school. Mr. Tutler will also give a general history and overview and will then answer questions before releasing the attendees for tours to finish out the evening.

- Kindergarten 1 opening
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 4 openings
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 2 openings
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 6 openings

If you know anyone with children in the grades noted above, please consider inviting them to check out New Hope Academy. They can come to the open house (see above) or call the office for an individual appointment.

Speaking of tours, this leads us to the next way you can help out. We need a few parents to help guide these tours. Please contact Mr. Tutler if you can help.

## YMCA Basketball

### Teams Forming Now

The Franklin YMCA has once again invited NHA kids to play on basketball teams this winter. Teams are available for both boys and girls of all New Hope ages. **Coaches are needed too!** Games start in January, but **sign-ups are this week.** If you have not already done so, please stop by the office and fill out an application ASAP if you would like your child to play. Do NOT turn it in directly to the YMCA.

Finally, if any current parents would like to help with some light refreshments or with welcoming prospective parents please contact Kathy Sauder at 791-9792 or [pksauder@comcast.net](mailto:pksauder@comcast.net).

NHA is a pioneering school that brings together a love for Christ Jesus; a promise of excellent classical education; committed focus on whole-child development through caring, academic mentoring; a vision for connected community where students and families form meaningful relationships across economic, racial and cultural differences, and a foundation to begin the process of combating the roots of inequality, race-based separation and class-oriented isolation – all of this to the glorification of our Lord and Savior.

Cost is \$73, but some scholarships are available so please don't let a lack of funds deter you if your child is interested in playing. If anyone is interested in "sponsoring" another NHA student please let Mr. Sauder know as well.

## News and Notes . . .

. . . **Excused Absences.** If your child's absence from school meets the criteria for an "Excused Absence", you must submit a written note to the front office for the absence to be recorded as Excused. Excused absences are outlined on the bottom of page 2 of the Parent/Student handbook.

. . . **Date for Christmas Program** for Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades is **Thursday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>**. The last issue of *The Nutshell* listed the right day of the week, but the wrong date. Sorry for the confusion.

. . . **Operation Christmas Child** boxes will be available for students to fill again this year. Information will be sent home next week and the filled boxes are due back Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>.

### \*\*\* 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.

- Oct 27 **Need 1** (2<sup>nd</sup>)/Sauder
- Oct 28 Elwood/Koellein
- Oct 29 Fontenot/Jones
- Nov 2 **Need 2** (1<sup>st</sup>)
- Nov 3 **Need 1** (1<sup>st</sup>)/Sauder
- Nov 4 **Need 1** (1<sup>st</sup>)/Koellein
- Nov 5 **Need 2** (1<sup>st</sup>)
- Nov 9 Driskell/Harrison
- Nov 10 Sauder/Varenkamp
- Nov 11 **Need 1** (K)/Beck
- Nov 12 **Need 2** (K)
- Nov 13 Duncan/Caston

## Devotions: More than Just Singing a Few Songs

Most of you have attended devotions in the morning at New Hope at one time or another. However, some of you may not realize it, but devotions each morning is actually part of the overall New Hope curriculum. There is a specific "road map" of topics that we cover throughout the year and this map changes from year to year as well.

We just finished up our study of the Apostles' Creed last week. This morning special guest (and former New Hope teacher) Alison Fontenot kicked off our "Treasure Hunt" series, which is based on Proverbs and will run through next spring. The topic for this week is "Truth is a Treasure", followed next week by "Proverbial Wisdom."

Also, because devotions are philosophically part of the curriculum, we consider it important for children to attend the devotional time each morning just like any other class. For this reason

## Box Tops Add Up to \$\$\$ for New Hope Academy

Thank you to everyone who has been cutting out "Box Tops for Education" credits from your grocery products and sending them in with your students. We have collected over \$130 so far this year!

If you're not already doing so, please look for this symbol on products you buy every day. Clip the credits from the box and have your student drop them off in the office. Thanks!



## Inaugural 5K Joe P. Run/Walk will be Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>

This fundraiser is in honor of Mrs. Peabody's grandson, Joseph Peabody, who in 2007 at age 3 was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor. He died in 2008 the day after he turned 4. The Rally Foundation does such an amazing job of raising money which goes towards pediatric cancer research. Allen and Gillian Peabody, the parents of Joseph, have decided to have the money raised from this event to go specifically towards pediatric brain cancer research.

we stress the importance of getting the kids to school on time each morning. Please help us and your child by getting up a few minutes earlier and getting them here so they can be IN THEIR CLASSROOM (not just getting out of the car) before the bell rings at 8:00.

Parents are, of course always welcome and encouraged to come and partake in devotions as well.

## Is My Child Too Sick to Come to School?

The cold and flu season seems to have started early this year. With that in mind, please consider the following guidelines about sending your child to school if they aren't feeling well:

**Fever.** The child should remain at home with a temperature equal to or greater than 100.4 °F. The child can return to school after he/she has been fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine (Tylenol, Advil, etc.).

**Colds.** Consider keeping your child at home if he/she is experiencing discomfort from cold symptoms, such as nasal congestion and cough. A continuous green discharge from the nose may be a sign of infection.

**Diarrhea/Vomiting.** A child should stay at home and return to school only after being symptom-free for 24 hours.

**Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye).** Following a diagnosis, the child may return to school 24 hours after the first dose of prescribed medication.

This event takes place October 31<sup>st</sup> at Nashville's Centennial Park. Registration begins at 6:00 a.m. The race starts at 7:30. Registration is \$25 (or \$30 on race day). The goal is to raise \$25,000!

If you are interested in participating, making a donation, or having your business be a sponsor, you can go to [www.joeprallyrun.com](http://www.joeprallyrun.com) to find out more about the event and to sign up.

If a child wants to participate, his or her parents have to participate as well.

## 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 Oct 28-Nov 9 are:

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| Oct 28 | Edith Grayson     |
| Oct 29 | Ellen Grayson     |
| Oct 30 | Katherine Grayson |
| Oct 31 | Liam Grayson      |
| Nov 1  | Callie Grow       |
| Nov 2  | Ethan Grow        |
| Nov 3  | Truvell Haddox    |
| Nov 4  | Zavion Haddox     |
| Nov 5  | Garrison Harold   |
| Nov 6  | Langston Harold   |
| Nov 7  | Cara Harrison     |
| Nov 8  | Devon Harrison    |
| Nov 9  | Katie Hathaway    |

## Interested in Helping to Plan the Book Fair?

The 2010 Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for Feb 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. While that may seem like a long ways off, planning needs to begin soon.

To that end, Mrs. Grow has scheduled two convenient times for anyone interested in helping to plan next February's event – Thursday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the library (after ACORN finishes up) and Friday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the library.

1<sup>st</sup> Grade will again be in charge of helping with the family night dinner, but the rest of the week's events are wide open, so please plan to come to one of these meetings if you are interested.

## 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.