



The Nutshell



September 28, 2009

Dates to Remember

- Oct 1 Gentry Farm
- Oct 3 Duck Race (11:30am-2:00pm)
- Oct 9 Red Road visits New Hope
- Oct 9 **Noon Dismissal**
- Oct 12 Report Cards go home
- Oct 13 **No School** (P/T Conferences)
- Oct 16 **No School** (Fall Break)

Annual Gentry Farm Outing this Thursday

The Gentry Farm school-wide family field trip is this **Thursday, Oct. 1st from 4:00-6:30 p.m.** If you need help getting your child to the farm by 4:00, please let your teacher know as soon as possible so we can try to help find a ride.

For those that are new to the school, Gentry Farm is a working farm that has numerous barns with activities, a corn maze, hayrides, and pumpkins. It is a wonderful setting for us to fellowship together while enjoying God's blessings on a prayerfully beautiful fall afternoon.

You should have already turned in your RSVP last week. This information was needed to know how many pumpkins to order and to determine the hayride schedule. If you did not RSVP come anyways, but your child might not get a pumpkin and you may not be able to get on a hayride.

Speaking of the hayride schedule, your family has been assigned an approximate time for the hayride. Please try to honor this time to help things run smoothly.

There will be no food on the trip. However, everyone is encouraged to trek over to Chick-fil-A afterwards (see "News and Notes").

Also, there is a sign-up sheet in each classroom for at least 3 families from each class to bring one dozen small bottles of water.

As of press time, ten of our 16 classrooms still had open slots (Hopper, Blue, Schrodt, Walsh, Green, Ezell, Peabody, Ring, Cochran and Mrs. Goodwin). If your child is in one of these classes, please consider signing up to bring water. The 4th Grade parents will collect the water on Wednesday and ice it down for the trip.

To get to Gentry Farm take Hwy 96 west. Cross Downs Blvd and continue approximately 1.5 miles. The entrance to the farm will be on your right, across the street from Westhaven.

Please contact Ms. Davis at 595-0324 or rdavis@nhafranklin.org if you have any other questions. Otherwise, we'll see you at the farm!

News and Notes . . .

. . . **Come to Chick-Fil-A** for dinner after Gentry Farm and mention you are from NHA. If we get 100 people there that night they will give 10% of their proceeds for the evening back to NHA. Coupons are available in the office.

. . . **Creative Writing Club** is starting back up. It is open to 4th, 5th and 6th Graders and meets on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 in Ms. Darnell's room. The Club starts on October 20th, so get your permission slips back to Ms. Darnell if you are interested.

. . . **Box Tops** for Education. Watch for "Box Tops for Education" credits on items that you regularly purchase and bring them in to the office. We collected \$50 worth last week!

*** 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.

- Sep 29 Sauder/Gambler
- Sep 30 **Need 1 (Pre-K)**/Paez
- Oct 1 Kreider/Haworth
- Oct 2 Harold/Duncan
- Oct 5 **Need 1 (5th)**/Haworth
- Oct 6 Sauder/Gambler
- Oct 7 **Need 1 (5th)**/Tjornhom
- Oct 8 **Need 1 (5th)**/Palmer
- Oct 12 **Need 1 (4th)**/Driskell
- Oct 14 Cundall/Haworth
- Oct 15 Elwood/Elwood

Food 2 Families Food Drive Kicks Off at NHA

The kickoff for this year's "Food 2 Families" food drive is next Wednesday, Oct 7th. Anne Holt from News2 will be here for the pep rally in the library at 11:00 a.m.

Right now it looks like the classroom that brings in the most food at New Hope will get:

- 16 tickets to Nashville Predators Game (date TBA)
- \$100 dollars cash
- 16 coupons for Adventure Science Center

Also, one classroom from all 30 participating schools has a chance to attend a taping of the "Bridgestone Titans on 2 with Jeff Fisher Show."

3rd Annual Duck Race Saturday at Pinkerton

If you hear some quacking at New Hope this week it's probably the 10,000 rubber ducks that are restlessly waiting in the south hallway for their annual Harpeth River swim next Saturday.

The Franklin Duck Race festivities will begin Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at Pinkerton Park. The ducks will be dropped into the river at 12:30 p.m. We need to make a BIG push to sell tickets this week!!! **Tickets can also be purchased the day of the race.**

Please note that this year the City has asked for spectators to **stay off the walking bridge** during the race. There will be security there, but please cooperate with them in this regard.

Be sure to invite your friends and family to come for the carnival, too. There will be food for sale by the 6th Graders and fun (and free) games for the kids. The events will wrap up at 2:30 p.m.

Check Out All That 6th Grade Has to Offer

Mums Beautify Your Home AND Benefit 6th Grade

Please don't forget to order your mums before Thursday each week. You may pick them up on Friday mornings in front of NHA. 8" pots are \$7 and 12" pots are \$15. They come in yellow, red, rust and lavender. Make checks payable to New Hope Academy and write "mums" on the memo line. You can drop your check or cash off in the office with your order. Contact Lori Beck (591-8733, 397-0973 or lbeck95@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

Grab a Cup of Joe to Go on Fridays After Devotions

Are you a fan of really good coffee? If so, then don't waste your time picking up a cup of Starbucks on the way to school on Friday mornings. Instead, stay for devotions and get some hot, freshly brewed Abba Java coffee on the way out.

Celebrate and Support with Yummy CAPITAL CAKES

Next time your child has a birthday book (or for any special occasion) rather than rush around to Kroger or Publix to get a class treat, just call and get a homemade "Capital Cake" from Gretchen Thomas. You can choose from: several cake designs, cupcakes, mini cupcakes, or cookie pizzas. The \$20 price includes delivery to the school on the day of your child's birthday book with a pack of napkins so you can just relax and enjoy the celebration.

Franklin Police Swarm to New Hope Academy

Last Monday, Franklin's police department displayed its rapid response ability as five squad cars pulled up to our front door in the middle of the day.

An officer came in and informed us that they had received about twenty 911 calls from a cell phone at this location. They were able to discern that the phone did not have cell service and that it was likely a child using it as a toy.

The officer was exactly right. One of our younger students had brought it to

Gretchen says that it would be a pleasure to *serve* you in this way while you get to *celebrate* without stress, and *support* the 6th grade "capital" trip as well. Please call her at 477-3388, at least one week in advance, to order.

Donate Items for Garage Sale Coming Up Oct 10th

The first sale a few weeks ago was such a success that a second sale is in the works for next month. The sale was originally going to occur last Saturday, but has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 10th, so you still have time to clean out your closets and attics and donate your no-longer-needed stuff for the sale.

They are taking gently used toys, books, furniture or clothes, etc. Bring smaller items to the school on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Larger items can be taken directly to the Beck home. Contact Lori Beck for directions or if you have any other questions.

Critter Skitter Entertains, Educates 4th Graders

4th Grade held its third annual Critter Skitter race last Friday and it was a raucous success. The race hosted insects and arachnids of every shape and size.

Mr. Goodwin and Ms. Darnell would like to announce that the finalists for the 2009 Critter Skitter were Luxavia Moise's daddylonglegs and Lindsey Sauder's wolf spider. This year's champion was Lindsey's wolf spider, Wolfy.

school and was playing with it at recess with several friends.

Parents, please be aware that there is really no need to send cell phones or any other electronic devices to school with your child (of any age). Whether the device is functional or not, the students are not supposed to have them out or use them during the school day.

If you have any questions about this policy, please see Mr. Tutler or Mr. Sauder.

Student Prayer Warriors

Each student has been 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 September 29 – October 12 are:

Sep 29	Zania Cole
Sep 30	Christian Collins
Oct 1	Sam Cropper
Oct 2	Tay Crowder
Oct 3	Alex Cundall
Oct 4	Lauren Cundall
Oct 5	Alyicia Deonarine
Oct 6	Lakota Dodging Horse
Oct 7	Zachary Dooley
Oct 8	Audrey Driskell
Oct 9	Judith Duncan
Oct 10	Rueben Duncan
Oct 11	Solomon Duncan
Oct 12	Lily Ellis

Because of the speed at which the spider finished the race, an investigation was opened to look into this extraordinary performance.

After research, our investigators concluded that the spider has been under strict "training" for 3 weeks. Nothing illegal has occurred so the results are final.

Thanks to all our competitors. It was a grim day for some, a day of celebration for others. **Congratulations, Wolfy and Lindsey!**

And yes, all bugs were set free after the race.

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.