



The Nutshell



September 26, 2011

Dates to Remember

- Sep 30 Pizza Day
- Oct 6 Gentry Farm
- Oct 6 NHA night @ Chick-fil-A
- Oct 7 Noon Dismissal
- Oct 12 PT-Conferences (**No School**)
- Oct 17-18 Fall Break (**No School**)
- Oct 19 Picture Retakes
- Oct 22 Saturday School
- Oct 24 **No School**

Annual Gentry Farm Outing Next Thursday

The Gentry Farm school-wide family field trip is coming up next **Thursday, Oct. 6th from 4:00-6:30 p.m.**

For those of you 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 received a sign-up form last week. Please turn in your RSVP by the end of this week. We need this information to know how many pumpkins to order. If you do not RSVP come anyway, but just know your child might not get a pumpkin.

This year we are going to try "open" hayrides, as opposed to assigned times as in previous years. There will be 4 hayrides available on a first come first serve basis. They will run every 20 minutes; 4:20, 4:40, 5:00, and 5:20. Each hayride holds 100 people so if everyone waits till the end there is the potential for unhappy children!

There will be no food on the trip. There will, however, be a sign-up sheet in each classroom for at least 2 families

from each class to bring one dozen **small** bottles of water to school by next Wednesday (Oct. 5th). The 4th grade parents will collect the water, ice it down and bring it to the field trip. They are also in charge of cleaning up afterwards at the farm, but if everyone helps by throwing their bottles away then clean up should be a breeze.

Directions to the farm will be sent home next week. If you think you might need help getting your child to the farm by 4:00 and have not already made arrangements, please contact your teacher so we can help find a ride.

Please contact Ms. Davis at 595-0324 or rdavis@nhafranklin.org if you have any other questions. Otherwise, be sure to mark your calendars for this fun family event!

News and Notes . . .

. . . **Used Guitars.** Our afterschool guitar students are looking for some used guitars that they could take home to practice on during the week. Please contact Mrs. Boone if you know of any that are available.

. . . **NHA Moms** interested in playing Ultimate Frisbee should come to Jim Warren Park (next to skate park) on Tuesday mornings from 8:45-9:45. Contact Kim Hays, Stacey Perry or Andrea Summerville with any questions.

*** LUNCH DUTY ***

We have this week covered (YEA!!!) but have a few openings for the following weeks. Please take a look at your calendar and contact the office if you can help fill in any of the open slots listed below.

- Sep 26 White / White
- Sep 27 Haworth / Haworth
- Sep 28 Stovall / Mayhew
- Sep 29 James / Redington
- Sep 30 Pizza Day
- Oct 3 White / White
- Oct 4 Hostetter / Haworth
- Oct 5 **Need 2 (5th)**
- Oct 6 **Need 1 (5th) / Schiebe**
- Oct 7 **No Lunch (1/2 day)**
- Oct 10 White / White
- Oct 11 **Need 1 (4th) / Haworth**
- Oct 12 No School
- Oct 13 **Need 1 (4th) / Schiebe**
- Oct 14 **Need 2 (4th)**

Reminder on Arriving Late or Leaving Early

We understand that there will be days when you just can't get your kids to school on time. They need to be in their classroom when the bell rings at 8:01, so if you arrive after 7:59, please park in the lot and come into the office to sign in your child. Starting this week, if the bell has rung **we will not dismiss your child to class until they are signed in.**

Also, if you wish to pick up your child early, please come to the office before 2:45. If you arrive after that you will need to wait until the regular 3:00 dismissal time. You are welcome to call ahead and let us know you are on your way, but we will not call your child out of class until you arrive in the office.

Come to Chick-fil-A After Gentry Farm

Wondering what to do for dinner after Gentry Farm next Thursday night? How about keeping the party going by bringing the family over to Chick-fil-A on **Columbia Avenue**?

This will be our first NHA Family Night of the year at Chick-fil-A. Those of you that participated in previous years can testify that it was a great chance for the kids to hang out while the parents got a chance to catch up as well.

The best part is that Chick-fil-A will donate part of the proceeds from that night to the 4th Grade class at New Hope for their monastery field trip later in the year.

Please note that we have moved this event to the Columbia Avenue store, NOT the Cool Springs location where it was in previous years.

Come any time after 5:00 p.m. (Gentry Farm ends at 6:30) and **be sure to tell them you are with New Hope.**

See you there! And remember, "Eat more chikin!"

NHA Golf Classic Only 4 Weeks Away!

The inaugural New Hope Academy Golf Classic will be held Monday, October 24th at the Westhaven Golf Club. The 6th Grade class is organizing the event to raise money for the end of the year Washington D.C field trip. The class needs to raise over \$20,000 so that all the students in the class can go regardless of ability to pay.

It promises to be a top-notch event with prizes awarded in 3 flights, breakfast provided by Merridees, lunch from Red Pony/55 South, dessert by Ivey Cakes and all-day service from our 6th grade students.

The primary way money will be raised for the trip is through sponsorships. The 6th grade students are prepared to make a brief presentation about New Hope, their trip and the Golf Classic to any area businesses or organizations who might be interested in being a sponsor or providing prizes.

This is where you can help! If you have any such companies to refer, please contact Pat Sauder (psauder@nhafranklin.org) or Mitch White (mitch@moosemgt.com).

The class is also planning to auction off celebrities to golf with the teams. We have at least three celebrities confirmed already, but if you know of any "big names" who may be willing to give time for this event (politicians, professional athletes or coaches, musicians etc.) please contact Pat or Mitch as well.

If you want to play, register soon as there is a discount for those signed up by September 30th. Spots are filling up quickly. Registration and sponsorship information for the Golf Classic is on the New Hope Academy website at www.nhafranklin.org/events. Please share the link with your friends. If you are a New Hope friend on Facebook feel free to "like" the event and share with your friends as well.

Thank You for Helping Make Yard Sale Succeed

The 6th Graders would like to thank everyone who donated items to the yard sale they held recently, as well as the one held over the summer. Between the two events they raised over \$2,800 toward their trip to D.C. – that's 3 more students that are now paid for!!!

Is My Child Too Sick to Come to School?

Sometimes the answer to this question is obvious. Other times, not so much. Our school policy is that a child should be symptom-free for 24 hours before they return to school. Symptom-free means they have not presented any of the following:

- Fever over 100.4° (without use of medicine)
- Vomiting or diarrhea

This list is not all-inclusive. If you are in doubt, please don't hesitate to call the office. We want your child in class, but we don't want them or everyone else to be miserable.

Critter Skitter Entertains, Educates 4th Graders

Despite the rain which forced activities indoors, the 4th Grade class held its fifth annual Critter Skitter race last Friday morning. 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 2011 Critter Skitter were two daddy longlegs brought by Hannah Dyson and Hadyn Tjornhom, and a field cricket brought by Charlie Koellein. Hadyn's

daddy longlegs outscrambled the other two bugs to claim the 2011 title of fastest critter.

This year was also notable in the fact that there were no fatalities among the competitors. All of the bugs were turned loose in Mrs. Peabody's classroom after the race . . . just kidding – they were freed outside.

Thanks to all our competitors and congratulations to Hadyn for finding the fastest bug.

Student Prayer Warriors

Each student is assigned a day to pray for our school. 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 Sep 27-Oct 10 are:

Sep 27	Marilyn Quiroz
Sep 28	Bryan Ramirez
Sep 29	Natalie Ramirez
Sep 30	Walker Reaves
Oct 1	Nylah Reddick
Oct 2	Sean Reddick
Oct 3	Zion Redington
Oct 4	Samuel Robertson
Oct 5	Naniya Robinson
Oct 6	Jackson Sanford
Oct 7	Kayla Sanford
Oct 8	Jack Sauder
Oct 9	Lindsey Sauder
Oct 10	Bella Rae Seiler

3rd Graders Do Dyer, Scan Celestial Sights

The 3rd Graders had an amazing field trip to Dyer Observatory last Thursday, Sep. 22nd. They were able to look at the sun through a special telescope and see a very large prominence and a few sun spots. Then they put on special glasses that allowed them to look directly at the sun. It was amazing!

Visit the observatory's web site at www.dyer.vanderbilt.edu, and see when they are offering family nights. This is a great place to take your family to look at the night sky!

Prayer Corner

Parent prayer meetings for New Hope academy will be held on Wednesdays this year from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the prayer room in the NHA library.

If you would like to pray at another time during the week with other parents, please let the office know so we can get the word out.

The prayer room is always open. Feel free to come alone or bring some friends and use it any other time as well.