



The Nutshell



August 17, 2009

Dates to Remember

Aug 17 Hot Lunch Program begins
Aug 28 Pizza Day
Aug 28-29 6th Grade Yard Sale
Sep 7 Labor Day (No School)
Sep 12 Family Picnic (5 p.m.)

New Hope Kicks Off Another School Year

After a flurry of last minute preparations, New Hope Academy's 14th school year started off in fine fashion last Wednesday morning.

The 2009-10 student body currently consists of 208 students. There are a few openings sprinkled throughout the various classes which hopefully may be filled throughout the year.

The students currently enrolled come from 127 different families, including 15 families that are sending one of their children to NHA for the first time.

Speaking of new people, there are a few new faces in the classrooms, as well. Ms. Emily Ring has taken the place of Mrs. Wilson 3rd Grade, and Mrs. Katie Schrodt is the new kindergarten teacher, replacing Mrs. Fontenot.

Along with the new teachers, we've also added a new face in the office. Mrs. Dori Canady is our new office manager, replacing Mrs. McCorpin.

Be sure to introduce yourself to each of these newcomers and welcome them to the NHA community as you get the opportunity.

News and Notes . . .

. . . **Vote for NHA** in Christie Cookie's "Favorite Charity" contest. Go to this link <http://www.ilovechristiecookies.com/contest/form.asp> and vote once for each e-mail address you have. We could win up to \$10,000!

. . . **New NHA License Plates** are here, and they look great! Bring your old plate with the acorn logo to the office and we'll give you one of the new ones. If you don't have an old plate, come to the office and we'll give you a new one anyways (as long as you promise to put it on your car).

. . . **Front Office Needs** include plastic baggies, white-out, and Kleenexes. If anyone has some spare supplies of these items and would like to donate them to New Hope that would be great!

. . . **Help Wanted** to submit Every School Every Day information to the Williamson A.M. If you are interested in helping with this for 1-2 hours once or twice a month, please contact Pat Sauder in the office (595-0324 x224 or psauder@nhafranklin.org).

. . . **Amazon.com** donates to NHA a portion of any purchases you make **IF** you go through the link on the NHA website. Go to www.nhafranklin.org, click on "Invest" then "Amazon Connection – learn more" and you will go right to the Amazon.com website where you can continue shopping. Up to 7% of your purchase will be rebated to New Hope!

. . . **Missing Carpool #108.** If you received this in your parent folder, please return it to the office.

P.E. Uniforms Not Used in 2009-10

Mrs. Washington has already gotten busy getting our students fit and active as P.E. began last Thursday.

In case you missed it, there has been a change to our P.E. uniform policy this year. Students will NOT be wearing a separate uniform for P.E., but rather should wear their regular NHA uniform each day of the week.

However, Mrs. Washington does ask that the students WEAR TENNIS SHOES on P.E. days if at all possible. They can either wear them to school all day or bring a pair just to change into for P.E. if they would rather.

NHA Carpool Protocol

You should have gotten the full rundown on drop-off/pick-up procedure in your Parent Information Folder, which was given out at the parent meeting last week. In the meantime, remember to always make a loop around the circle, never leave your car parked along the curb, and please have patience, as this first week or so is often a bit hectic until everyone gets used to the drill. Thanks!

6th Grade Needs Your Stuff for D.C. Yard Sale

The 6th Graders will be holding a yard sale on August 28-29 from 8:00a.m. to noon each day at the home of Doug and Lori Beck (109 Yorktown Drive). Proceeds go toward the class trip to Washington next spring.

If you have any items to contribute to the sale, you can drop them off at the school on Wednesdays and Thursdays or take them directly to the Beck's home. Contact Lori with any questions (591-8733 or lbeck95@comcast.net).

Get Involved at NHA

PVC (Parent Volunteer Community) exists to come along side the teachers and staff in carrying out New Hope's mission. Parents are welcome, wanted and needed.

Please take a look at the Parent Volunteer form that was included in the folder you received at the Parent Meeting last Thursday and return it to the office to indicate how you might like to get involved. Also, please read your classroom newsletters and *The Nutshell* throughout the year for more ways in which you can help. E-mails will occasionally be sent, too.

Right now parents can help primarily with (a) the Duck Race, (b) serving lunch, and (c) various classroom tasks for each teacher.

If you would like to help and don't know where or how to get connected, please contact Kathy Sauder at 791-9792 or pk Sauder@comcast.net.

How Do I Get a Hot Lunch for My Child?

The format for getting a hot lunch will basically be the same as last year. A menu will be sent home with your child before the start of each month to help you choose which days you want him or her to eat a school lunch and which days you want them to bring their lunch from home.

The menu lists the meals for the month and is also available on our website at (www.nhafranklin.org). Occasionally the menu may be changed at the last minute but we will try to stick to the posted menu as much as possible.

We are again asking that you prepay for your student's lunches by paying in advance for a block of 5 or more meals. The cost will remain at \$3.50. If you qualify for the Reduced Lunch Program the cost will remain at \$0.40 per meal.

Lunchtime is a Great Time to Help at NHA

The lunch serving process will run very much similar to last year, which means we will once again need lots of parent help.

We have no paid lunch coordinators this year. Instead, we are looking for five (or more) people who can volunteer one day each week to be the lead lunch worker. Hours are 11:00 to 1:00 and basically require following a checklist to ensure everything is set up before the students come through the line, serve lunch, and then clean up afterwards.

Additionally, we need one daily volunteer to help set up, serve, and clean up lunch from 11:15 to 12:45 each day. 5th Grade parents are responsible for providing volunteers this week. (August 17th), 4th Grade parents the next week (August 24th), and so on. Please see the schedule in your parent information folder that you received at the parent meeting. You can also watch the front page of *The Nutshell* for a reminder when the assigned week for your student's grade is getting close.

Please sign up in the office if you are willing to cover any date this semester or would like to be a weekly volunteer.

We will keep an account for each student, track the meals they eat each week, and deduct the meals eaten from their paid balance. After that, parents can send in additional payments whenever your family's account balance gets low. You do not need to make separate payments for each child.

If you think you might qualify for the **Free Lunch Program** and have not already turned in an application, please do so. For those that have already applied, I will be sending out notices this week to inform you whether or not you qualify.

If you do qualify, then your student will automatically be able to eat lunch any day they wish at no charge.

The only exception to this process is Pizza Day, which occurs once a month (usually the last Friday). Students **MUST** pre-order if they want pizza that day. If not, they **MUST** bring a lunch from home.

Duck Race Plans Swimming Along Rapidly

NHA is holding its 4th annual Duck Race on the Harpeth River on October 3rd, and we need everyone to get involved. The idea is to "sell" rubber ducks, or more accurately tickets to sponsor the ducks, which will then be dumped into the Harpeth in Pinkerton Park. Prizes will be awarded to the sponsors of the first dozen or so ducks that cross the finish line.

Prizes currently include an electric scooter, Titans' and Predators' tickets, weekend getaway packages, gift certificates and more.

The Duck Race is the primary parent-led fundraising activity. Over the past few years this event has really blossomed into a community event, including games, booths, entertainment and concessions. The hope is that it will be even bigger this year and will be another opportunity to put New Hope's faces and message on display in our community.

Parents can help in the following ways:

- Sell tickets in local storefronts on Saturdays in 2-hour shifts, beginning August 22nd.

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 August 18-31 are:

- Aug 18 Von'Tavion Alexander
- Aug 19 Ayen Alier
- Aug 20 Levi Allen
- Aug 21 Caleb Allingham
- Aug 22 Eden Allingham
- Aug 23 Elijah Allingham
- Aug 24 Lily Anderson
- Aug 25 Ty Anderson
- Aug 26 Katrina Armstrong
- Aug 27 Diamond Battle
- Aug 28 Lina Beach
- Aug 29 Alex Beck
- Aug 30 Meredith Beck
- Aug 31 Siarra Beckley

- Be involved with your grade's game/activity booth for the carnival at the Duck Race.
- Help count the tickets on Thursdays of each week in order to announce which grade sold the most tickets that week.

If you missed the sign-up sheet at last week's parent meeting but would like to be involved, it's still not too late.

Contact Emily Vaden at emilyvaden@bellsouth.net or 517-4092, or check in the office if you are interested.

Prayer Corner

The first parent prayer meeting for New Hope will be held this Wednesday (August 20) from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the prayer room in the NHA library.

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

By the way, the prayer room is always open. If Wednesday afternoons do not work for you, please feel free to use it any other time as well.