



# The Nutshell



August 29, 2011

## Dates to Remember

- Sep 5 Labor Day (No School)
- Sep 10 School Picnic (5:00 p.m.)
- Sep 14 Picture Day

## News and Notes . . .

. . . **When Arriving after 7:59** please remember you must park in the lot (not along the curb) and come into the office to sign in before your child can go to class.

. . . **Advanced Percussion** class starts tomorrow (Tuesday) morning at **7:15 a.m.** for those that have already signed up.

. . . **Afterschool Choir** begins on Monday, Sep. 12<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more information and registration forms to come home later this week.

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

We are still recruiting weekly volunteers to serve lunch. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays are covered, but if you are interested in covering one of the other days on a regular basis, please contact the office. In the meantime, someone from your grade may be calling to "recruit" you to help out one day in the next few weeks. Volunteers for the coming weeks are shown below.

- Aug 29 White / White
- Aug 30 Varenkamp / Haworth
- Aug 31 **Need 1 (3<sup>rd</sup>)** / Duncan
- Sep 1 **Need 1 (3<sup>rd</sup>)** / Scheibe
- Sep 2 **Need 1 (3<sup>rd</sup>)** / Mendez
- Sep 5 No School
- Sep 6 **Need 1 (2<sup>nd</sup>)** / Haworth
- Sep 7 **Need 2 (2<sup>nd</sup>)**
- Sep 8 **Need 1 (2<sup>nd</sup>)** / Scheibe
- Sep 9 **Need 2 (2<sup>nd</sup>)**
- Sep 12 White / White
- Sep 13 **Need 1 (1<sup>st</sup>)** / Haworth
- Sep 14 **Need 2 (1<sup>st</sup>)**
- Sep 15 **Need 1 (1<sup>st</sup>)** / Scheibe
- Sep 16 **Need 2 (1<sup>st</sup>)**

## Annual School Picnic Set for Sep. 10<sup>th</sup>

After a one-year hiatus the annual school picnic is returning! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, Sep. 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** This fun family event will be held right here on the front lawn of NHA.

The purpose of the picnic is to bring NHA families together. There will be food, music, games and other activities to allow families to interact.

NHA will take care of the main dish and paper products. Parents are asked to provide the sides and desserts. The following is a suggested list of what you can bring:

- Pre-K** 12-16 sandwich buns
- K** 12-16 sandwich buns
- 1<sup>st</sup>** veggies/dip or salad for 15 people
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** veggies/dip or salad for 15 people
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** fresh fruit for 15 people
- 4<sup>th</sup>** fresh fruit for 15 people
- 5<sup>th</sup>** desserts for 20 people
- 6<sup>th</sup>** drinks

The 6<sup>th</sup> Graders will sell soft drinks and bottled water. A cooler of water will also be available free of charge.

Bring blankets and chairs for sitting on, and balls and outdoor games for the kids. There will of course be music and games, as usual, so be sure to wear comfortable clothes and be prepared to have some fun!

Please park in the north lot first, then along the top of the loop. Additional parking may be available at the indoor soccer arena. Watch for signs when you arrive.

## Follow Us and/or Be Our Friend . . . Please

In case you haven't heard, you can befriend us, follow us or just keep up with what's going in general at New Hope academy via the following social media outlets:

**Facebook:** New Hope Academy

**Twitter:** nhafranklin

**YouTube:** NewHope37064

**Blog:** [www.anewhopegeneration.com](http://www.anewhopegeneration.com)

## New Hope Looking for a Few Good Men

NHA is looking for a "few good men" to participate in our Brother to Brother program. No, you don't have to look like Tom Cruise or be able to "handle the truth" to participate. All you need is a heart for helping kids and an hour or so a couple times each month.

B2B, which started a couple years ago under the organization of kindergarten teacher Tara Blue, is a mentoring program that pairs men up with New Hope boys, similar to a "Big Brother" program. The goal is to form relationships that will continue as the boys graduate and move out from NHA to other.

We are hoping to grow the program even more this year. We have plenty of interested students, we just need more mentors. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Mrs. Blue ([tblue@nhafranklin.org](mailto:tblue@nhafranklin.org)) or Jeff Cobb ([jeffcobb@gmail.com](mailto:jeffcobb@gmail.com)). Note that background checks will be performed.

## Don Quixote Club Starting on Wednesdays

"Don Quijote" is a space where the children can have a taste of the variety of the Spanish speaking cultures. The wonderful music, popular traditions, some Latino snacks, great Hispanic authors and of course conversations!

Come and talk, have fun and even relax on Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. – 3:35 p.m. in the Art room. This club is designed for students from 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

If you are a Spanish-speaking student already, we want to invite YOU especially! Help us to have great conversations and share some of your Hispanic legacy.

Watch for permission forms coming home soon, or pick one up in the office if your child is interested.

## NHA Golf Classic Tees Off October 24<sup>th</sup>

Calling all golfers! The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade class is organizing a golf tournament at Westhaven Golf Club on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

This is shaping up to be a top-notch event. There will be great prizes awarded in 3 flights, breakfast provided by Merridees, lunch from Red Pony, and all-day service from our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students (who will not be in school that day since it is the Monday after Saturday School).

The class is looking for help from any and all of the NHA families. You can assist in any of three ways:

First, of course, they are looking for 30 "captains" to put a foursome together and play in the event. If you want to play but don't have a group, you can sign up individually and we'll plug you in.

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

This is a reminder for everyone to keep cutting out "Box Tops for Education" credits from your grocery products and sending them to the office with your students. Last year we raised over \$185 from collecting these little pieces of cardboard!

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. Katherine Wilson will collect them periodically and submit them for reimbursement.



## Baby Girls Club Off and Running in 2011

It's that time again! Baby Girls Club began last week for girls in grades K-8.

Baby Girls Club seeks to build girls into leaders through the arts. They teach and espouse the belief in Jesus Christ. They not only preach Him, but do their best to live Him and to love through Him.

Activities include: Tutoring Program, guitar, keyboard, dance, acting, arts and crafts, scripture lesson and memorization.

Second, we are looking for sponsors. Even if you are not a golfer, you might know of a business who would want to support the school and the class, and get some great advertising in the process. Contact Mr. Sauder if you have any suggestions of who our 6<sup>th</sup> Graders can go and "pitch" this event to.

Finally, we are looking for prizes. If you know of anyone who could donate some cool prizes, please let us know as well.

Watch for more specific details being sent home this week. Also watch your inbox for an e-mail with a link to the event information and registration form ([www.nhafranklin.org/events](http://www.nhafranklin.org/events)).

All proceeds from the event will go towards the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to Washington, D.C. next spring. The class needs to raise over \$20,000 this year and hopes that this event will give them a great start!

## Reminder about NHA Attendance Policies

They say absence makes the heart grow fonder. At New Hope we really don't want to find out if this is true. We want to see your children every school day, but if they are absent please provide a written excuse to the office.

We appreciate your phone calls to let us know your student will not be in school, but for the absence to be excused you must submit a note in writing or by e-mail.

Allowable excused absences and consequences for excessive absences

## 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 Aug 30-Sep 12 are:

Aug 30	Ilan Paez
Aug 31	Victoria Paez
Sep 1	Virginia Paez
Sep 2	Choung Pal
Sep 3	Manny Pal
Sep 4	Ruai Pal
Sep 5	Warner Pal
Sep 6	Cee'ayrah Patterson
Sep 7	Kamara Patterson
Sep 8	Summer Patterson
Sep 9	Jack Perry
Sep 10	Paxton Perry
Sep 11	Sofia Perry
Sep 12	Tamia Petway

(both excused and unexcused) are listed on page 2 of the handbook. After 10 absences you will receive a letter from the office. After 15 absences you will be asked to meet with Mr. Tutler to discuss the absences. Finally, after 20 absences you will have to meet again to discuss whether or not your child is in jeopardy of having to repeat his or her current grade due to missed class time.

## 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. All parents are welcome to come and pray for our students, families, faculty, and staff during that time.*

*If Wednesday afternoons do not work for you and 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.*