

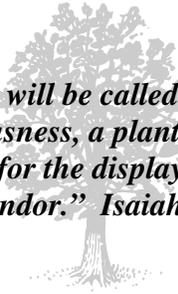


# The Nutshell



September 22, 2008

*“They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of His splendor.” Isaiah 61:3*



## Dates to Remember

- Sep 24 School Pictures
- Sep 25 BGA Choir (9:30 a.m.)
- Sep 26 Pizza Day
- Oct 2 Gentry Farms
- Oct 9 End of Grading Period
- Oct 13 Report Cards Sent Home
- Oct 14 Parent/Teacher Conferences

## News and Notes . . .

. . . **TV's wanted** to replace overheads in classrooms. If you have an old TV (the bigger the better) you would like to donate, please contact Patti Kelly at the school.

. . . **Creative Writing Club**, for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Graders who love to write, has started meeting on Tuesdays from 3-4 p.m. Some are poets, some journalists, and some fiction writers. Contact Ms. Darnell or Mrs. Cochran if you are interested in joining.

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

Each grade has been assigned a week to provide volunteers (1 per day) to serve lunch along side our lunch supervisors. Please note the open dates below and consider contacting the office if you can help fill them in.

- Sep 23 OPEN (Kindergarten)**
- Sep 24** Kristin Cundall
- Sep 25** Phyllicia Smith
- Sep 29** Brenda Haworth
- Sep 30** Laura Yordy
- Oct 1 OPEN (Pre-K)**
- Oct 2** Phyllicia Smith
- Oct 3** Martha Stowe
- Oct 6 OPEN (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

## Bring the Family to the Farm Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>

The Gentry Farm school-wide family field trip is next week—**Thursday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00-6:30 p.m.!** We need to get an estimate of the number of people attending so please return the sign-up form by this Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. If you will need help getting your child to the farm by 4:00 and have not already made arrangements, please let your teacher know so we can help find a ride.

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.

The cost of this field trip is around \$1,500 for the entire school. If you are interested in helping to underwrite this cost we are suggesting a donation of \$10

per family, which can be turned in to the school at any time or at the farm on the day of the event. However, please know this is purely voluntary so do not let cost stop your family from coming.

There will be no food on the trip. There will, however, be a sign-up sheet in each classroom for at least 3 families from each class to bring one dozen small bottles of water. The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade parents will collect the water the day before and ice it down for the field trip.

Please contact Mrs. Davis at 595-0324 or [rdavis@nhafranklin.org](mailto:rdavis@nhafranklin.org) if you have any questions. Otherwise, be sure to mark your calendars for this fun family event.

## Fabulous Fridays for our Fabulous Teachers

6<sup>th</sup> Grade parents would like to invite all New Hope parents to partner with them in appreciating our teachers and bless them with a special "Fabulous Friday Lunch" once a month at school.

Not only are you able to give the gift of a special lunch to your child's teacher, but also you are helping to support the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students in their efforts to raise money for the trip to D.C.

The Fabulous Friday lunch will be held the same day as pizza days. Here is how it works. If you would like to "sponsor" your child's teacher to have a catered lunch from an area eatery then you just fill out the pink form that came home today with the pizza forms and send it back in with your child's pizza form by Wednesday.

There is also space for you or your child to write a blessing or note of encouragement to their teacher. You can write a note regardless of whether or not you sponsor the teacher's lunch.

Look for the pink order form that was sent home with your child today with the pizza form.

## Singers Needed to Expand NHA Choir!

Calling all 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Graders to participate in the NHA early morning choir! This group meets at 7:15 on Wednesday mornings in the music room.

We are currently working on a variety of songs, including one that we will perform with the BGA choir when they visit us on September 25<sup>th</sup>. This group will also have an opportunity to learn extra Christmas music, perform a special part in the spring program, and be ambassadors for visitors to our school and out in the community as needed.

There is NO audition. This is a group to LEARN to sing in. Think of it like FREE voice lessons! Please encourage your child to give it a try!

Your child may pick up a permission slip in the music room. Research proves learning music is good exercise for our brains. Bring your student to choir and get their brain awake and ready for a great day of learning on Wednesdays!

Call or e-mail Teena Boone at school if you have any questions!

## Partnership Morning Broadens NHA Community

Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, over 30 new students joined the New Hope 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade classes. These “students” were actually adults from the surrounding area who are participating in NHA’s Partnership Program.

The program, in its third year, pairs up adults with NHA students and serves several purposes. While it is partially a fundraiser – partners pay to be part of the program – the true benefit is how it spreads awareness of what goes on at New Hope to a broader community.

Partners start the day by attending devotions, then spend the morning side-by-side with their student in the classroom doing some special activities. Besides all this, the students always have a great time, too!

If you know of anyone who might be interested in becoming a New Hope partner, contact Bridgett in the Development Office (595-0324 or [bolannerghy@nhafranklin.org](mailto:bolannerghy@nhafranklin.org)).



## Dawdling Ducks Drift Dreamily Down Harpeth

In case you missed it, the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Franklin Duck Race was held at Pinkerton Park last Saturday. Official results are still being tallied, but we estimate that nearly 7,000 ducks were dumped in the Harpeth (and ultimately pulled back out, too).

Congratulations to Bonnie Clarke, grandmother of John (4<sup>th</sup>), William (1<sup>st</sup>) and Harrison (1<sup>st</sup>) who won the 50” TV!

Watch for final results – both ducks and dollars – in the next issue of *The Nutshell*

## Critter Skitter Educates, Entertains 4<sup>th</sup> Graders

The second annual Critter Skitter was a success. Our race hosted several field crickets, two tree crickets, a shield bug, a stink bug, a praying mantis, a wood roach, a nymph grasshopper, a water beetle (died on the starting line), and lots of harvestmen.

We are pleased to announce results of the 2008 Critter Skitter:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Ariell Pryor

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Caleb Upkins

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Coryee’ Patterson

All of the racers in this year’s final race were harvestmen (daddylonglegs).

Congratulations to all our racers! And yes, all bugs were set free after the race.

## 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 an effort to join with your child to pray for NHA on their assigned day. The prayer warriors for September 23 - October 6 are:

Sep 23	Jorge Rivera
Sep 24	Gina Rivera
Sep 25	Hugh Reeves
Sep 26	Sheyla Ramirez
Sep 27	Bryan Ramirez
Sep 28	Ariell Pryor
Sep 29	Jarvel Pope
Sep 30	Anthony Pope
Oct 1	Akyiah Pope
Oct 2	Michael Pointer
Oct 3	Byron Pointer
Oct 4	Tommy Pitts
Oct 5	Tait Pitts
Oct 6	Tyra Petway

## Polish Those Smiles: Picture Day Wednesday

A photographer will be on site on **Wednesday, Sep. 24<sup>th</sup>**, to take school pictures. Students should wear their regular school uniforms.

You are not required to buy any pictures. **Class pictures** must be ordered and paid for on picture day. Cost is \$12.

**Individual photos** do not need to be ordered that day. Proofs will be sent home later and individual pictures may be ordered at that time. Retakes are scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Ballerinas Return to the Dance Floor Next Week

Ballet starts again next week – Pre-K and Kindergarten on Wednesdays from 3:00-3:45 and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders on Thursdays from 3:15-4:00 in the music room. Permission slips were sent home last week, but if you did not get one and your student still wants to sign up, call or e-mail Ms. Hopper at [khopper@nhafranklin.org](mailto:khopper@nhafranklin.org) and she will send home another permission slip. The cost is \$30 but scholarships are available.

*Dear New Hope family,*

*Thank you for all you did to help my family out during this difficult time in our lives. The food, hugs and prayers were all a kiss from God. You have been his hands and feet. Please continue to hold us all in your prayers. We’re taking one day at a time – God is healing – but we are so lonely without our little Joe P.*

*I love you all and as anxious as I was about coming back to work, I am glad to be back with my second family. I am glad to be with people who allow me to be me.*

*Thank you again for everything!*

*Love,*

*Kathy Peabody*

## Prayer Corner

*Regular weekly prayer meetings are Wednesdays from 8:15-9:00 a.m. in the Prayer Room on the south end of the NHA library.*

*Please submit prayer requests in the basket in the prayer room, or e-mail Debbie Techentin ([deb@techentin.net](mailto:deb@techentin.net)).*