



Neosho School Notes

FROM MR. SABOL

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 25-26: No School
- December 2: All School Assembly @9:00 & 10:00 a.m.
- December 2: Football Party
- December 8: Ornament Lunch
- December 9: Regular School Board Meeting @6:00 p.m.
- December 16: Holiday Concerts @2:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
- December 23: Early Release @noon
- December 24-December 31—Holiday



A Great Deal to be Thankful for

The first quarter of the 2010-2011 school year has come and gone. It is appropriate for us to reflect upon the challenges and successes experienced since the first day of the school year. I believe that we all have a great deal to be thankful for in Neosho. I would like to take a moment to share a short poem that reflects the many learning opportunities our students experience throughout their educational career:

BE THANKFUL

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times, during those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary because it means you've made a difference.

It's easy to be thankful for the good things. A life of rich fulfillment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks.

Gratitude can turn a negative into a positive. Find a way to be thankful for your troubles and they can become your blessings.

~~Author Unknown~~

The fast paced lifestyle and increasing expectations of today's society can be overwhelming for students, families, and educators. It's important to see the positive during challenging times and to take advantage of every learning opportunity possible. The present is truly a "present" for which we all can be thankful.

I am thankful for the hard working, dedicated, and energetic students that attend Neosho School. I am thankful for the caring families that provide guidance and support for their children. I am thankful for the Neosho School staff that inspire our youth to be the leaders of tomorrow and promise to make the world a better place.

Happy Thanksgiving! Have a great second quarter.



Winter Weather

We experienced an amazing fall w/current talk about record snow fall this winter. Please make sure that your students are dressed for winter weather—coats, gloves, hats, boots, and snow pants.
*Students will not be permitted snow play without the proper attire.



Student Pick Up

Please make sure to refrain from parking in the front of the school at the end of the school day for student pick up. No parking is permitted past the flag pole to the playground between 3:00 and 3:30 p.m. Please note that our school buses are not permitted to back up on public property and are currently experiencing "technical difficulty" entering/ exiting due to our parent vehicles. Thank you for your cooperation!

EXTRA EFFORT

When: Monday - Thursday (3:20-4:20)
Where: Neosho School Library
Why: Students needing help, a quiet place to work, any other great reason
Who: Mr. Pohland will be there to help

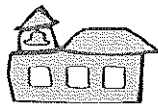
Students can be signed up for any or all days each week. Please turn in this form to your teacher.

Parents: Please be prompt in picking up your child at 4:20 P.M.! I look forward to working with many of our children this year.

_____ Monday, November 29
_____ Tuesday, November 30
_____ Wednesday, December 1
_____ Thursday, December 2

Students Name _____ Grade _____ has my permission to attend Extra Effort. I understand that I must pick my child up at 4:20 P.M.

Parents
Signature _____



Grant Facts

Several staff members will be attending a Grant Partners' Retreat in December.

We will be looking at results from this year's YRBS and comparing results to the past two years to determine successes and ongoing needs here at Neosho School.

Meet your School staff:

Mrs. Amy Schaefer,
4K Teacher



Mrs. Schaefer had been teaching for 18 years, 14 at Neosho. This is her 4th year in 4K. She has also taught 5th grade, 3rd grade, and K-8 Health. She grew up in Racine, WI and is the youngest of 5 children. She went to UW-Oshkosh, where she met her husband Tom. They moved to Neosho, (Tom's hometown) and raised 4 lovely daughters- whose names all start with the letter A.

1. Tell us about a funny thing that happened to you: I was 7 months pregnant, floating in a tube in my girls' blow up pool when the pool started to overflow on one side- with me still being on the tube, yelling for help, the water gushed out of the pool flipping and sliding me down the grassy hill...all of the neighbors seeing the whole thing! Now that's embarrassing!
2. Secret phobia? I'm a germ phobic in the hand washing department- I'm a maniac!
3. Most Valued possession? My camera because I take a crazy amount of pictures!

Mrs. Marge Wilkins
Kindergarten Teacher



Mrs. Wilkins has been at Neosho School for 10 years of her 21 years of teaching. She taught first grade and Spanish at St. Jerome's in Oconomowoc. She still teaches Spanish in the summer for the Oconomowoc School District. She has an almost 17 year old daughter and is enjoying reliving her high school years with all of her experiences! Mrs. Wilkins is almost finished with her Master's Degree in Curriculum--she'll be done in January! (She says "Hip! Hip! Hooray!") (And we do too!)

1. Favorite Food: Spaghetti
2. Kindergarten memory: I am a twin! I remember getting school pictures taken and we had our pictures taken for the newspaper. I still have that somewhere!
3. If you could take lessons from a pro: It would have to be golf! I like it but I am not very good. I wish my brother was closer- he lives in Pennsylvania- and he could teach me. He used to be a golf pro. He would be a great teacher. My parents used to manage a golf course.
4. In your free time: I like to go to the driving range to practice my golf swing. I like to read and watch old movies. My favorite is "Gaslight".

This Week's Website

Check it out!!

http://math-and-reading-help-for-kids.org/study_habits.html

help and tips on how to develop and improve study skills in your children

Upcoming Events

December 2: Assemblies for the elementary and middle school students. They will be great!

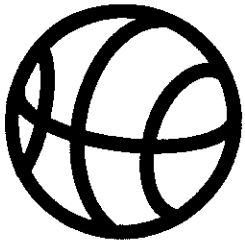
Attention Moms, Dads, Babysitters, etc... Watch for upcoming opportunities for First Aid and CPR training, held here at school and taught by our own Nurse, Mrs. Feisthammel.

Thank You

Thanks go out to this great staff who make a sincere effort to fill the buckets of students and each other every day! Keep filling buckets everyone!!

Thank you to the SOS group for this weekend's Craft Fair and Bake Sale!

Happy Thanksgiving everyone!



Grades 5-8

Ron's Open Gym

Ron's Open Gym will be on Wednesday nights from 6:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. starting Wednesday, December 8th through March 30th for Grades 5-8.

Your son/daughter will be bringing home a permission slip within the next few days, which needs a parent or guardian's signature and telephone number where you can be reached during the time they are at Open Gym. This one permission slip is good for all weeks of Open Gym; you do not need to sign one for every week.

PLEASE NOTE: If I do not have a signed permission slip for your child, they will not be allowed to stay. This is very important, as I need to have a phone number where you can be reached in case of an emergency, or if your child needs to be picked up early.

I would also ask that you please be prompt when picking up your child.

If you have any questions, you may call me at (920) 342-4019. Thank you.

Ron Fritche

Music Notes

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Neosho School District Jt. 3
Miss Haselwander
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What's Happening

Grades 4K-5th are preparing for the upcoming Winter Program on Thursday, December 16th at 2:00pm and 6:30pm!

As with previous concerts, I am willing to supply practice CDs for the general music songs to be worked on at home. If you would like a practice CD, please either bring a blank CD or \$1 (for the purchase of a CD) to Miss H no later than FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3rd.

Middle School Each week, middle school students are responsible for submitting journal entries. They are posted in class and can be found on my webpage and on Engrade.

Musical Dates To Remember

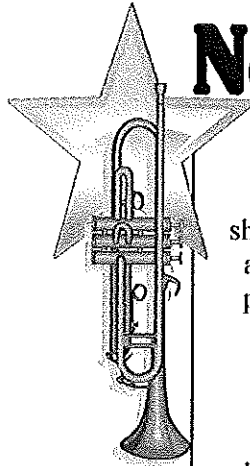
December 3rd - Last Day to bring in a CD or \$1 for practice music.



December 15th - School Wide Dress Rehearsal starting at 1pm. *PLEASE NOTE: This is a rehearsal, not a performance. We will allow guests to come and watch that are unable to attend either performance.*

December 16th - Winter Program 2010
2 performances: 2:00pm and 6:30pm.
If your child/children are unable to make it to the evening concert please contact Miss H beforehand.

Neosho Bands



With the weather becoming colder, please remember to store instruments properly when they are at home. They should be kept in a dry, room temperature area. Instruments that are kept in a cold place or next to a heater could be easily damaged.

Also, please be sure your instrument is in good working order for the performances on December 16th. If you have any questions, contact Miss H ASAP.

Remember to practice your parts and attend your lessons so that you are well prepared for the concert!

There will be no Band Parent Meeting in December, our next meeting is on 1/17/11

Neosho Chorus

The Middle School Chorus is performing at our Winter Program. Please try to attend as many rehearsals as you can so you are prepared. If arrangements can be made to attend more after school rehearsals it would be greatly appreciated. Just a reminder that rehearsals are:

♫ Mondays before school from 7:30-8:00am

♫ Tuesdays after school from 3:15-3:45pm

Music Website of the Month



Check Out DSO Kids

<http://www.dsokids.com>

This webpage has games and ideas for fun musical activities at home.

"Where words leave off, music begins."

~Heinrich Heine

Questions? Feel free to call or email anytime!
rhaselwander@neoshoschool.com or (920) 342-7774

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who came out this past Saturday to support our school at the Neosho Public School Annual Craft & Vendor Fair. It was a great success as always and the money we raised at the event will go towards helping fund Grandparents Day and the Back to School Kickoff, among other things we contribute to throughout the year.

We want to recognize a few people who went above and beyond to make this event such a great success. THANK YOU to the following people:

Ron Fritche	Joyce Lucht
Lisa Blanton	Vickie Braunschweig
Anne Noll	Mary Neu
Stacie Thomas	Mike Neu
Julie Jaroch	Amy Schaefer
Heather Oldenhoff	Dani Klink
Sue Hogen	

Without the help of the above people we wouldn't have had a Craft & Vendor Fair, Lunch or Bake Sale. So thanks again!

We would also like to recognize a group of middle school students who worked as hard as we did throughout this event. Our committee received MANY compliments on how helpful and respectful these students were. If you are a parent of one of these students you should be proud, they did a great job!

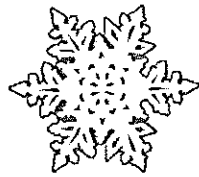
Morgan Wisth	Callie Neu
Madisyn Eifler	Michael Groshek
Megan Petit	Chase Purtell
Kenzie Eifler	Dakota Albertson
Emma Braunschweig	

Also, great idea Linda Albertson for having the book fair going on during the fair!

Our next event is the dedication of the Neosho Community Christmas Tree, which will take place on Thurs., December 2 at Veteran's Park at 6:30 pm. Hot chocolate, cookies and Christmas carols will be provided. Everyone is welcome!

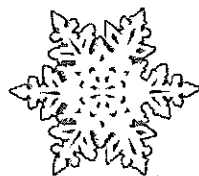
Danielle Balmer
S.O.S (Support Our School) Committee

Only 22 days
until our annual Christmastime
Basket Raffle!



Your basket donation is what
makes this event so successful.

For more information or if you are interested in
donating a basket call Anne Noll at 625-3011 or
Jenny Spudich at 625-3819



Tickets will be sold at the 2:00 and 6:30 p.m.
Christmas concert performances on Thursday,
December 16th. Baskets will be raffled off at
6:30! You don't need to be present to win!!

ideas for parents

Easy Ways to Build Assets for and with Your Child

FAST FACTS

**ASSET #11:
Family
Boundaries**

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when families have clear rules and consequences, and monitor young people's whereabouts.

48%
of youth surveyed by Search Institute have this asset in their lives.*

What Are Assets?

Assets are 40 values, experiences, and qualities that help kids succeed. "Family boundaries" is one of six boundaries-and-expectations assets.

* Based on Search Institute surveys of 217,277 6th- to 12th-grade youth throughout the United States during the 1999-2000 school year.

Short, Simple Boundaries

Author Stephen Covey knows the importance of setting and talking about boundaries and expectations. At a family meeting to discuss who would do which chores, Covey's seven-year-old son volunteered to care for the lawn.

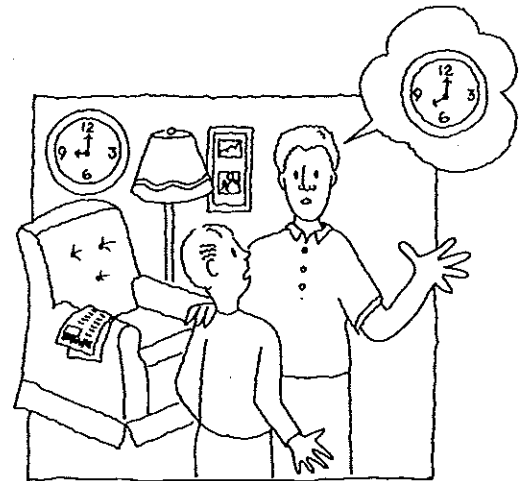
Dad gave the boy a tour of the yard and pointed out which neighbor's yard he wanted the lawn to most look like. He and his son then agreed on two concise, clear expectations: clean and green.

After two weeks, Dad asked his son about the lawn. "It's fine," the boy replied, even though his dad knew he had done nothing to take care of it.

"Let's walk around the yard together and you can show me how it's going," Dad replied.

So they walked around the yard. It was obviously in bad shape, and the boy became upset. "It's so hard, Dad," he said. Dad didn't respond but wondered, "How hard is it not to do something?"

Dad then reminded his son that he—not Dad—was in charge of the yard, but he had a



few minutes to help out if the boy wanted it. The two then cleaned up the yard. When they were done, the yard was clean and green.

Over the summer, the son only asked his dad to help him a few more times and did the rest himself. The boundaries were clear. The expectations were clear, and the seven-year-old succeeded at keeping the yard clean and green.

time together

Three ways to set boundaries together with your child:

1. Observe the boundaries of other families (neighbors, television families, etc.). Discuss what's appropriate and what's not for your family and why.
2. Post your family boundaries on the refrigerator. Have only five or six. Make sure they are concise and clear, and apply to everyone—not just kids.
3. Meet monthly to discuss boundaries. Are they fair? Do they still fit? Do they reflect the values and principles you have? Adjust them if you need to.

Helpful Hints

Tips that make setting boundaries easier:

- **Make boundaries positive, simple, and within reason.**
- **Adjust boundaries as your child becomes older.**
- **Help children understand that some rules change as brothers and sisters reach different ages.**
- **Let your child earn more freedoms as he or she shows more responsibility.**