



Two More Weeks Prior to the Christmas break!

It is hard to believe that in two more weeks we are half way through the school year! Where did the time go?

There has been a lot of great learning going on at NES, and it has not gone unnoticed. Many classes are doing an excellent job on their Standards Mastery Assessments, and we know that this did not happen without the hard work of our teachers, dedication of our students, and the support of our parents. Way to go!

Even though we are now in full swing of the holiday season, we cannot afford to miss a beat when it comes to instruction. We are eagerly awaiting for our second round of benchmark data from iReady assessments which will be concluded in two weeks. Meanwhile, we are also taking time to celebrate the season! Check out the December events and happenings at NES, listed in the Sneak Peak at December Events section of the newsletter.

Attendance Trends

One of the district level initiatives this year is to improve students' attendance, simply because we cannot teach students who are not at school. As evident from the data below, our daily attendance is currently declining which can also have an effect on students' achievement.

Here is some data for the attendance from the last two month:

	Average Daily Attendance	Total Days Absent	Percent of Students in Attendance
October	605	495	95.66
November	598	573	94.67

Total number of students at NES: 633

Please help us to boost students' attendance!

Sneak Peak at December Events

- 11/28-12/16 iReady Diagnostics 2**
- 12/05-12/09 Holiday Shoppe**
- 12/6 OHS Drama Club Performance (KG, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade will attend)**
- 12/8 5th Grade Dolly Hand trip**
- 12/9 College T-shirt Day**
- 12/9 KG and 2nd Grade Dolly Hand trip**
- 12/10 Top of the Lake Christmas Parade**
- 12/12 District Parental Involvement Meeting**
- 12/13 School Board Meeting—NES SIP presentation**
- 12/14 2nd Grade PBS and Sports Complex Day**
- 12/14 4th Grade to AgVentures**
- 12/14 Gifted –Christmas STEM night**
- 12/15 KG PBS and Wooden Jungle**
- 12/16 Early Release**
- 12/16 KG Christmas Program 8:15-9:15 am**
- 12/16 1st Grade PBS Day**
- End of the 2nd 9 weeks!**
- 12/19-01/03 Winter Break, No School**



Christmas Parade

NES will participate in the annual Top of the Lake Christmas parade on Saturday, December 10! Thank you PTO for willing to spearhead this initiative, and for setting up the float! NES Express float will be leading a group of students to the North Pole. Students are invited to walk with us to represent our school (please see students' permission slips for details—strict restrictions apply). Permission slips will go home on Monday, December 5, and they are due no later than Wednesday, December 7.



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S H O P

Do not forget to visit our Holiday Shoppe! Be sure to check out the brand new NES tumblers and NES jewelry that can make a great Christmas present!

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NES DISCOUNT CARDS

Please continue to help us advertise the NES Discount Cards! They are available for sale at our office for \$10 and they offer many great discounts at local businesses!

Any employee, student, applicant for admissions, or applicant for employment who believes he/she has been discriminated against or has been harassed by another employee, student, or third party is encouraged to use the Equity Plan Grievance Procedure for filing complaints. Complaints may be filed with the principal or immediate supervisor, District Equity Coordinator/Director of Human Resources or the Superintendent.

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