

# Hancock Elementary School

*"Rooted in Community, Reaching for the Stars"*

Thank you for supporting your children over the past few weeks.

It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents, siblings and cousins at the NHD performance. The children worked so hard to learn the dances throughout the week. What better way to celebrate their accomplishment than to perform for a supportive and caring audience!

I appreciate your contributions of time and ingredients for the community supper. Through the process of making and serving dinner for the community, the children learn so much. First, they work on reading and math skills when cooking. Next, they feel a sense of pride and ownership when they see community members eating the food that they prepared. Finally, they learn how important it is to take care of and show appreciation for the community in which they live.



Throughout the month of January, children will be completing Aimsweb and NWEA testing. As a reminder, Aimsweb assesses students' fluency (speed and accuracy) with applying phonics skills. Some students will simply identify letter names and sounds, while others read short passages. The Aimsweb assessments take about 2 - 4 minutes. Students in grades 1 through 4 participate in NWEA (MAPS) testing. MAPS measures students' growth in math and reading. The MAPS assessments take approximately 30 - 60 minutes per subject area. Results of the assessments will be distributed over the next couple of weeks.

Because of scheduling conflicts, we have rescheduled the 2nd graders presentation at assembly for Friday, January 31st at 11:30. I can't wait to see what they have learned over the past few weeks.

The **District Deliberative Session is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4th at 6pm in the ConVal High School Gym**. This is an important meeting as we will vote to learn about the budget and warrant articles, as well as vote on which budget will appear on the ballot for March. Please join the ConVal community.

There is no school on Tuesday, February 11th. Teachers will be attending district Professional Development.

February 14th is Social Emotional Learning Day. The students will work in mixed age groups as they learn how to be kind and caring to themselves and others.

Please see the February calendar on the back for more important events.



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