

Nashville Grade School—Primary School Edition

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#### NASHVILLE #49 SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTES By Michael Brink-Nashville #49 Superintendent mbrink@nashville49.org

Hopefully the flu bug and all of the nasty illnesses that we have experienced lately are close to coming to an end! As we quickly enter into the final quarter of the 2016-2017 school year, I wanted to pass along some updates and reminders for Nashville #49. If anyone has questions or needs additional information regarding these updates, please feel free to contact me at school.

We are all certainly hoping that warmer and milder weather is on the horizon for March and beyond. I did want to update everyone on the status of the end-of-school schedule for the 2016-2017 school year. At this time, we have only used one emergency day this school year. If no additional emergency days are used, May 17 would be scheduled as a 2:10 PM dismissal and May 18 would be the final day of student attendance with a dismissal time of 11:30 AM. Additionally, the 8th grade graduation ceremony would be scheduled for May 12 at 7:00 PM if no more emergency days are used. We also have the approved 2017 -2018 school year calendar posted on our web site at www.nashville49.org. That calendar can be found by clicking the "Admin/Board of Education" link.

The state testing window is also quickly approaching and is scheduled for April 19-28. All students in grades 3-8 are scheduled to take the PARCC exam in the areas of reading and math. Additionally, students in grades 5 and 8 will also take a science test as required by the state. Please let me know if you have any questions about the required state testing process.

As a reminder, Nashville #49 is again offering two days of pre-school screenings this year. The screening dates are April 6 from 12:00 PM-7:00 PM and April 7 from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM. Appointments can be made by contacting Mrs. Jenny Schuette at 618-327-3055.

Kindergarten registration for the 2017-2018 school year is scheduled for Monday, March 20 from 7:30 AM-5:30 PM. All families who have a child eligible for kindergarten next year can come to the school at any time during this time frame. If you have any questions about kindergarten registration, please contact the primary school office at 618-327-4304.

I hope that everyone continues to have a great school year! If you need anything prior to the end of the year, please call us at school. Additionally, remember to visit our web site often at www.nashville49.org.

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# Kindergarten - Mrs. Bartling



Mrs. Bartling's class celebrated the 100th Day of School by making crowns and necklaces. They also participated in 100 Day activities such as games and lessons.





# Kindergarten - Mrs. Howard









Mrs. Howard's Kindergarten class celebrated the 100th day on January 24th. The students each brought in a collection of 100 items from home. The students look at the different collections to see what 100 looked like in various ways. Games and activities were done in the classroom also. Students made an ice cream cone with 10 scoops of ice cream and wrote their numbers to 100 counting by 10's, they made a gumball machine with 100 "gumballs," they played roll to 100, and made designs using 100 pattern blocks. It was so much fun celebrating the 100th day of Kindergarten! KAH PJ & Game Day!

### 100th Day of School

We found 100 Hersey Kisses Counted 100 stickers Made a necklace with 100 fruit loops Counted 100 "gumballs"



## Kindergarten - Mrs. Phillips



We learned about Abraham Lincoln in February. Here is a picture of us wearing our Lincoln-style beards. Don't we look presidential? Ha-Ha! We also learned about our first president, George Washington. On his birthday we made a yummy cherry treat and hats!

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On February 24th, the First Grade classes celebrated the 100th day of school. To honor the 100th day of school we put 100 eyes on an alien, 100 bees in a hive, 100 snowflakes around a snowman, and 100 fish in a fishbowl. We had a parade through the hallways, licked a su<mark>ck-</mark> er 100 times, stacked 100 cups, ate cookies in the shape of 100 and

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many other fun 100





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2nd Grade - Mrs. Meade 🗊 🚛 🕞 🗟 Mrs. Meade's Second Graders are reading the book Boxcar Children and learning about trains! In this book. the four children turn an old train boxcar into their home.

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### 2ND GRADE - MRS. NEUHAUS

Each student in Mrs. Neuhaus' 2nd grade classroom recently enjoyed making a "Trash to Treasure Robot" after reading a story about two friends who tried to make a robot for their Science Fair. The students used whatever they could find around their own home to cleverly put together a robot of all shapes and sizes. Some of the materials used for the robots included all types of boxes, all types of tin cans, water bottles, plastic bottle caps, hoses, washers, electric plug-ends, TV remote, old cell phone, cell phone chargers, flashlight, plastic cups, pie plate, aluminum foil, q-tips, yearn, paper plates, pipe-cleaners, curly ribbon, yarn, and much more! The students also wrote a fantasy report about everything their robot creation can do. Their creatively-designed robots were on display in the classroom for two weeks during which time the 1st grade students were invited to visit. You can view and listen to a slideshow of their robots and robot writings on Mrs. Neuhaus' classroom webpage which is on our school website.









Front Row: Anessa, Grace, Brayden, Caden & Bailey Middle Row: Tyler, Wyattte, Maliah & Aubrey Back Row: Issabelle, Meadow, Megan, Jaylen, Alyssa, Jessica & Frank









### 373 Graze - Mrs. Toennies Rocks In His Head

JAMES STEVENS

In third grade Language Arts, students participated in group discussions over the story "Rocks In His Head." Since the plot occurs during the Depression, students visualized what living during that time period would have been like. The class also learned about rocks. There just may be some future geologists or mineralogists in 3rd grade!



































The 3rd and4th graders participated on Wednesday, Jan. 25th. Their main projects included a poster advertising TeamQuest. It had to use various common items (pipe cleaner, cotton ball, cupcake liner, to add meaning tot he poster. The team decided to go with the theme of "TeamWork" for their poster, using the cupcake liner as a "thinking cap", the pipe cleaner as the letter W, and the cotton ball for thoughts. The other project was really hard. Using only cardboard and tape, they had to build a lunch box with an open/close lid, handle and size specifications. Points were awarded based on the weight of the lunch the box would carry if held only by its handle. This team worked hard, and Mrs. Redfeairn is super proud of their efforts.



### FRIDAY PHYSICAL EDUCATION RUN

### 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Physical Education - Coach Finke

The 4th, 6th and 8th grade Physical Education classes have been running every two Fridays out of three, since the beginning of school. Students run for a period of 9 minutes and try to accumulate as many laps as possible during that time. Students receive a token for every 5 miles they complete individually. The students have been doing a great job each week. Below is the total number of laps and miles each of these classes have accomplished for the year.

> 4th – 14,805 Laps / 779.2 Miles 6th – 14,838 Laps / 780.9 Miles 8th – 15,131 Laps / 796.4 Miles Great Job Students!

Boys:	Girls:
Evan Eberhart-433	Daci Finke-403
Seldon Kozuszek-427	Whitley Hunter-386
Trey Reinburg-420	Ashlyn Frazier-373
Rylan Hammer-410	Sailor Gutzler-372
Kade Sturgill-401	Korbi Rhine-365
Aidan Heiman-398	Angel Meyer-353
Andrew Windler-396	Janisha Bailey-358
Carson Cook-393	Hope Liszewski-339

**Top Friday Runners** 

### FRIDAY PHYSICAL EDUCATION RUN

#### K-3rd, 5th, & 7th Grade Physical Education – Mrs. Cruser

### **Third Quarter News**

Kindergarten through third grade students worked on increasing their ambidexterity through cup stacking. Kindergarten focused on using both side of their body to accomplish the basic three stack. The older students where given the opportunity to try more advance stacks. We then revisited throwing & aiming using new technology! Giant bugs and catfish took over the gym walls, while the students attempted to strike them down with dodge balls. We are finishing the quarter learning a variety of line dances. The cupid shuffle, cha cha slide, chicken dance and electric slide where taught to the different age groups. Jump roping will be one of the main skills focused on in the fourth quarter.

Fifth and seventh grade students learned about motor fitness. After team activities, we discussed which motor fitness skills was improved: agility, balance, coordination, power, reaction time and speed. We are ending the quarter learning the basic volleyball skills. In the fourth quarter, students' fitness will be measure using FitnessGram testing. The results will be sent home.

### Kindergarten and Pre-K Registration

Kindergarten Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will be held at the Primary School Office on Monday, March 20, 2017 between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 5:30 P.M. Students do not need to attend.

Any child entering Kindergarten must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2017. Parents are required to submit a copy of the child's certified birth certificate and verification of in-district residency. Illinois State School Code requires a copy of the certified birth certificate upon registration; therefore we will not accept the hospital certificate.

Parents who know their child will be attending Nashville Primary School next fall will need to fill out a registration packet, to get the packet ahead of time please stop by the Primary School Office or call 327-4304 ext. 100 and one can be mailed to you.

A free screening clinic for children from birth to five years of age is being offered at the Nashville Primary School on Thursday, March 31, 2016 from 1-7pm and on Friday April 1, 2016 from 8:00am till noon. The clinic included checks of infanttoddler language development, motor coordination, and social skills. Preschoolaged children are also screened for pre academic skills, vision, and hearing. The screenings take approximately 30 minutes, and parents are provided with immediate feedback about their children's performance, as well as information about services for which their children may qualify. Early intervention, speech/language therapy, Prekindergarten, and Early Childhood special education programs are all available free of charge to eligible children. Participation in the spring screening clinics is an excellent means to enroll children in school district preschool classes for next fall when there may be waiting lists for this program. If your child is currently enrolled in Nashville Consolidated School District #49 preschool classes they will be screened during their class time, not at this screening.

Scheduled appointments are required; please call the Primary School office to make an appointment: 327-4304 ext. 100.



### - Desert Adaptations-











