



Beaver Tales



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Proudly serving
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From the Principal's Desk

As we enter into the new school year, I would like to send out a special thank you to the parents, student, and staff who helped during our community work day. This group helped install our new grass, paint new games on the blacktop areas, put together the three new picnic tables, and weed the front planters.

Painting of the new games was a big part of our "peaceful playground" implementation which is helping us address one of our goals this year of enhancing the overall school climate. Other ways we are working on climate include:

1. Implementing a point system where students can earn points for demonstrating positive behavior, having good attendance, and meeting expectations.
2. Incorporating more recognition opportunities of students for academic achievement, effort, and positive behavior.
3. Providing a school counselor one day per week to work with students who may need extra help with school success.

Other goals we are specifically targeting this year include:

1. Identifying a new **Science curriculum** : We have teachers piloting various programs at K, 5, and 8. Parents will have an opportunity to preview these materials in late January.
2. Providing more targeted **math instruction** through a school-wide math assessment program. This program also includes an online instructional component that will help students work on specific skills at their level.
3. Fully implementing the PBIS (**Positive Behavior and Instructional Support**) system. This program provides a process for staff specifically teaching rules and expectations to their students. It also includes a data system where we are able to identify areas specific students need additional supports or discipline areas we need to address as a school.
4. **Implementing our new I-Lab**: Over the summer we dismantled the traditional computer lab, brought in tables designed for flexible

arrangements. In addition to students learning computer skills on their chrome-books we have incorporated makerspace, STEM (Science Technology, Engineering, Math) hands-on activities. Mrs. Gamble, our I-Lab instructor, has done a fabulous job putting the lab together.

At NCCS we want our parents to keep informed so they can be active participants in the educational experience of their children. To this end, following are some tools parents are encouraged to utilize:

1. **Aeries Portal Access**: Parents of students in grades 4-8 can monitor their children's grades by accessing the online grade book. Parents can log on to the portal through the link provided on our website or the NCCS App using their personal email address. Anyone not able to login are asked to call the school office for assistance.
2. **NCCS Website and Phone Apps**: We do our best to keep our website up to date. Most helpful is the events calendar available on both the website and phone app. On the website, under the STUDENT tab, parents can find links to curriculum websites where many of the publishers have the student's books and supporting resources available.
3. **Parentlink Phone/Texting**: Parents can also receive texts and emails (and, at times, recorded phone messages). Parents not receiving any communication in this manner are also encouraged to call the school office and let us know.
4. **Monthly Newsletter**: Our monthly newsletter is distributed on the last Friday of each month highlighting key events for the upcoming month.
5. **Weekly Activity Summary**: Beginning next week, parents we will be emailing out a weekly activity summary that is specific to the week.

We appreciate all our families and the students who have chosen to attend NCCS. We are going to have a fantastic year! Please don't hesitate to reach out should you have any questions or ideas on how we can make this year better than ever!



PARKING LOT SAFETY

Just a reminder.... Please do not leave your vehicle unattended when it is stopped in the student pick up/drop off queue in the parking lot.

Unattended vehicles cause parent frustration and numerous lane changes, which in turn, negatively affect safety. Parking is available along the west fence line near the solar panels/gym area.

*The street curb adjacent to the school office is marked **RED**. Red indicates **NO STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING** whether the vehicle is attended or unattended. Drivers exiting the parking lot cannot get a clear view of oncoming traffic if vehicles are parked along the red curb.*



Fall Festival

Saturday, October 26, 2019

SAVE THE DATE!

Going places?

Don't forget to pack your Independent Study Contract! The use of an Independent Study Contract is one way to receive attendance credit while not actually being present in the classroom. Funding for the school that would otherwise be lost is also recovered. Independent Study is available for students who will be absent for more than 5 days. Requests for Independent Study must be made at least three (3) days in advance for teachers to prepare assignments. The teacher and administrator must agree to the request. Students completing all Independent Study assignment will receive credit and will not be marked as absent. For more information, please check with the office.



A.C.E. AWARD

EARN FREE POPCORN FOR PERFECT ATTENDANCE!



Each week, two students with perfect attendance, will be selected randomly from each class for a free bag of popcorn on

POPCORN FRIDAYS!

The Ed Foundation hopes to begin Popcorn Fridays soon!

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

MATTERS!

Miss A Day, Miss A Lot!

This year's *Fall Festival* is Saturday

October 26th, 4-8pm.

We'll be asking for prize donations for each classroom. Halloween type candy, pencils, stickers or small toys can be dropped off in the office to be used in your child's booth.

Help make this a great event by volunteering your time to work a booth, help setup/clean up the festival activities. Sign-up sheets are will be posted in the office hallway soon. More info

is available at the Ed Foundation Meetings, next Wednesday, September 4th in the Resource Room at NCCS or by contacting Janet Revheim at 410-9247 or ejrevheim@gmail.com OR

Rachel Kofford at arjkofford12@gmail.com

**Let's make the 9th annual
Festival the best yet!**



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER EVENTS

Sept 2 - **LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**

No School

Sept 4 - Ed Foundation(Parent Club),
Mtg 6:30pm—Resource Rm, NCCS

Sept 9 - Swede Creek 4-H, gym, 7pm

Sept 17 - School Board Meeting, 7pm

Sept 20- 8th Gr to Shasta College

Sept 21 & 22nd -Palo Cedro Honeybee
Festival

Sept 26 - **4th-8th Picture Day Û**

Sept 27 - **TK-3rd Picture Day Û**

Sept 30 - **Minimum Day**

Oct 2 - Ed Foundation (Parent Club)
Meeting, 6:30pm

Oct 15 - School Board Meeting, 7pm

Oct 26 - **NCCS FALL FESTIVAL!!**

Oct 25-31 - **Parent/Teacher Conferences -
(Minimum Days)**

Friday, Nov. 1 —**SIP DAY—NO SCHOOL**

**NCCS YEARBOOKS ON
SALE
NOW!**

DON'T MISS OUT!

Yearbooks are \$30

NCCS SPORTS CORNER

NCCS Flag Football, Volleyball games & Cross Country meet times and updates will be posted on the *Calendar* section of the NCCS website. We are hoping to report game/meet results and team highlights here next month.

GO, NORTH COW CREEK TEAMS!

