



Neoga Elementary School News

January 2021

From the Principal's Desk

Dear NES Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a relaxing holiday with your families. Thank you for your support during this time. We are very grateful to be working in person with your children.

Although we were not able to have our typical holiday concert in the gym this year, Mr. Schmidt did record each class singing (with their masks on) a holiday song. This is the link to the YouTube video with each class singing. It also includes performances by the JH and HS band and choir. Mr. Schmidt also brought the HS choir over to do some Christmas caroling.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bsXqcc-RFcY&feature=youtu.be>

Before winter break, students were assessed using FastBridge. This assessment measures student growth in reading and math. Starting January 7th, we will be assessing students in reading using Fountas & Pinnell (F&P). F&P gives a better picture of a student's comprehension skills and also helps us to place students in small reading groups based on their reading ability. Grade level teams will meet as Professional Learning Communities to analyze the data and change instruction as needed to support their students.

Finally, we all need a good laugh every day. Here are a few jokes to share with your families.

Where do snowmen put their money? –
Snowbanks

Why did the girl keep her trumpet out in the snow? She liked playing cool jazz.

What falls in winter but never gets hurt? Snow

Yours in Education,

Denise Helmers, Principal

NEOGA SPIRIT

The Neoga Spirit focus for January is "Act Responsibly". Examples of acting responsibly are completing their classwork, following the rules, and being safe. Teachers select one student in their classroom who has been a good example of "Acting Responsibly". He/she will receive a certificate and have pizza with Mrs. Helmers in February.

BE RESPONSIBLE

- right place, right time, right thing
- take care of your belongings
- look after school resources
- focus on your learning
- manage yourself and make good choices



Reminders

Morning Drop Off:

Please do not let students into the building until you see an adult. The building does not open until 7:30 and it may take a moment for a supervisor to get to the door. Please drop students off for breakfast by 7:50 so they get to class on time.

Parent Pick Up

Please do not park your car and walk up to get your child. It is not safe, especially when the snow and rain come.

Parents, if you have High School students picking up students in their cars, please ask them to get in the carline. It is not safe for students to walk out to their siblings. Sometimes the students run and don't look for cars.

Thank you for your cooperation.

We will be going outside for PE and recess as much as possible. Please be sure to send your child to school with a warm coat, hat and gloves. Please put their name on all their belongings.

Weather guidelines: Above 32 with or without wind-chill – outside. Between 31 degrees and 15 degrees with or without wind-chill, principal discretion.

Save the date:

January 18th No School – Martin Luther King Jr Day
February 15th No School – President's Day