



Upcoming School Events:

Saturday, Sept. 17	Blato Zlato in concert at NBS 7pm
Tuesday, Sept. 20	Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting @ 6:30 pm
Saturday, Oct. 1	NBS at Fall Festival in Lovington
Sat. & Sun, Oct. 1 & 2	NBS Days at the Blue Ridge Corn Maze -- More info soon
Tuesday, Oct. 4	*School Pictures: preschool - juniors
Thursday, Oct. 6	*School Pictures: preschool, Seniors & Middle School
	<i>*Sibling photos will be on the day assigned to the oldest student.</i>
Sat-Mon, Oct. 8, 9, 10	NBS Days at the Blue Ridge Corn Maze -- More info soon
Monday, Oct. 10	NO SCHOOL: Teacher Work Day
Saturday, Oct. 15	Parent Work Day 9-3

Mask update: Week of Sept. 19-23: mask optional indoors & out

Thoughts from Smith

Dear Families,

At our first staff meeting we worked at pulling together thoughts and intentions for this school year. Here is our working document:

This year we will focus on learning as an adventure. Our work is to help each child build resilience and confidence through experience.

We want each child to internalize the fact that how we encounter learning has everything to do with how and what we learn.

We believe in building character, in personal and community accountability, and in acceptance and celebration of differences.

As a community we are thinkers and readers; we are curious and industrious. We give great space and time to our process because we believe in thorough learning.

NBS is committed to depth of learning. We choose depth versus breadth because we know that learning deeply brings context and meaning with it. We want to help children feel able to dive in, thoroughly explore, and accomplish. That process, and the imprint it makes stays with children throughout life.

Smith

Reminders:

Shoes must be worn while on the NBS campus, even during pick-up times. If you are picking up, please make sure that all walkers have shoes on. Thanks!

Please make sure to add these NBS email addresses to your contacts (northbranch@nbsva.org & giving@nbsva.org). We have had lots of reports of the school emails going into people's spam/junk folder. Bonnie & Autum send out lots of emails with important information for EVERYONE. Please check your spam folder. Thanks!

What happens on Wednesdays? Students in Wednesday Group, led by teacher Abby Love, are busy starting their own civilization! Inspired by the story, *Weslandia*, and our beautiful campus, students have been busy identifying and building shelters, finding edible foods, making tools and nature paint brushes, and looking for ways to make art and play games in their newly developed civilization. This Wednesday they collected natural pigments from our school grounds to turn into paint they can use. Wednesday

Group is open to students in Early Primary - Juniors. Please sign up with Autumn on the Monday before the Wednesday you would like your child(ren) to attend.

Many Thanks to:

- Field trip drivers for the recent trips that Seniors and Middle Schoolers have enjoyed.
- Linda B., Jessica C., Joia C., Bonnie H., Rachel P., and Nicole T. for working Fridays after Five on September 9. It was super fun and easy, and the group brought home a jar full of tips for NBS. Ting Pavilion also pays us by the volunteer.

Did you know?

- **Blato Zlato**, a powerhouse Bulgarian music collective featuring NBS alum Ruby Ross '00 will perform at NBS on 9/17, 7 PM, outdoors weather permitting. Suggested admission price at door: \$20 for adults and \$5 for children over 5. No one will be turned away due to lack of funds, but please support these wonderful musicians to the best of your ability. Concert proceeds help keep them on the road and making music. ****bring your own chair****
- You can subscribe to the NBS blog? You'll receive updates and photos via email when a post goes up. You won't be inundated with emails and you can unsubscribe whenever you like, but we hope you are interested in all the happenings at NBS!

<https://north-branch-school.org/blog/>

Ways to help NBS...

- Volunteer at the NBS booth at the **Fall Festival in Lovington** on Saturday, October 1. We will be joining in the fun by painting faces. Please let Bonnie know if you can help raise some money for NBS and share the word in our community about our great school!
- NBS has an eBay page. You can sell items to benefit NBS or bid on items listed! Check it out:

<https://charityebay.com/charity/i/North-Branch-School/84884>



Alice - Seniors



Alice - Primary Blue



Eleanora - Primary Blue



Piper - Middle School (Spanish Flag)



Indigo - Middle School (Mexican Flag)