



Upcoming School Events:

Tuesday, Sept. 27	Who Really Discovered America?
Saturday, Oct. 1	NBS at Fall Festival in Lovington
Sat. & Sun, Oct. 1 & 2	NBS Days at the Blue Ridge Corn Maze -- More info below
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 below
Sunday, Oct. 9	NBS working concessions at Brandi Carlile Concert, Ting Pavilion
Monday, Oct. 10	NO SCHOOL: Teacher Work Day
Saturday, Oct. 15	Parent Work Day 9-3

Mask update: Week of Sept. 26-30: mask optional indoors & out

NBS has started a new program - **Plants for Books**. Students have collected and propagated some really wonderful plants - displayed by the front entrance to the main building. We have Pawpaws, blackberry starts (these are Triple Crown, thornless), American Persimmon, and in the spring we will have various oaks and a chestnut tree variety that grows very well in our area. Some plants are available for purchase now, and proceeds will go to purchase books for NBS classrooms. Please see Smith (smithc@nbsva.org) with questions or to purchase plants.

Join in the fun at the **Blue Ridge Mountain Maze** (off of Route 29, near Woodridge Brewery) and support North Branch School! This year, NBS Days at the Maze are October 1, 2, 8, 9 and 10th. Get your **tickets online starting Monday, Sept. 26**, using the link below and **be sure to enter the code "northbranch2022" at checkout**. You'll see a penny come out of your total; this indicates NBS will receive 50% of your ticket price. Feel free to share the link and code with friends and family!

<https://blueridgemountainmaze.ticketleap.com/blue-ridge-mountain-maze-2022/> **Don't forget to enter "northbranch2022" at checkout in the Discount Code box starting on 9/26.**

Who Really Discovered America? On Tuesday at 1:45, Middle Schoolers will present 7 different candidates for Discoverer of America. You might think you know the answer, but you'd be surprised! New archaeological evidence has appeared even in the past year, and our sense of what "discover" and "America" mean are crucial to this answer! **Come listen and vote** for the candidate who persuades you. We'd love to have you in the audience!

School pictures *are in two weeks!* We will take individual pictures and also photos of siblings together. Our goal will be to take Tuesday/Friday preschool through Juniors pictures on 10/4 and Monday/Thursday preschool, Seniors & Middle School pictures on 10/6. We will take sibling pictures during the oldest child's picture day. This schedule might have to be flexible with sibling pictures due to some field trips planned on these days. Photos will be available to order online and NBS receives a percentage of sales. Many thanks to Coe Sweet Photography for taking this year's pictures.

Many Thanks to:

- Michael Corbett for tackling the forest of invasive Paradise trees behind the annex stage as part of the Day of Caring! That was a big job! And, weeding our raised beds - all in the same day!
- Andy Waldeck for generously loaning his sound system for the Blato Zlato concert.

Did you know?

- NBS students are planting a very special type of garden with word seeds. Katrien wrote and taught a song to help students remember that "when you plant words that show you care, you grow kindness everywhere." Photos of the pictures that Book Buddy teams drew to illustrate the types of seeds they will plant, plus the words to the song, are featured on the NBS blog.

<https://north-branch-school.org/2022/09/words-are-seeds/>

Ways to help NBS...

- You can donate a car or truck or even a boat through Vehicles for Charity to benefit NBS! You simply complete a form online and the company will come pick up your vehicle. Details can be found here:

<https://north-branch-school.org/fundraising/donate-your-car-to-benefit-nbs/>



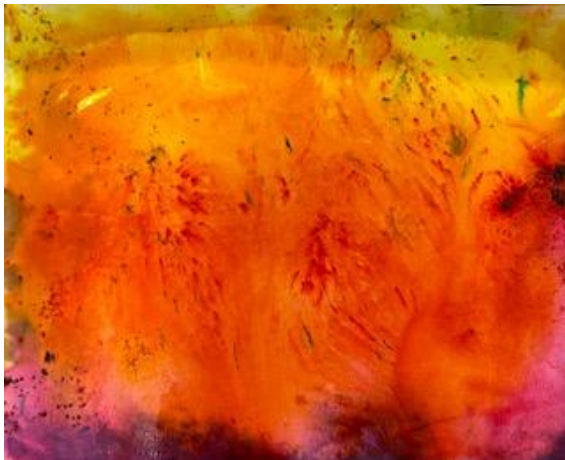
Ellie - Preschool



Eva- Primary Blue



Maxwell - Primary Yellow



Emma - Seniors



Mariah - Seniors