



♥♥ **Show your child's teachers some love!** ♥♥ Please bring in bottles of wine or specialty beer for our upcoming cork raffle. We need a great collection to inspire ticket sales. Remember that sales **up to \$3,000 will be matched for end-of-year bonuses!** (Not into wine or beer? Donations for bonuses are gratefully accepted.)

## Upcoming School Events:

<b>Fri., April 19:</b>	<b>Earth Day celebrated at NBS</b>
<b>Fri., April 26:</b>	<b>31st Annual North Branch Golf Classic</b>
<b>Fri., April 26:</b>	<b>Contract pull date by 4 pm</b>
<b>Fri., May 3:</b>	<b>Final Friday Coffee hosted by Preschool, 8:45-9:30 AM</b>
<b>Sun. May 5:</b>	<b>BandFair 2024 celebrating North Branch's 40th Anniversary</b>
<b>Fri. May 10:</b>	<b>NBS May Mile 9 AM</b>
<b>Fri., May 10</b>	<b>NBS at Fridays after Five - 2 volunteers needed</b>
<b>Tues. May 21:</b>	<b>NBS BOT meeting @ 6:30 PM</b>
<b>Fri. May 31:</b>	<b>NBS End of Year Celebration &amp; 8th Grade Graduation 4:30 pm</b>

**End of the Year Celebration & 8th grade Graduation is an ALL-SCHOOL event.** We hope to see your family at our celebration of the end of the year and our graduates on **May 31 at 4:30 PM.** We will honor the teachers, and students from all classes will present songs and poems in honor of the year and of our graduating eighth graders. This is an exciting all-school tradition, and we look forward to seeing your child and, we hope, your whole family as we close out the year together. This event is optional for preschool families.

## All the scoop on BandFair:

- What will I **HEAR?**: fabulous music by **Sisters & Brothers, Kai Crowe-Getty** (of Lord Nelson) & **Band**, Nashville's **Lucy Isabel**, and NBS teacher **Lindsey Osborne & Friends.**
- What will I **EXPERIENCE:** **Lip Sync Fun** by students, parents, and teachers. Sign up begins Monday morning, April 15. Groups are encouraged.
- What will I find to **EAT & DRINK?**: Since BandFair is 5/5, we are delighted to have **El Chilango Mexican Grill** food truck, in addition to **Kona Ice, baked goods & snacks**, and of course, fabulous **Cardinal Point wine.** Thanks to Capler Homes for sponsoring the **NBS wine glasses** that will be available to purchase.
- What's happening for **CHILDREN?**: North Branch teacher Abby Love is heading up **fun activities** for children to enjoy. Plus there will be the very popular **cake walk, face painting**, and, new this year, parent Berry Franko will be offering **hair braiding.**
- What's happening **UNDER THE TENT?**: You can bid on some fantastic **silent auction** items, including tickets for local attractions and venues; **cork raffle ticket sales** (proceeds go to end-of-year bonuses); **jewelry** sales, and NBS **food** offerings.
- What should I **BRING?** Lawn chairs for enjoying the music, a festival frame of mind, and for most items at BandFair, NBS can accept cash, checks, credit cards or Venmo payments.
- Where do I get **TICKETS?** Advance tickets (at a discounted price) are available at NBS and online at <https://northbranchschool.betterworld.org/events/bandfair-2024>. You may also purchase tickets at the gate for the full price.
- How can I **HELP THAT DAY?** We need lots of **volunteers** for this biggest fundraiser of the year. A sign-up genius form is headed your way soon.
- How can I **HELP BEFORE THE EVENT?** **Items for the silent auction** are needed. As noted at the top of the newsletter, we need donations of **wine, cider, or beer** for the Cork Raffle. Attached is a **book of raffle tickets.** If every family sells just one book, we'll reach our goal and receive all \$3,000 of the matching gift for bonuses. And it's not too late to **sponsor the event;** see Bonnie if you have questions.

### Did you know?

- Seniors and Middle Schoolers have been enjoying **Emphasis Week** upon return from Spring Break. They've experienced a variety of topics, including math-related morning options, followed by either Shipwrecked RPG (they need to survive on the "island"), Yoga & Art, Electricity, or Hispanic Culture. The afternoons are filled with local history field trips with a focus on lesser-known stories, canoeing, and hiking/arrowhead hunting. What a fabulous week of experiential learning!
- Middle Schooler Hudson Wiseman is a finalist in Membean's "Picture Perfect" contest! Hudson combined vocabulary skill with wit to create a funny picture, chosen by Membean as one of the top 10 entries. Students across the country who use the Membean online vocabulary program have been voting this week on their favorites--we'll see if Hudson's creation is one of the top vote-getters!

### Ways to help NBS...

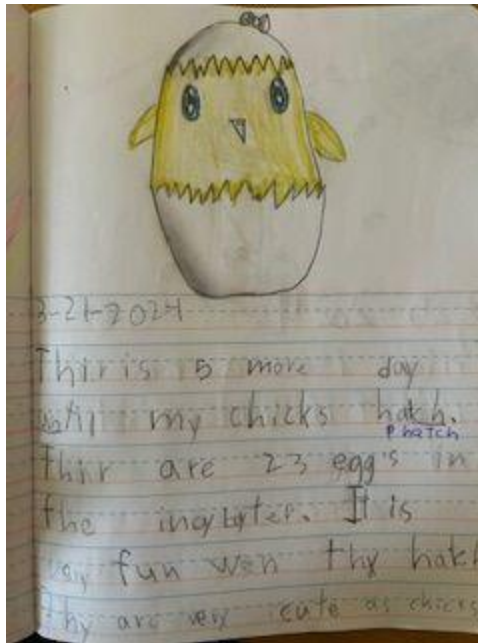
- The Art Room is in need of your single socks for puppet making. As you are cleaning out your drawers this spring, please send in any single socks!

### Thank you to ...

- Elvira Osuna-Highley, Stephanie Murray, Oliwia Shimp, and Tim MacDonald for driving on our Emphasis Week field trips.
- Autum & Jeremiah Fish, Cat Murphy, Erin Harrison for driving kids to Sweet Briar to canoe.



Annabelle - Seniors



Alice - Primary Yellow



Betty June - Primary Blue



Rowan - Preschool



Darcy - Middle School