



♥♥ **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:

Fri., April 26:	31st Annual North Branch Golf Classic
Fri., April 26:	Contract pull date by 4 pm
Fri., May 3:	Final Friday Coffee hosted by Preschool, 8:45-9:30 AM
Sun. May 5:	BandFair 2024 celebrating North Branch's 40th Anniversary
Wed., May 8:	Crozet Community Handbell Choir in concert @ 7 PM
Fri. May 10:	NBS May Mile 9 AM
Fri., May 10	NBS at Fridays after Five
Tues. May 21:	NBS BOT meeting @ 6:30 PM
Mon. May 27:	Memorial Day: School Closed
Fri. May 31:	NBS End of Year Celebration & 8th Grade Graduation 4:30 pm

ANNUAL FUND...

...Family Participation is currently **70%**. North Branch will receive a **challenge donation of \$2,500** when we reach 100% participation. A gift of any amount that is comfortable for your family is needed and welcome. Check in with Bonnie if you have questions. giving@nbsva.org.

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.

BandFair Schedules:

- 1:15 - Lindsey Osborne & Friends
- 2:15 - Lip Sync Fun
- 2:30 - 4:00 Kona Ice available
- 3:15 - Nashville's Lucy Isabel
- 3:45 - Cake Walk
- 4:15 - Kai Crowe-Getty & Band
- 5:00 - Silent Auction ends
- 5:05 - Cork Raffle drawing
- 5:15 - Sisters & Brothers

Throughout the day at BandFair:

- Cardinal Point **wine** available for purchase.
- El Chilango Mexican Grill **food** truck will be present.
- Limited supply of **NBS wine glasses**, sponsored by Capler Homes, for sale
- Bid on fabulous **silent auction** items, such as show tickets, pottery, art, & more.
- Purchase **cork raffle** tickets. Proceeds matched up to \$3,000 for end-of-year bonuses.
- **Children's activities** on the lawn
- **Face painting, hair braiding, and jewelry sales** under the tent

Before you go to BandFair:

- 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.
- We need lots of **volunteers** for this biggest fundraiser of the year. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C4AABAC2AA5FE3-49145823-bandfair>
- **Cakes** for the cake walk and **snack items** are needed. Sign up for this here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C4AABAC2AA5FE3-49164700-food>
- 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. If you need more **raffle tickets** to sell, see Bonnie or Autum. (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?

- **SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY:** The Crozet Community Handbell Choir, including Katrien and NBS grandparent Robin McElwee, will be in concert at NBS on Wednesday, May 8, 7PM. The music is family-friendly: Disney selections, Beatles tunes, and a John Williams medley that may or may not feature Katrien in a Darth Vader mask! It's a great opportunity for students to see what is possible with handbells and chimes. There is no admission fee, but donations are welcome.
- The North Branch **Spring Newsletter** was mailed to grandparents, alums, and friends of the school this week. Attached is a copy for your family to enjoy.

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!
- We would love to add to our supply of 6' folding tables, used or new! They are SO handy for classes, big room displays, and events.

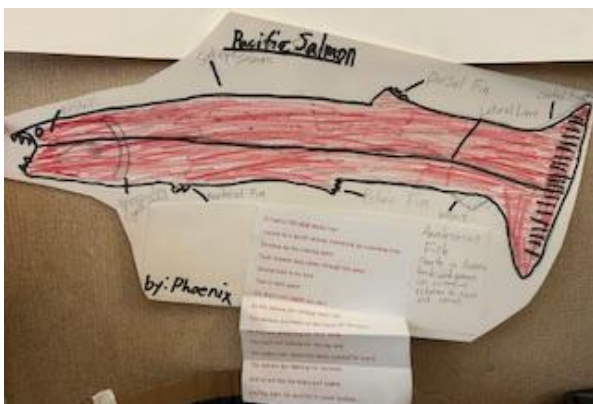
Thank you to ...

- Michael Zuckerman for speaking with our 5th-8th graders about Wintergreen Adaptive Sports this morning as part of our "Be the Change: Inspirational Series featuring Nonprofit Founders." This series is funded by a grant from the Association of Middle Level Educators.

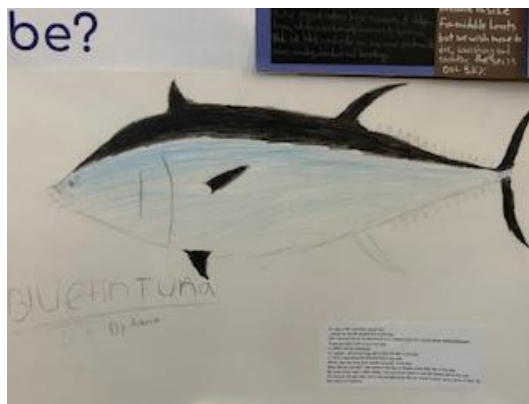
Ways to help our international community...

- NBS student, Harper, and her parents are collecting **much-needed supplies** to deliver to a **medical clinic and a school in Cuba**, and the NBS community has an opportunity to assist with this mission. A collection box will be in the office for items needed: bandaids, vitamins, antibiotic creams, blood pressure cuffs, thermometers, gauze, alcohol pads, bug spray, art supplies, guitar strings, needles & thread, batteries, and old phones & chargers.

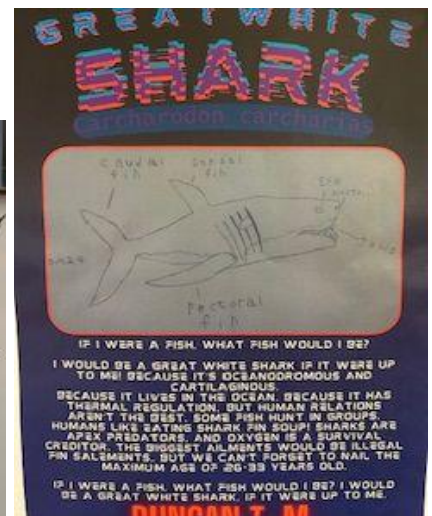
Seniors Project: "If I was a fish...what fish would I be?"



Phoenix - Seniors



Asarum - Seniors



Duncan - Seniors