



♥♥ 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., 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 **71%**. 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.

BandFair Happenings:

- Music by Lindsey Osborne & Friends, Lucy Isabel, Kai Crowe-Getty & Band, Sisters & Brothers
- Plus, Lip Sync Fun, Cake Walk, Silent Auction, Cork Raffle, Children's Activities
- Available for purchase Cardinal Point wine, El Chilango Mexican Grill, Kona Ice, NBS wine glasses, and jewelry selections.
- 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.
- There are **many spots available to volunteer** for this biggest fundraiser of the year. We need your help! 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.

Did you know?

- Congratulations to Middle Schooler **Hudson Wiseman** who finished in the Top Ten in the "Picture Perfect" contest through Membean, an online vocabulary program! Hudson won a \$50 gift card for his class.
- **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.
- It will be a full-circle moment when Kai Crowe-Getty takes the stage at BandFair 2024. He played at the first BandFair with his high school band, Blue Lava, 20 years ago!

Thank you to ...

- Everyone who helped make the Earth Day Shortcake snack wonderful & delicious - Junior math & Wednesday group, , Maggie M., Mary E., Eric C., Kitty D., Robyn E., Chloe & Jim M., Kendra S., Patty H., Berry F., Rachel P., Tracy & Dan G, Kelsey L., & Mary & Freeman M.
- Austin C. for fixing the Middle School lights.
- Everyone playing in today's **North Branch Golf Classic** and to our **sponsors and prize donors**: Afton Law, Brewing Tree Beer Company, Consumer Safety Consultancy, Guajiros Miami Eatery, Kennedy's Heating & A/C Inc, Miracle Homes, Carter Montague of Montague Mlller & Company, Rockfish Chiro-Back to Balance, Shepard Family Counseling & Consulting, PLCC, SVOE, T & N Printing, Tiger Fuel Company of Lovingson, UVA Orthopedic Center Ivy Road, Vance IP, Mark Varner of Davenport & Company, Wintergreen Resort. The Golf Classic is also sponsored in honor of: Alice & Paul Henderson, Alma & Elea Heller, Natalia & Carolina Highley, Shepherd Hughes, Macey Johnston, Wren Keighley, F. W. Matysek-Snyder, Eliza Richmond, and Cypress Ann Weaver.

Ways to help our international community...

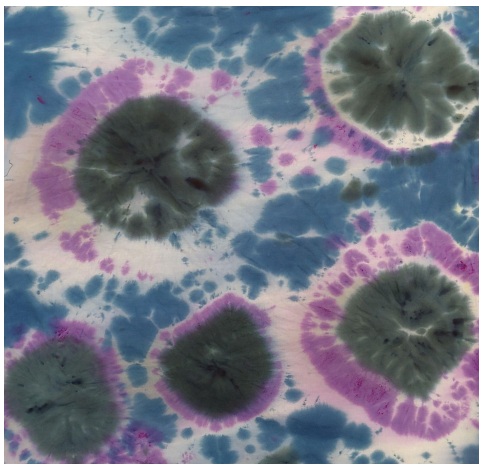
- NBS student, Harper, and her parents are collecting **much-needed supplies** to deliver to a **medical clinic and a school in Cuba**, and the NBS community has an opportunity to assist with this mission. A collection box will be in the office for items needed: bandaids, vitamins, antibiotic creams,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



Henry - Primary Yellow



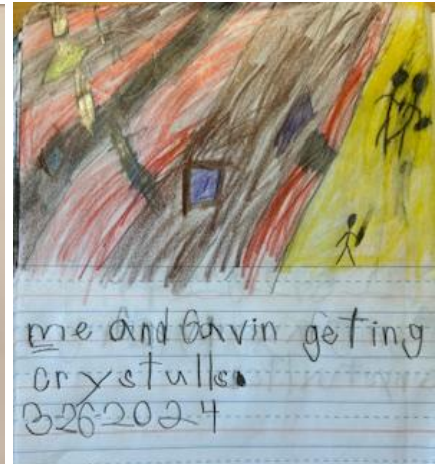
Cory - Seniors



Abalene - Seniors



Althea - Seniors



Elliot - Primary Blue