



**LAST PARENT WORK DAY IS TOMORROW - SEE YOU HERE from 9 AM - 3 PM**

## Upcoming School Events:

<b>Sat. May 18</b>	<b>Parent Work Day 9 am - 3 pm</b>
<b>Tues. May 21:</b>	<b>NBS BOT meeting @ 6:30 PM</b>
<b>Mon. May 27:</b>	<b>Memorial Day: School Closed</b>
<b>Fri. May 31:</b>	<b>NBS End of Year Celebration &amp; 8th Grade Graduation 4:00 pm</b>
<b>Fri. July 12:</b>	<b>NBS @ Fridays after Five</b>

**Which class will reach 100% participation in the Annual Fund first? Two classes are currently at 90% and family participation stands at 80%.** 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. You may donate by cash, check, online at [bit.ly/NorthBranchdonation](https://bit.ly/NorthBranchdonation), or use the Venmo QR code on the second page of the newsletter. Check in with Bonnie if you have questions. [giving@nbsva.org](mailto:giving@nbsva.org).

**Last Parent Work Day Saturday May 18 from 9 am - 3 pm.** All are welcome and encouraged to attend. We will have both inside and outside jobs and activities that need to be completed.

## **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 4:00 PM.** This is an exciting all-school tradition **when EVERY student & class participates.** 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. **\*Bring your own chair, please!**

## **Did you know?**

- Middle Schooler Wren Keighley wrote to poet Nikky Finney during National Poetry Month as part of a "Dear Poet" project, sponsored by the Academy of American Poets. Out of 2483 letters received, Wren's letter was one of five to Finney chosen for the poet to respond to. In addition, Wren's letter will be published in a booklet due out in June. Congratulations, Wren! Here is a link to Finney's poem "Heirloom":  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QFsxWQlv-YM>

## **On our blog...**

- Recent posts include photos from the all-school May Mile run on May 10 and the Middle School trip to the Chesapeake Bay. Make sure to subscribe, so you don't miss any!  
<https://north-branch-school.org/2024/05/the-may-mile-2024/>  
<https://north-branch-school.org/2024/05/chesapeake-bay-trip-2024/>

## **Thank you to...**

- Linda Batdorf and Maggie Buchanan for driving Middle Schoolers to volunteer at the Food Pantry twice each month.
- Sharon Stone and **The Free Book Bus** for making NBS an annual stop. The bus was here on May 14th, and every student got to choose a book to keep. Sharon was our first speaker this fall for the "Be the Change" series featuring nonprofit founders. Our final speaker in this series will be Carolyn Schuyler of Wildrock.

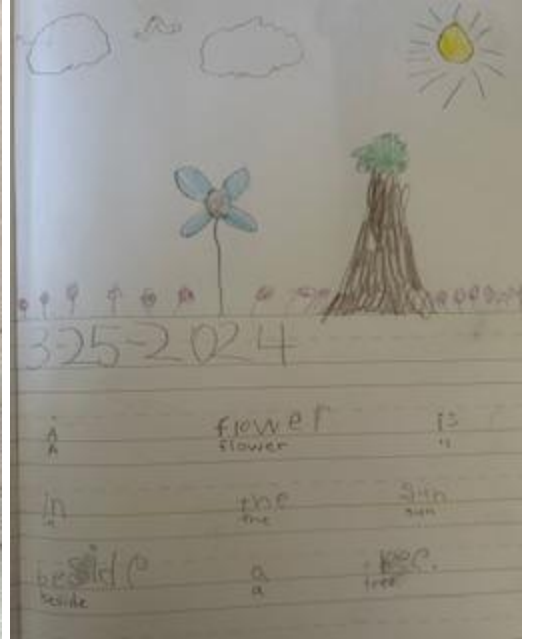
## **Ways to help our international community...**

- 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.



Oliver - Juniors



Jacob - Early Primary



Una - Juniors



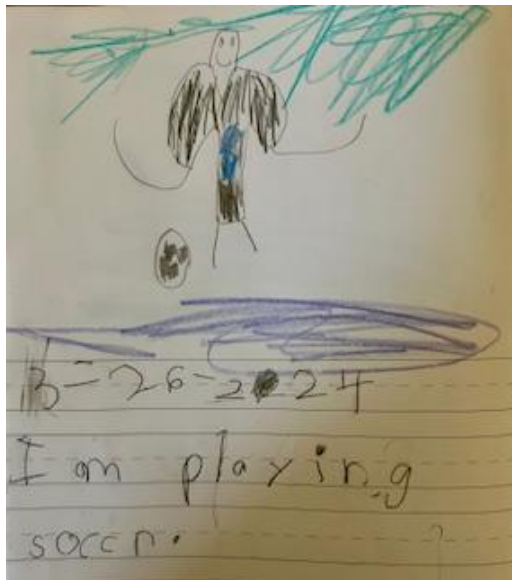
Ruby - Juniors



Freya - Juniors



Maya - Early Primary



Hayes - Early Primary



Essa - Seniors