



NO SCHOOL MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024

Upcoming School Events:

Oct. 12, 13, 14	NBS Days at the Maze (see below for more info)
Monday, Oct. 14	NO SCHOOL: Teacher Work Day
Tuesday, Oct. 15	BOT meeting @ 6:30 pm
Saturday, Oct. 19	NBS Music Makers at Rapunzel's, 5:30 - 8:30 PM
Wednesday, Oct. 30	Middle School Issues Forum, 9:30-10:30 AM (more info next week!)
Thursday, Oct. 31	Preschool Costume Parade
Friday, Nov. 1	First Friday Coffee, 8:45-9:30 AM
Friday, Nov. 1	EP-MS afternoon Halloween festivities
Monday, Nov. 4	Parent/Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Tuesday, Nov. 5	Parent/Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Preschool will have their annual **Halloween parade on Thursday, October 31st**. Information will go out to families from the preschool team separately. Please reach out to Stephanie with questions (stephaniem@nbsva.org)

Halloween Festivities - EP to MS: NBS Staff have a wonderful afternoon planned for Early Primary - Middle School students on Friday, Nov. 1st. **We are looking for help with baking cookies (we need a total of 210 fun shaped sugar cookies), nail painters AND face painters (1-3 more would be great).** Please reach out to Autum (northbranch@nbsva.org) if you are willing to bake cookies and/or face paint. -NO costumes for students, please.

In the next few weeks, you should begin receiving information from your students' classroom teacher(s) about Parent/Teacher Conferences and the opportunity to sign up for **Parent/Teacher Conferences**. **Students will be out of school Monday, Nov. 4th & Tuesday, Nov. 5th** so that teachers are able to meet with ALL parents during Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Many thanks to...

- Our small but mighty **Parent Work Day crew** from this past weekend! It is always amazing how much can be done by our families in one day! Thank you, Missy H., Coburn & Lizzy B., Ethan D., Christin M., Patty & Alice H. & Cat M.
- Fabulous **face painters** Jessica C. and Mary E. who made many unicorns, cats, spiders, and monkeys smile when they looked in the mirror. They represented NBS at the very popular Lovington Street Festival last Saturday.

Did you know?

- Middle Schoolers held a **Discoverers' Debate** on Wednesday. Representing a variety of explorers, the students presented compelling cases for why their person or group should make it into an American History textbook. The audience - Seniors and parents - chose the Vikings, Native American travelers, and the Polynesians as their top three picks for who mattered the most.
- You can join us for a **North Branch Music Makers evening at Rapunzel's** on Oct. 19, 5:30 - 8:30, featuring students, teachers, alums and other special guests. **Current line-up:** Dan Dennis, Wren Keighley, Michael McConkey, Rob Mezzanote, Lindsey & Pete Osborne, Joia Wood, and NBS students. Please let Bonnie know if you and/or your family would like to perform! **Om Tacos** will be serving delicious vegetarian tacos and Rapunzel's has a wide

selection of beverages - coffee, tea, milkshakes, beer, wine - and yummy desserts. We hope to see MANY families there for this fun, musical evening!

- NBS hosts a **Holiday Craft Fair** each year on the first Friday in December. Please contact Bonnie if you would like a space on **December 6**, or put it on your calendars for shopping.

Ways to help NBS...

- Join in the fun at the **Blue Ridge Mountain Maze** and support North Branch School! The corn maze and family activities are the perfect fall outing. Final **NBS Days at the Maze** are **October 12, 13, and 14**. Be sure to purchase your tickets online for these days, using the code **"northbranch2024"** at checkout. You'll see a penny come out of your total; this indicates **NBS will receive 50% of your online ticket price**. Feel free to share the link and code with friends and family! <https://blueridgemountainmaze.ticketleap.com/> **Don't forget to enter "northbranch2024" at checkout in the Discount Code box.** (You must buy tickets online for NBS to benefit.)



Josie - Early Primary



Cyrus - Preschool



Eleanor - Seniors



Abalene - Seniors



Lily - Seniors



Eva Raine - Early Primary



Sadie - Seniors



Nuala - Middle School