



Upcoming School Events:

Mon. Feb. 17:	CLOSED: Presidents' Day: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Tues. Feb. 18*:	CLOSED: February Break: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Wed. Feb. 19*:	CLOSED: February Break: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Fri. Feb. 21:	Seed orders due (See below for more info.)
Fri. Feb. 28:	2025-2026 Contracts are due by 4 PM
Fri. April 25:	SAVE THE DATE: 32nd North Branch Golf Classic
Sun. May 4:	SAVE THE DATE: BandFair 2025

General illness & sick reminder: As we try to keep students & staff healthy and in school, please remember that our sick policy is that students must be symptom-free and fever-free (if fever is present) for **24 hours without medication** before they can return to school. We will continue to practice good hygiene and cleaning at school and need your help by keeping sick children at home. Please be sure to communicate with the office (northbranch@nbsva.org or 540-456-8450) when your child will be out OR if you have questions about the sick policy. Thanks for helping us stay a healthy community!

2025-26 Contracts for returning families are ready for pick up in the office. Please come by to pick up your contract. Contracts are **due back on Friday, February 28, 2025 by 4 pm with enrollment fee(s) to ensure your child's place for next year. After February 28, 2025, we will begin offering all uncontracted placement to siblings and new families.** We have a significant amount of new student interest this year and many families are eagerly awaiting placement possibilities after February 28th.

Ways to help NBS:

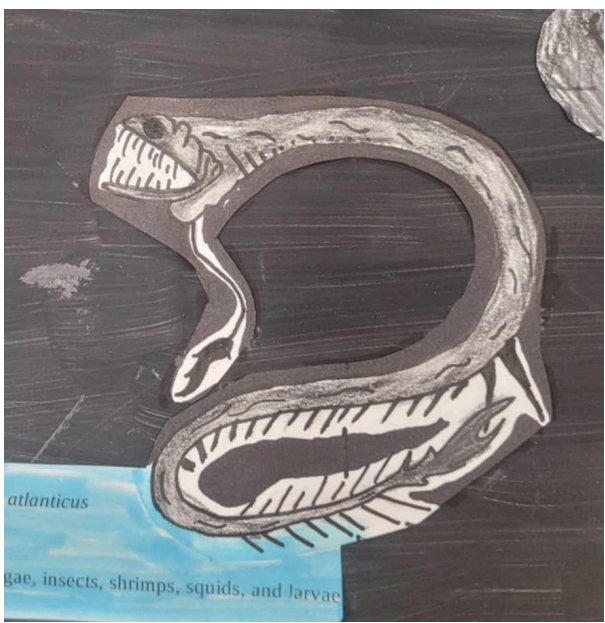
- We are collecting **old socks** (good condition, singles are fine) & **gloves** (singles are fine) for puppet making in art.
- What do tricorn hats, a dentist play set, phonetic reading blocks, and a microwave have in common? They are some of the many things our teachers have placed on the school **Wish List**. Take a look and perhaps show us some love during Valentine's Week!
<https://north-branch-school.org/fundraising/wish-list/>
- and help your garden too! **High Mowing Organic Seeds orders are due February 21.** Please see Bonnie or Autumn if you need a catalog. Grow vegetables, flowers, and herbs from certified organic seeds. NBS received 50% of sales. Please make your checks payable to NBS.

Did you know...

- From your donations, **we created 35 Cold Care Bags**, most of which had extra hats, lozenges, and lip balm. The bags were donated to the Haven in Charlottesville and will help take care of people who experience homelessness during these cold months. Thank you!
- During the first weekend in March, several North Branch 7th and 8th grade students will be spanning 700 years and 4 continents? This group is busy researching and preparing for their time at **Model UN at The College of William & Mary**, where they will represent a variety of individuals and countries in committee sessions. The students will don professional attire and work with peers from across the Commonwealth to solve problems and adopt resolutions. (Several community members are supporting this multi-day trip. If you think supporting this would be of interest to someone you know, please let Bonnie know.)

What's happening in Friday Assembly...

- Please feel free to join us any Friday from 2:45-3:15 pm for Friday Assembly.
Next Friday: Middle School Science Fair projects.



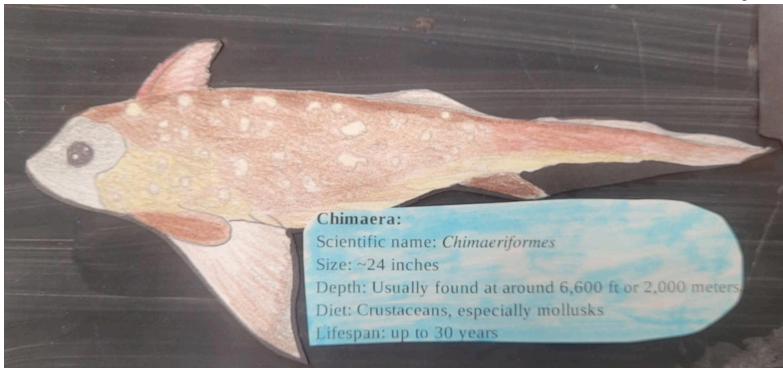
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Cory - Seniors



Theo - Early Primary



Mabel - Middle School



Phoebe - Middle School



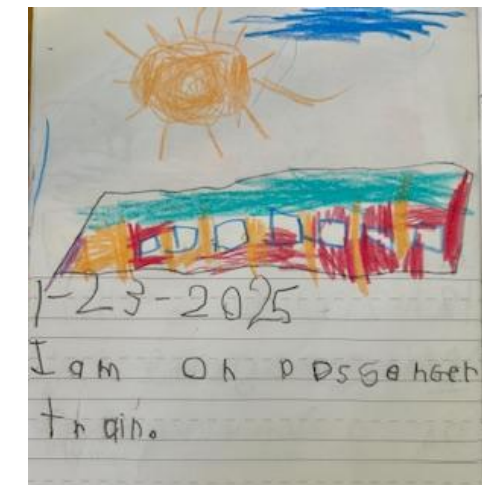
Ari - Juniors



Shua - Juniors



Carina - Juniors



Sam - Early Primary



Paul - Seniors



Holden - Preschool