



Upcoming School Events:

Sat. Feb. 8:	Parent Work Day 9 - 3 @ NBS
Thurs. Feb. 13:	Board of Trustees meeting @ 6:30 pm
Mon. Feb. 17:	SCHOOL 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. April 25:	SAVE THE DATE: 32nd North Branch Golf Classic
Sun. May 4:	SAVE THE DATE: BandFair 2025

*This February Break includes NBS's snow make-up days. If we have to make up days missed due to inclement weather on these days, we will notify families.

Parent Work Day tomorrow 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.

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.

Valentine's Day at NBS is all about friends! Bags & containers will be on display for delivering items Monday, February 10th through Friday, February 14th. Everyone is invited to make Valentines at home for their classmates, teachers, Book Buddies, and friends. The containers will go home with students at the end of the day on the 14th.

Brianna and her mom, Baba, are excited to offer North Branch parents **a night out on Valentine's evening**, Friday, February 14th from 5:30-8:30 pm. Registered children ages 5 and older will enjoy an evening of valentines crafts, homemade pizza and fun at NBS! Cost is \$40 per child (sibling discount available upon request), which includes dinner and supplies, and a percentage donated to NBS. Space is limited. Please email briannas@nbsva.org to reserve your child's spot!

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 lifesize coordinate plane mat 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! A **High Mowing Organic Seeds catalog** is attached to the physical copy of your newsletter. Grow vegetables, flowers, and herbs from certified organic seeds. NBS received 50% of sales. Orders are due with checks payable to NBS on Friday, February 21.

Did you know...

- 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 this would be of interest to someone you know, please let Bonnie know.)

What's happening in Friday Assembly...

- This is a new section of our Friday Newsletter to highlight what our students are presenting in Friday Assembly. Please feel free to join us any Friday from 2:45-3:15 pm for Friday Assembly. **Next Friday:** SR & MS Playback Theater elective presentation, Chorus, and possibly MS Chimes.



Alice - Early Primary



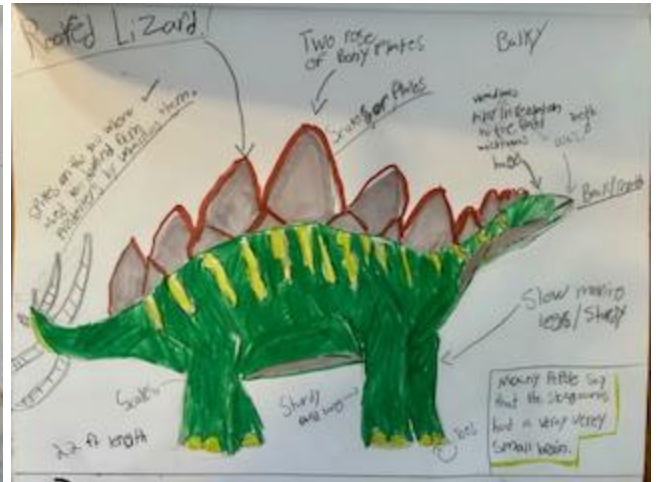
Josie - Early Primary



Blake - Primary Blue



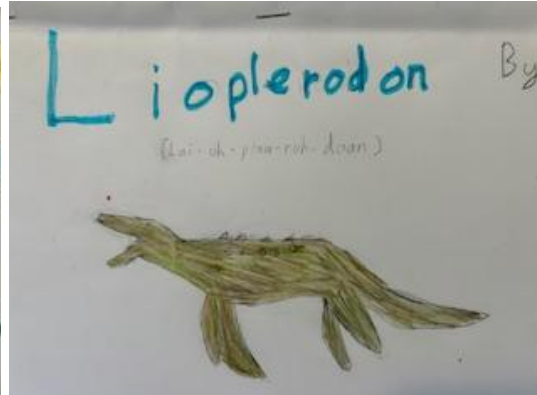
Oliver - Seniors



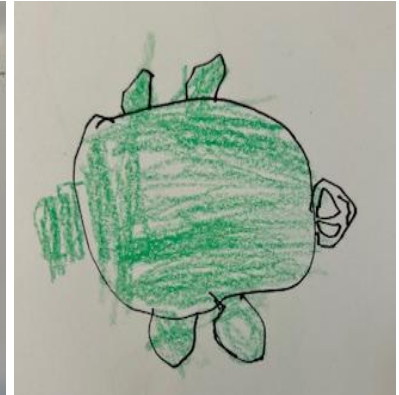
Sadie - Seniors



Alma - Seniors



Cati - Seniors



Ollie - Preschool