



Upcoming School Events:

Friday, Oct. 31	Preschool Halloween Parade 12:30 pm
Friday, Oct. 31	EP-MS afternoon Halloween festivities
Monday, Nov. 3	Parent/Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Tuesday, Nov. 4	Parent/Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Friday, Nov. 7	First Fridays Coffee hosted by Early Primary
Friday, Nov. 7	Virginia Diner orders due
Monday, Nov. 10	NBS Board of Trustees meeting @ 6:30 pm

Preschool will have their annual **Halloween parade on Friday, October 31st**. Information has gone 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, Oct. 31.
-We are keeping our school-age Halloween fun costume-free, please.

You should have received 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. 3rd & Tuesday, Nov. 4th** so that teachers are able to meet with ALL parents during Parent/Teacher Conferences.

We like to provide a simple soup & salad lunch for the teachers on Nov. 3rd & 4th to grab between conferences. If you are willing to prepare something, please reach out to Autum (northbranch@nbsva.org) or sign up [here](#) online.

Flu Season is quickly approaching! As we move into flu season, 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. 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!

Did you know...

- Can you imagine a school without grades and report cards? Of course you can, but most people cannot. Senior and Middle School Teachers Lindsey and Katrien will travel to Indianapolis November 6-7 to present at the national AMLE (Association of Middle Level Educators) Conference on the benefits of not grading. Their talk is called "But How Will You Know How They Are Doing? And Other Questions Answered about Not Grading." Maybe we'll convince some other schools to think about using comments, student-led conferences, portfolios, and other kinds of feedback to help students take intellectual risks and love learning.

Many thanks to...

- Our wonderful helpers for Grandparents' Day: Lynnette T., Krista B., Meredith C., Alicja B., Meg B., Kendra S., Ever G., Hannah H., Mallory H., Lindsey L., James F., Eric C. & Nicki S. The children were so excited to share their school with their grandparents, and the grandparents were just as excited to be here!

Ways to help NBS...

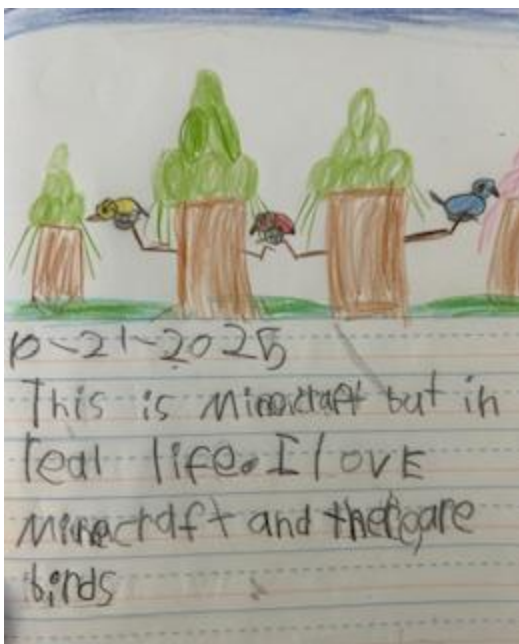
- Orders and payment for **Virginia Diner sales are due on Nov. 7**. There are more catalogs on Autumn's desk if you need another. These make great holiday gifts and NBS received 50% of all sales. All of their items are DELICIOUS! (Please note: NBS considers this a family activity. We do not expect children to go door to door selling items, and we do not participate in fundraisers that offer prizes to children for selling.)



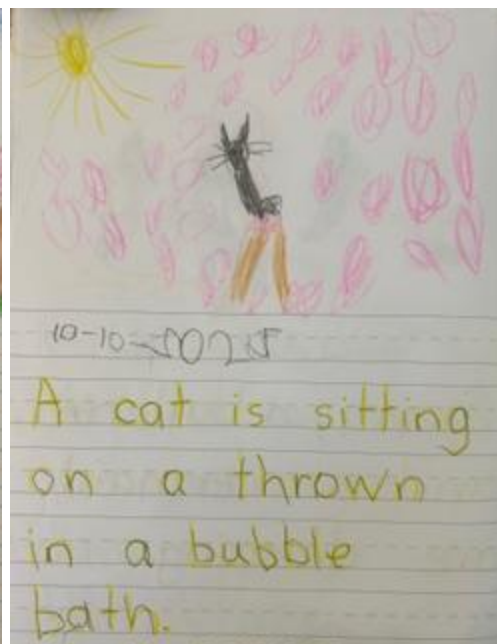
Oona - Seniors



Grayson - Middle School



Melody - Primary Yellow



Boston - Early Primary



Atty - Primary Yellow



Chelsea - Middle School



Natalee - Juniors