

Upcoming School Events:

Friday, Sept. 4

Monday, Sept. 7

Tuesday, Sept. 22

Thursday, Sept. 24

Friday, Oct. 2

Sunday, Oct. 4

Yellow Pages due

NO SCHOOL: Labor Day

NBS concessions at Rainbow Kitten Surprise concert

Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting @ 6:30 pm

First Friday Coffee Time on Front Porch, 8:30 - 9:30 AM

Chili Cookoff for the Kickoff, Noon-3, RVCC (more details soon)

Dear NBS Families,

This Summer has been many things - desert dry, monsoon wet, and punctuated by some very sporty thunderstorms. All the while we have been working at preparing for the coming school year. I want to start by thanking Melissa Batdorf, (parent of Cataleya, class of '27) for the complete transformation of five NBS classrooms - newly painted, floors stripped and waxed - they look amazing. Melissa is amazing! Thanks also to Tyler Lanahan for grading our driveway. It was a mess - he made it better.

The summer started with our beloved, old (maybe fifty-year-old) trailer deciding it needed fresh air through the roof. That fix was done by Melissa and Miracle Homes. All of this, the moving and painting and repairing is a harbinger of a very big thing in North Branch School news: The trailer is leaving! And it will be replaced with a new building. Here is our vision:

Your support will help us transform this

into this!



Announcing this formally starts, well, now! But also on October 4th at Rockfish Valley Community Center, where we will hold a chilli "Cookoff for the Kickoff." We are now accepting competitors: [Chili sign up](#)

As to the building, for those of you who have been working diligently to create, host or support events that fund the project, we will have an official announcement at the cookoff - how much you have raised - how much we need to raise - to make this all happen. For those who are hearing about the new building for the first time, this is very exciting for North Branch School. I have heard from many teachers that having rooms designated - for music, art, science and foreign language - is a gamechanger. Not assembling and taking down a classroom on a daily basis is hard to even imagine. And a pavilion for performing arts? Nirvana. For now, there is good progress...and there is more progress to go. More to come at the Kickoff on October 4th.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Matt Foster, our Middle School science teacher. Matt brings a huge helping of hands-on learning experience. He is a falconer, and he knows more games than anyone I have ever met. We are happy he chose us.

And thanks as always to the many hands and hearts who got so much done this summer. We are ready. – Smith

Welcome to the first Friday Newsletter of the year! Every Friday, Autum will send out information and announcements in this format, which classroom teachers will give to students to give to you - most likely in their Friday Folder. **Please remember to ask your child for the newsletter** and help them develop the habit of being a good messenger between home and school. The Friday Newsletter goes home with the oldest child attending NBS. The Newsletter will also be sent electronically and can be found on the school website weekly. Please review the paper copy, as it may have information and attachments that will not be sent electronically or posted on the website.

Attached to this Newsletter is the family directory, NBS Handbook and a copy of the Yellow Page.. Wondering about our policies about pets, visitors, snow days, or birthday treats? It's all in the Handbook. The Handbook can also be found [online](#).

This is just a quick reminder that we have **Before and After Care** available this year for Early Primary - Middle School students, Monday through Friday. Before Care is available from 8:00 to 8:30 (\$2/day). After Care runs from 3:45 - 5:30 (\$10/day, \$6 each additional sibling.)

Reminders:

It is still tick season! We play in the grass and the woods during recess & break times. Please check your students for ticks after school.

Please remember to put your student's name in the memo section of your tuition check.

Many thanks to...

- **All** who helped over the summer to keep NBS looking its best- there were many!!! Thank you to those who came to the first Parent WorkDay of the year or helped with moving items this summer: Megan F., Cory P., Steve B., Amber F., Melissa B., Shannon A., Meg B., Robyn W., Megan D., Berry F., Tracy M., Mary E., Cibeles R., Justin M., Erin H., Mallory H., Allison S., Blake H., Freeman M., Tyler L , Kendra & Ehren S.
- **Concession volunteers during summer concerts at Ting Pavilion:** Shannon A., Taylor B. & Joe K., Jessica C., Smith C., Amber F., Bonnie H., Tracy M., and Rachel & Cory P.
- **Parents and Middle Schoolers** who volunteered at the Nelson Food Pantry on Thursday, August 20. The Food Pantry folks were very glad to see you back, and our students received many compliments for their hard work.

Ways to help NBS...

- Complete the attached **Parent Yellow Pages** and return to Autum or Bonnie by September 4. Don't hesitate to contact Bonnie if you have any questions, giving@nbsva.org
- Six volunteers needed to work Rainbow Kitten Surprise at Ting Pavilion on 9/22. Please let Bonnie know if you can help. giving@nbsva.org
- **Link your grocery store cards to support NBS.** Please note: Harris Teeter requires you to re-link each year. It's simple to do. [Grocery store links](#)
- **NBS T-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies** in a variety of new colors, [NBS merch](#)

