

Dear North Hampton parents and families,

The USGS has confirmed that at approximately 9:28 AM today (Thursday, February 15, 2018) a 2.7 magnitude earthquake occurred, centered in East Kingston, NH. All of our students and staff at NHS are safe. As a precaution, the Facilities Department has been checking the internal and external infrastructure of the school.

Regarding yesterday's (2/14) event in Parkland, FL, our hearts break for the families and friends of the victims. In collaboration with the North Hampton emergency services, we'll continue to emphasize both preparedness and individual and collective well-being to keep our children safe.

The **National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)** was here at NHS yesterday (2/14). Schools are assigned to participate intermittently over the course of several years, with this year being NHS's turn. The NAEP was administered with our 4th grade students in the subjects of science and reading. Our 4th grade students and teachers were amazing and the NAEP officials couldn't have been more impressed or appreciative. The **NAEP** is the largest continuing and nationally representative assessment of what U.S. students know and can do in various subjects. NAEP is a congressionally mandated project administered by the [National Center for Education Statistics \(NCES\)](#), within the [Institute of Education Sciences \(IES\)](#) of the [U.S. Department of Education](#). NAEP results are designed to provide group-level data on student achievement in various subjects, and are released as **The Nation's Report Card**. There are no results for individual students, classrooms, or schools; only for the state as a whole. NAEP reports results for different demographic groups, including gender, socioeconomic status, and race/ethnicity.

This week was even more special than normal as it included both the 100th Day of School and Valentine's Day. Monday was our **100th day** of school so far this year. It's not a very big deal with the older kids, but let me tell you, it sure is with the younger grades. Our elementary teachers designed a number of different ways for their students to make it a day of celebration and learning. The same can be said for yesterday, Valentine's Day. One couldn't help but get in the spirit of caring and kindness as our students and staff celebrated the day with a variety of projects and activities. Students were even treated to the option of Strawberry milk at lunch! I hope parents and families got some good crafts and stuff at home.

The Olympics- Based upon what I've been seeing throughout the school this week, including "Biathlons" occurring in PE, it's quite obvious the Winter Olympics are happening in Seoul, South Korea. The positive spirit, camaraderie and competitive goodwill are on display for the world; and here at North Hampton.

Next week, I'll share the report card and parent/teacher conferences survey feedback I'll be sharing with the North Hampton School Board at tonight's meeting, which begins at 7pm here at the school.

Thanks again for all that you do to support your children, your community, and your school.

Erik M. Anderson
Principal

Please make note of the following dates/events:

Thursday Feb. 15th- School Board meeting-7:00pm- at North Hampton School

February 26-March 2nd- Winter Break

Tuesday, March 13th- Voting Day- starting at 8:00am- at North Hampton School