

Dear North Hampton parents and families,

Happy Groundhog Day! To quote one of my favorite movies, "Do you think it's going to be an early spring?"

The survey to gather parent/guardian feedback about Term 1 report cards and parent conferences is open at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6N38BFV> and will remain open through Sunday, February 4th. Thank you very much to the many parents/guardians who've responded thus far. We're getting some very useful and helpful information.

Spotlight on teaching and learning: I spent some time with the 5th grade team this week as they were unpacking the standards/competencies on the report card for Term 2, discussing which they were assessing and how they had or would be assessing them. I was struck by how focused they were on ensuring that they are all on the same page and that the learning expectations and experiences are consistent across the three 5th grade classrooms. Seeing and hearing them passionately exchange ideas for lessons, instructional approaches and strategies to help students apply their learning was inspiring. There is no "I" in team. This team sure is representative of that and our student-centered approach here at NHS.

REALLY IMPORTANT STUFF KIDS HAVE TAUGHT ME:

- It's often more fun to color outside the lines.
- If the horse you are drawing looks more like a dog, make it a dog.
- There is no good reason why clothes have to match.
- Chasing the cat is more fun than catching it.
- You can't ask to start over just because you're losing the game.
- Even Popeye didn't eat his spinach until he absolutely had to.
- Toads aren't ugly; they're just toads.
- If you stand on your tiptoes to be measured this year, you'll have to stand on your tiptoes for the rest of your life.
- Make your parents proud of you.
- Hang on tight.

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:

Saturday, Feb. 3rd- Town Deliberative Session-8:30am- at North Hampton School

Tuesday, Feb. 6th- NHS School Budget Deliberative Session- 7:00pm- at North Hampton School