

Good afternoon North Hampton parents and families,

It seems amazing to me that this time next week, February will have arrived.

As I highlighted last week, a survey gathering parent/guardian feedback about Term 1 report cards and parent conferences is open at the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6N38BFV> The survey will be open through Sunday, February 4th.

We've had a strong response so far, but we'd sure like to hear from as many more of you as possible. Up to this point the average time required to complete the survey has been eleven minutes. If you haven't already, please take a few minutes to respond to the survey. The data will be used to help us continue our work to improve our communication about student learning and growth with both parents/guardians and the students, themselves.

Also, due to our four snow days thus far, the end of Term 2 will be March 16th, rather than March 9th. Even if we have a couple more snow days, this date will not change. Let's hope we don't have any more, but ole' man winter may have something to say about that.

Lastly, I'd like to share a story from Lou Tice, of the Pacific Institute, which serves as a good encapsulation of the North Hampton approach to teaching and learning:

"It's Only Failure if You Think it is"

Regardless of circumstances, there is no such thing as a failure. Many, if not most, people have been programmed to be afraid of failure. But failure, more than anything else, is an attitude. All of us can remember times when we didn't get the results we wanted. Maybe we failed a test, or put together a business plan that didn't work, or maybe a relationship turned sour. But successful people don't think in terms of failure. They think in terms of results they can learn from. If they try something and it doesn't work out, they figure they've had a learning experience, and they take new action to get new results.

Think about it. What is the one asset, the one benefit you have today that you didn't have in the past? Experience, right? And experience is what you make of it. Maybe you are afraid of failure, but how do you feel about learning? Fear of failure can stop you before you start. It can stop you from taking the risks you need to take in order to grow. If you redefine failure as learning, as important feedback, there is no longer anything to fear.

Edison tried 2000 different materials before he found the right filament for the electric light bulb. When asked why he didn't quit, he said, "Why should I? I now know 2000 things that don't work!" If you look at your experiences they way Edison did, you are much more likely to achieve success.

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

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Principal

Please make note of the following dates/events:

Friday, Jan. 26th- NO SCHOOL- Staff development

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