

Dear North Hampton parents and families,

My favorite modern composer, John Williams, was born on this day, February 8th, 1932. It's safe to say his music has been a source of inspiration, delight and fright for myself and millions over the years.

Thank you to all who took the time to complete the survey about our report card and parent/teacher conferences over the last few weeks. We gathered important and useful information that I've already begun to share with our teachers and will be sharing with the School Board next week. I'll work to synthesize the feedback so that I may share it with parents and families in an upcoming Thursday message.

Spotlight on teaching and learning: Our 3rd grade teachers were engaged in a similar process to that of the 5th grade teachers, that I described last week. The 3rd grade team was working with the Term 2 Supporting Document. Importantly, as I'd seen with the 5th grade team, they were making sure that student learning experiences are similarly tied to the performance expectations in each of the three classrooms.

The Artist in Residence this year will be Randy Armstrong, described by the Boston Globe as a "sure-fingered, guitar virtuoso". Mr. Armstrong will be at North Hampton School from March 30-April 4th, working with the 4th and 5th grades. He will also be "kicking off" his visit at an all-school assembly, in addition to putting on an evening concert with the students. What a great opportunity for our students!

A Quiz for Everyone

Take this quiz in your head:

1. Name the 5 wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last 5 Heisman Trophy winners.
3. Name the last 10 people who've won the Nobel or Pulitzer prize.
4. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for Best Actor or Actress.
5. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How'd you do?

Very few of us remember the headliners of yesterday, even though these are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But often, the applause dies and achievements are forgotten. (Thankfully these days we can just 'Google' them).

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List 3 teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name 3 friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name 5 people who taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of 3 people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Name 5 heroes whose stories have inspired you.

Was that one a little easier?

The people who make a difference in our lives are not the ones with the most money, awards or credentials. They are the ones that CARE.

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