

COUNSELING CONNECTION

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Kindergarten Registration

New Brighton Elementary Kindergarten Registration will take place on March 27, 28, and 29 this year.

If you plan to register your child for this Fall's Kindergarten you will need to fill out a Pre-Enrollment form. Pre-Enrollment Forms are now available through the Elementary School Office or at www.nabsd.org.

After obtaining the form, please fill it out and return it to the Elementary School. Upon receiving your Pre-Enrollment form, the school will then send you a registration packet to be filled out before Registration in March.

Registration will take place **by appointment only**. An appointment time will be scheduled once we receive your Pre-Enrollment form. Mrs. King or Mrs. Postupac can be contacted if you have any questions at 724-843-1194.

*Just a reminder that to be eligible for Kindergarten entry for the 2019-2020 school year, a child must be five (5) years of age prior to SEPTEMBER 1, 2019.

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Pass on the Kindness Week

New Brighton Elementary is starting a new Character Education Week this year called "Pass On the Kindness." The focus is to get kids thinking about ways they can be kinder to everyone in their lives.

There will be a theme dress

each day that week. The days and themes are listed to the right on this page. Student Council Members will also be reading messages about kindness on the morning announcements. Additionally, teachers will be handing out "KIND" tickets instead of "ROAR" tickets that week.

Please help us by participating so we can Pass On the Kindness!

January 28-February 1



THEME DRESS:

<u>Monday, January 28</u> WEAR Yellow and/or Black "Bee Kind"

<u>Tuesday , January 29</u> HAT DAY "Hats Off to Students Who Are Kind"

Wednesday, January 30

WEAR NEON "Be Happy. Be Bright Be You. Be Kind"

Thursday, January 31

WEAR CAMOUFLAGE "Be a Hero Everyday. Be Kind"

Friday, February 1

WEAR a Superhero or Star Wars shirt "I have the Power to be Kind"

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PSSA Testing

The students in the New Brighton Area School District will once again be taking the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) this Spring.

The PSSA is an exam issued by Department of Education to every school district in Pennsylvania .

This year the following PSSA tests will be administered:

- April 15-26... English Language Arts/ELA (Grades 3-8)
- April 29-May 3...Math (Grades 5 & 8)

...Science (Grades 4 & 8)

...Make Up Testing

It is greatly encouraged that students attend on testing days.

If vacations and/or doctor's appointments can be avoided on

those dates, it greatly helps with the testing process.

Pennsylvania Career Readiness

The Career Education and Work Standards, Chapter 4 of Title 22, are part of the State Board of Education's regulations of required education for all students in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania Career Readiness is defined as Pennsylvania learners will be prepared for meaningful engagement in postsecondary education, in workforce training, in career pathways, and as responsible, involved citizens.

The Career Education and Work Standards address four areas of knowledge or Career Strands:

- Career Awareness and Preparation
- Career Acquisition (Getting a Job)
- Career Retention and Advancement
- Entrepreneurship

At each level, elementary, middle, and high school, there are requirements for collecting evidence or artifacts of Career Readiness. The requirement for collecting evidence at the elementary level are:

- By the end of grade 5, six (6) total pieces of evidence are needed for all students.
- Two(2) of the six must be completed by the conclusion of grade 3. (These two pieces can come from grades K, 1, 2 or 3)
- Two (2) of the six must be completed in grade 4.
- Two (2) of the six must be completed in grade 5.
- Each of the four Career Strands (see above) must be addressed at least once in the six total pieces of evidence.

Grades 3, 4, and 5 are completing or have already completed various activities to meet these requirements including listening to and writing about Career Day speakers, completing Holland Interest Inventories, and attending the yearly 5th grade visit to the Beaver County Career and Technology Center (BCCTC) that takes place each Spring. Portfolios have been started and are being tracked for all students in grades 3, 4, and 5 housing the collected artifacts.