

PURPLE TIGER TIMES



New Scotland Elementary School Newsletter

October 2022

A note from Principal Lesley Buff ...

With a blink of an eye, we have already entered the month of October. I want to start off this newsletter by giving a huge shout out to our entire school community for an amazing start to the school year. Our teachers and staff came ready to challenge our students academically and nurture and support their social-emotional well-being. Our students came ready, eager and focused to learn, diving right into their studies. Lastly, all of our families came with smiles and encouraging words to launch our students off into a successful year.

The month of September has been very busy and this newsletter shares many of the wonderful things

happening at NSES. We are excited to finally be able to hold in-person events. You will see that the PTA has some fun events planned for families. Our ice cream social was a great way to kick off the year and we are hoping for such a great turn out at all of our events.

Also in September, students were also introduced to our NSES tiger mascot. Students had a chance to vote to name him and decided on the name Rory the Roaring Tiger. Rory is always looking for students who



follow the 3Bs and he likes to give lots of high-fives and hugs.

I hope you enjoy all of the happenings you learn about in this newsletter!

Student Leadership

Each year, students in grades 4 and 5 have the opportunity to run for the Student Leadership Team.

Grade 5 positions include president, vice-president and secretary. Interested students submitted an application and will be selected by election. Grade 4 representatives will be selected through an interview process once grade 5 officers are installed.

The mission of the Student Leadership Team is to leverage student voices and choices to improve the school experience for all students.

PTA NEWS AND NOTES

Please see the following dates and activities! We always welcome volunteers to assist the PTA at school events.

Friday, Oct. 14, School Picture Day. We are asking for parent volunteers to help teachers with this event that runs from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (two parents in the morning and two in the afternoon). Please email us at newscotlandpta@gmail.com if you can volunteer.

Wednesday, Oct. 19, PTA meeting. The monthly meeting will be held in the multipurpose room from 6-7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 20, deadline to hand in school spirit wear order forms that were sent home. For questions email James Duffy at jduffy130@gmail.com. Forms can

also be found on the PTA website at <https://sites.google.com/view/nses-pta/home>.

Thursday, Nov. 17, Scholastic Book Fair. Stay tuned for more info!

Friday, Nov. 18, Harvest Fest. Time TBD. Volunteers needed. Please email PTA secretary Rachel Mandel at newscotlandpta@gmail.com, as there are many opportunities to get involved and make this a great event for our students!

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TAKE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY



On Sept. 23, we had a beautiful morning to welcome students and families to our “Take Your Child to School Day” event!

Theme of the month

We held our first Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports – PBIS – assembly for the year in September.

Each month has a specific theme. For the month of September, the theme was “Getting to Know You.” Students reviewed the 3Bs (Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful) and learned about the people in their school community who are here to support them.

Each month we will hold these assemblies and recognize students who are following the 3Bs and also AVID students. Parents of students receiving awards will also be invited to our celebration.

For the month of October our theme is “Free to Be Me.” Students will focus on the PBIS character trait of respect.

Don't forget! No school:

- Wednesday, Oct. 4 (Yom Kippur)
- Monday, Oct. 10 (Columbus/ Indigenous Peoples Day)
- Friday, Oct. 28 (Parent-Teacher Conference Day)



AVID update

If your child is in one of our intermediate grades, teachers have already started to work with students on how to keep their materials and belongings organized. If your child is in one of our primary grades, teachers will begin to do this work shortly.

In the near future we will be inviting parents to school during the day to see AVID in action, giving parents a glimpse of the success skills we are teaching their child. This visit will focus on organizational skills.

We hope this will help parents support AVID at home.

WHO'S WHO at New Scotland

Ms. Buff, principal
Ms. Rose, assistant principal
Mrs. Avery-McDonald, social worker
Mrs. Goetz, social worker
Mrs. Capozzola, psychologist
Mrs. Daley-Choudhri and Mrs. John, nurses
Mrs. Allen, office manager
Ms. Vicencio, typist/attendance clerk

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