

The Counseling Connection

By Mrs. Kelly King, Elementary Guidance Counselor



PASS ON THE KINDNESS THEME DRESS

Monday, Jan. 23

WEAR YELLOW and/or BLACK
"BEE Kind!"

Tuesday, Jan. 24

WEAR a HAT
"Hats Off to Students Who Are Kind!"

Wednesday, Jan. 25

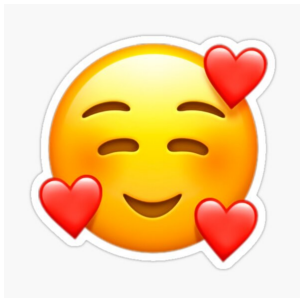
WEAR NEON or BRIGHT COLORS
"Be Happy. Be Bright. Be You.
Be Kind!"

Thursday, Jan. 26

DRESS LIKE YOUR TEACHER
"Be Kind to Your Teachers!"

Friday, Jan. 27

WEAR a SUPER HERO or STAR
WARS shirt
"I have the Power to be Kind!"



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

New Brighton Elementary Kindergarten Registration will take place on March 29, 30, & 31 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 currently available. You may also fill out a form online on the NBASD website.

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 2023-2024 school year, a child must be five (5) years of age prior to SEPTEMBER 1, 2023.**



March 29, 30, & 31



PASS ON THE KINDNESS WEEK

New Brighton Elementary will have its annual "Pass on the Kindness" Week from January 23-27. The following events will take place:

*Theme Dress for the week

*Students reading on the morning announcements.

We've had GREAT participation in the past, so let's continue to practice being kind to one another again this year!

**Pass On The Kindness
Week
January 23-27**

Kindness
Pass It On:

**New Brighton
Elementary
School**



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 to every school district in Pennsylvania by the State.

This year the following PSSA tests will be administered:

- **April 24-28...PSSA English Language Arts (Grades 3-8)**
- **May 1-12...PSSA Mathematics, Science (Grade 4 & 8 only) and Make-Ups (Grades 3-8)**

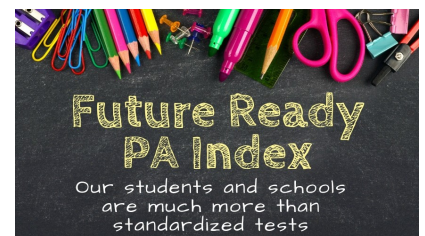
It is greatly encouraged that students attend on testing days. If vacations and/or doctor's appointments can be avoided on those dates, it greatly helps with the testing process.

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** (Exploring and Learning about Yourself)
- **Career Acquisition** (Getting a Job)
- **Career Retention and Advancement** (Keeping a Job)
- **Entrepreneurship** (Creating a Job)



At each level, elementary, middle, and high school, there are requirements for collecting evidence or artifacts of Career Readiness. The requirements 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.
- 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 learning about Soft Skills, completing a Career Interest Inventory, and attending the yearly 5th grade visit to the Beaver County Career and Technology Center (BCCTC) that takes place each Spring. All students in grades 3, 4 & 5 have a Career Portfolio that houses their career artifacts and tracks their progress.