



Dear NRHEG Elementary Families,

Happy New Year! I hope that you enjoyed a restful and relaxing time during the Christmas break.

We are delighted to have our *Artist in Residence*, Steve DeLaitsch with us again this year. This program is made possible by a generous donation from the NRHEG Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). Steve works with each Kindergarten through Fifth Grade class for a minimum of three up to seven instructional sessions. We are extremely thankful for this program and the benefits that it provides for our students! THANK YOU TO OUR PTO and its members for all that they do for our elementary students.

Art and math also have a lot in common with each other. In fact you can see the math in our students' art and the art in math. Patterns, shapes, geometry, symmetry, spatial reasoning, and proportional reasoning, are all a part of the arts (visual art, music and dance), as they are of mathematics.

Some of what you see your child doing in school in the arts is also an engagement with mathematical ideas at the same time. By blending math and the arts, students learn in ways that are intellectual, emotional and physical. We know that our children learn in many different ways, and research tells us that participating in the arts is one way that is very engaging for all of us.

If your child plays the piano, they are also developing mathematical understanding of the relationships between scales, notes and chords. Symmetry can be seen in the symmetrical features of a butterfly or in a design when building or drawing. Children may notice wallpaper or tile patterns on the floor or on a phone cover, rhythmic beats or repeated choreography in music videos and chords in a popular song.

We are delighted to be able to bring Steve to our school to support the arts and we thank him for what he is teaching our students! See you in school!

Mr. Anderson

Mission Statement:

Empowering students with knowledge and skills to succeed.

Vision Statement:

To be the school district of choice, inspiring excellence in academics, arts, and activities.

Panther Pride:

~An Update to our
NRHEG Elementary Attendance
Expectations~

The success of your child depends on regular school attendance. Seven or more unexcused absences from school is considered truant by Minnesota Law and will be reported to local county offices.

When it is necessary for your child to be absent due to illness, or for other reasons, please call the school office between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. or call the attendance line at 507-416-2160 to let us know that your child will not be attending school, or if your child will be late in arriving to school. If the school does not receive a call, your child will be marked as "unexcused" for that day.

For medical, dental, orthodontic or counseling appointments, we request that an appointment card or written excuse from the doctor, dentist, counselor, etc. be provided to the school for the period of time that your child was absent from school. Please be certain that the appointment card includes the time of the appointment.

Thank you for your attention to these important attendance expectations.

