



Dear NRHEG Elementary Families,

SPRING IS FINALLY HERE! We have weathered the winter of 2019 and have SURVIVED. The snow is melting, the water is moving and field trips and the opportunity to volunteer at our schools is here!

The NRHEG District has in place a process that allows parents and families to volunteer for events with their child, grandchild, or student. You will find on our homepage, www.nrheg.k12.mn.us, all of the information and forms that are needed to successfully register you at either the elementary or secondary school. These forms must be completed, and the background check successfully returned to the district before volunteer opportunities can be approved.

Listed below are few key points regarding the registration process and forms:

- **Background Checks** are required at the volunteer's expense annually (currently \$15.00). Checks are to be made out to: *MN BCA*.
The Background Check form and the Volunteer Registration form are to be completed and returned to either school office.
- The District will forward the Background Check form to the BCA.
- The secondary school or the elementary school office will notify individuals when their Background Check has been approved.
- As stated in the registration form, "*The volunteer may not begin until the background check has been received and registration has been approved.*"
- Volunteers understand, and agree, that they will be responsible to maintain confidentiality regarding information seen and/or heard while working as a volunteer.

We greatly appreciate all of our volunteers at the elementary school and look forward to welcoming new volunteers! We'll see you in school!

Sincerely,
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:

~The MCAs Have Arrived~ Information for Grades 3-5 Families

The Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) are state tests in mathematics, reading and science that meet the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA.) They are given every year to measure student performance against the *Minnesota Academic Standards* that specify what students in a particular grade should know and be able to do. This year, all testing will be conducted online except for paper accommodations that are available for eligible students.

Assessment results can be used to determine whether all students are mastering key content knowledge and attaining the skills necessary for future success in education and the workforce. At NRHEG Elementary we use the information to improve classroom teaching and learning. Teachers and principals look for areas where students do well so we can reinforce the ways we teach these skills. We also look for areas of improvement so we can increase the instructional time or change our methods of instruction.

Districts and schools use the results as only one part of the comprehensive information that we collect on students and their performance. Furthermore, the amount of time preparing for and taking statewide assessments is a very small percentage of instructional time over the course of a school year, averaging less than one percent.

