

# Northbridge Elementary School News

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## Principal's News

On April 1, we had our Character Education Assembly recognizing students who exemplified Teamwork. The following students were recognized: Noah H, James B, Jonathan A, Mackenzie F, Darlene J, John C, Joseph F, Devin G, Larissa D, Luke M, Trevor D, Cody C, Sara L, Alexandra C, Tyler L, Benjamin B, Lauren R, Kylie C, Daniel T, Haley C, Liam A, Trinity G, Erin V, and Jackson P.

In an attempt to reach more families of incoming kindergarten students, we will be offering an evening session to register for the 2010-2011 school year. This will take place **Wednesday, April 14, from 6:00-8:30PM at Northbridge Elementary School.**

**To ensure the safety of all students,** please refrain from bringing pets to the school while school is in session (this includes dismissal). Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**Evening of the Arts** - The Northbridge Public Schools Art and Music departments will be showcasing student artwork and musical performing groups on the evening of April 29, 2010 at the middle school. An art show will be held in the lobby at 6PM featuring music by the high school jazz ensemble, followed by a musical concert in the auditorium at 7 PM which includes performing groups from Balmer School, Middle School and High School.

**FYI**--there is now a message on the district home page ([www.nps.org](http://www.nps.org)) that provides information about re-playing connect ed messages if they were missed. Also, NCLB report card information is now posted on the web. Visit <http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/> or view the direct link located on the school's website. Paper copies are also available in the main office.

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## Preschool News

We would like to thank the families who attended Family Math Night and hope that you had lots of fun! Throughout the month of April our curriculum will focus on "Growing and Changing." The preschool children will learn how people, animals, and plants grow and change. We will also discuss weather changes and rain. When you are outside with your child, see how many signs of spring you can find!

We're on the Web  
[www.nps.org](http://www.nps.org)

Now that spring has arrived please remember that the temperature does fluctuate daily and it is important that your child wears/brings a jacket for the playground time. Also it is helpful if your child wears sneakers as flip-flops and sandals can become slippery on the outside equipment.

We currently have openings in our afternoon 4 year old program. The best compliment you can give is to tell a friend about our wonderful program!

## Kindergarten News

We would like to thank the Northbridge Police Department for visiting the school and finger printing students. The children thoroughly enjoyed this activity and we are appreciative of your time.

We will continue our study of animals and their habitats. Following the completion of our "Farm" theme, we will focus on the rainforest. We'll learn about the importance of the rainforest and its preservation.

After vacation, we will focus on growing plant life and we will end the month with the study of insects. The children will discover that not all "bugs" are insects.

We look forward to meeting with you during our next scheduled conference. These will take place during the first two weeks of the month. Appointment slips will be sent home shortly.

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## Grade 1 News

Spring time will find all of our first graders very busy with engaging learning activities! Teachers will be reading several stories written by Beatrix Potter. This frameworks author is always a favorite with grade one students.

Measurement will be the focus of Math instruction. Students will be comparing length of objects and will learn to measure in inches and in centimeters.

In Science, students will be learning all about natural resources. This is a nice connection with our Earth Day activities.

Just a friendly reminder that as the weather warms, it is best to dress your children in layers. A cool morning can quickly change to a warm day! Dressing in layers will help your child stay comfortable throughout the day.

**Save the Date:** In early June, grade one students will have an Author's Tea. This is one of the highlights of our school year and parents and other family members are invited. Mrs. Juges, Mrs. Averka, Mrs. Walker, and Ms Lariviere's Tea will be held on June 1 from 9:00-10:00. Mrs. Demeritt, Mrs. Redding, Mrs. Landry, Mrs. Usenia, and Ms Brown's Tea will be held on June 9 from 9:00-10:00. More details will follow.