

NIS June Family Update

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Dear NIS Families,

It is amazing how our very first NIS school year has flown by! There were so many firsts this year particularly with our new building, many new staff, new math curriculum, new evening events, and new versions of some traditional activities. This month and over the course of the summer we will reflect on how our first year together went, what worked exceptionally well and where we can continue to improve. NIS is a “school that learns” and as such, we expect to continuously grow and evolve as we seek and explore ways to ensure the very best educational experiences for your children. To that end, we seek your input. If possible, please take a few moments to reflect on your year as an NIS parent and your child’s 2017 - 2018 school year. We desire your feedback and input so that we can continue what worked, refine what needs revision, and implement new initiatives to better meet the needs of our students and families. Thank you for entrusting us with your children and sharing your thoughts with us. We are very excited for Nantucket Intermediate School’s year two!

Wishing you a wonderful summer!

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1. Nurse Notes :

It was an amazing first year as your school nurse! I absolutely love my job and look forward to September. Just a few reminders. If I give your student daily medication, please stop by my office and pick up the remaining medication before the last day of school. If you do not pick up the medicine, it will be discarded by the SRO, Keith Mansfield. Also all incoming 4th graders will need a new physical exam for the 2018-19 school year. Book your appointments soon. Have a safe and fun summer. Please remember to wear your sunscreen.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via phone (x4107) or email, smalln@nps.k12.ma.us.

2. Malcolm Mitchell Reading Rally: Our school along with grade 6 and NES students were treated to a reading rally with Mr. Malcolm Mitchell, children's book author and Patriot player. Every one of our students received a free copy of Malcolm's book, [The Magician's Hat](#). Here is a link to Mr. Mitchell's Share the Magic Foundation supporting children's love of reading: <https://www.readwithmalcolm.com/>

3. Grade 5 Last Day of School: Our fifth grader's last day of school will be a full day on Wednesday, June 20th. They will not need to make up the missed day of school experienced by our third and fourth graders as the fifth graders were engaged in many hours of experiential learning at Nature's Classroom that day. Fifth grade families, please refer to earlier emails sent regarding the events of this day including an end of the day Clap Out. Fifth grade families joining us in the afternoon may NOT park on Backus Lane. The Skateboard Park parking will be one option available to you.

4. Grade 3 & 4 Last Day of School: Our third and fourth graders will have a half day of school on Thursday, June 21st. Dismissal is at 12:00 PM.

5. FONPS Thank You! While there are so many Nantucket organizations to thank for all of the support we have received this school year, we are especially indebted to our Friends of Nantucket Public Schools for all that they have provided us. Their support of field trips, family fun events, and enrichment programs has truly benefited our school community and students' learning.