

# NeHi News

## September

### "Setting the Stage for Success" 2009



Neosho Heights Elementary  
620-795-4541

Cynthia Sanders  
Principal

### Principal's Corner

Students and staff at Neosho Heights are excited to get back to school. Our theme this year revolves around everything connected to Hollywood and movies. The school is decorated with stars, popcorn, movie posters, giant film etc. to reflect our theme. Joan Allen has once again painted our front windows and they really look great.

Students will be earning "Star Bucks" this year for demonstrating good behavior in the classroom, on the playground, and every place in between. Those Star Bucks can then be used to purchase items from the school store that Mrs. Dean sets up once a month.

We plan to have a lot of fun with our theme as we go through the year. Please stop in and see what we've done with the school.

*Mrs. Sanders*

## SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> PTO 7:00 P.M.

Mark your calendars for September 15<sup>th</sup>. PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) will have it's first meeting of the school year. We need all parents to get involved because this organization benefits all students in our school. It doesn't take much of your time because we only meet two to three times a year. We need you, and we want you. Please join us.

Officers for this school year are:

Cindy Dean, President  
Kayley Bortmes, Vice President  
Amy Irwin, Secretary  
Chastity Vore, Treasurer

### Visit Our Webpage

Just go to [www.usd504.org](http://www.usd504.org) to find out the latest news from our schools. Also, you will be able to find the Neosho Heights parent handbook by clicking on the "District" button on the right hand side.

### Please Mark Backpacks, etc.

It would help us so much if you would take a minute and write your child's name on their backpack, coats, and other items that could get separated from them. That way we can return the items to your child.  
Thank you.



Please call the office by 8:30 a.m. if you would like to eat lunch that day with your child. Adult lunches are \$2.75 and \$1.35 for breakfast. Lunches for children are \$1.85 and breakfasts are \$1.10.

## No School September 7th Labor Day

## Site Council

Every school has a site council to help monitor progress and give suggestions for improvement. This council will meet approximately four times this year, and we are looking for parents who would be willing to meet with us.

Please call our school office at 795-4541 and give Mrs. Back your name if you would be willing to serve on this council. We need your input to continue to grow and improve.

Can you spare four hours a year to improve your child's school? **We need you.**

Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you to our fantastic PTO for the wonderful "Back to School" water bottles for our students and the goodies for the staff.

Thank you for all you do for us. We appreciate you very much!

## Fall School Pictures

Fall individual pictures will be taken on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. All students will be photographed, but only those paying on or before picture day will receive pictures. Young children who are not enrolled in our school may get their pictures taken at 8:00 a.m. Packets will be coming home toward the middle of September. Retakes will be taken on October 26<sup>th</sup> for those who are absent or for those who do not like their first pictures.

## Tips from the Kansas State Department of Health Regarding H1N1 (Swine Flu)

Important steps to limit illness in schools: (Also good tips for home)

1. Educate and encourage all students, staff and visitors to cover coughs and sneezes with tissue or with sleeve.
2. Encourage and reinforce good hand hygiene. Ensure students and staff have time to wash hands and that supplies are available. These should include hand washing materials or alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
3. Send sick students and staff members home.

**All ill persons should remain at home until fever-free (fever =100 degree F or greater) for at least 24 hours WITHOUT fever-reducing medications.**

4. Clean all high traffic (hand contact) surfaces regularly. Use ordinary cleaning solutions; bleach is not needed.
5. Provide a "sick" room for temporary location of ill children or staff members. Provide surgical masks for the sick person to wear, if they can tolerate it, to reduce the spread of infectious droplets while they are waiting to go home.
6. Encourage vulnerable students and staff members to seek early medical advice if they become ill.