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N.E.S. Honors Our Local Veterans

Student's Father Shares his Navy Experiences

By Caden Hammers

We celebrate Veterans' Day to honor and thank people who have served in all branches of the military.

I am proud of my dad, Darren Hammers, who served in the U.S. Navy for five years from 2008-2013.

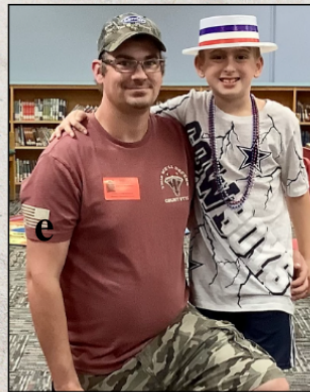
Darren Hammers served as a sonar technician on submarines. And as crazy as it sounds, he spent nearly three years under water without coming to the surface.

Darren Hammers said his time on submarines was spent in the Pacific Ocean between Washington and Hawaii.

He said he learned how to work on Electronics, supervise others, and follow instructions



N.E.S. third-graders (above) performed patriotic songs in honor of veterans at the annual Veterans' Day program. Fifth-grader Caden Hammers (right) was excited to honor his father, Navy veteran Darren Hammers.



(also known as orders). Today, Darren Hammers works as a Process Technician for ExxonMobil Baytown Refinery. He credits the Navy with helping him learn responsibility which helps him in life today. Thank you for your service.



Star Student Cadence the Star

By Rose Holloway

A star student is a hard worker who always has good behavior. They are always kind to students and teachers. This role model helps people in need and enjoys being friendly.

Cadence Baker is this month's Star Student! Cadence is a third grader in Ms. Vicky Holland's class.

"Although she's very quiet, she always puts forth her best effort and makes great choices," Ms. Holland said.

Cadence says she always listens to her teachers and tries to do kind things for others even if she doesn't have too.

Cadence says the best way to make our world a better place is to "show kindness" and help other people think positive things about themselves.

Cougarettes rock Owls' halftime show

By Lilly Weeks

Did you know that Newport has its very own cheer team?

The Cougarettes had a great opportunity to visit Rice University on Oct. 28. The girls performed a pom-pom routine during the Owls' football halftime. There are 41 cheerleaders on the squad and 26 went on the trip.

N.E.S. staffers, including Wenona Harris, Tiffany Martinez, Tanya French, Sheldon Bennett, Carlie Jamison, and Brandi Baker, started the club to build school spirit. These amazing cheer coaches were cheerleaders as kids and enjoy passing on their skills and having fun with the girls.



N.E.S. Student Council members toured Rice University and learned about college opportunities.

Student Council on the Road to Rice

By Rhett Patterson

On Nov. 14, the Student Council went on a trip to Rice University in Houston. The student were joined by N.E.S. Counselor Mackenzie Spencer, and teachers Claudia Londrigan, Kim Houser, and Erica Corso, who serve as advisors to the council.

Ms. Londrigan said it is an important field trip to promote colleges and leadership opportunities for young students.

What was the students's favorite part of the trip?

"Getting to see the campus and how big it is compared to the elementary school," Ms. Londrigan said. In addition, she said the elaborately painted ceiling in Duncan Hall made

a huge impact on the group.

Student Council members also enjoyed seeing a portion of the Berlin Wall and the Stock Market Bull and Bear statues that sit outside the Business School building.

Rice University students Tre Patterson and Tristen Florez led the group and told students how important it is to work hard and achieve your goals.

"Even the tallest trees in the forest start as tiny seeds," Tristen said.

Tre agreed.

"Aim for the moon," he exclaimed. "Even if you miss, you land among the stars."

Eilers Einsteinette: Big Money for Science

By Allie Spencer and Katelyn Crouch

Exciting news for N.E.S. scientists: Ms. Eilers won a classroom science grant for \$15,000.

"I applied because somebody actually tagged me in it on social media, and I filled out the application," Ms. Eilers said. "I never thought that I would win. In the summer I got a phone call saying that they picked me, and I was one of the only elementary teachers in the state of Texas to win the \$15,000 prize!"

What does she plan to do with the money?

Ms. Eilers was able to buy more than \$7,500 worth of supplies for the science lab.

"A lot of the things I bought are for engineering S.T.E.M. activities that the students can use when they come into the classroom," she stated. "I also bought some new microscopes, and I bought science supplies for teachers who wanted it," she said.

Ms. Eilers loves science and she is always excited to share with the students.

"Everything we do is hands-on, and even when things mess up or don't go right the students are still learning," she said.



Fourth-grade students (from left to right) Luke Parker, Addilynn Young, Rayleigh Morris, and Christopher Jackson joined Principal Ann Rice (right) to congratulate Ms. Eilers (left) on her grant win.



N.E.S. students and their families enjoyed a night of Bingo, trick-or-treating and snacks.

Trick-or-Treat B4 Bingo

By Brooklyn Stephens

N.E.S. had a Family Bingo Night on October 26, 2023. This night was dedicated to the wonderful families of Newport Elementary School.

Students got to go trick-or-treating at the teachers' Halloween-theme decorated tables, and then they had an exciting night playing bingo. Everyone had fun, and got candy.

Students also got a chance to wear their Halloween costumes during the school day.

Fifth-grader Lilly Weeks had a great time. Her favorite part? "I won," she said excitedly.

Jokes and Riddles

By Kassie Herrera

Joke

What did the big flower say to the little flower?

"Hey there, bud."

Riddle

A cowboy rides his horse to town on Friday, and he stays for three days. He leaves town on Friday. How?

The horse is named Friday.

Book Fair Wows Students

By Alyssa Lucas

What do you feel when you walk into a book fair? Are you excited? Are you anxious?

The book fair is an amazing opportunity for N.E.S. students to explore different genres. Recently, our school held a book fair in the library managed by our very own librarian, Ms. Carlie Jamison. We sat down with her and asked questions about the experience.

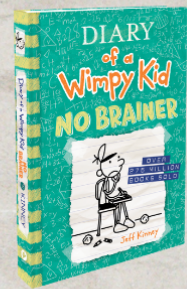
"We do the book fair to raise money and get books for kids to read," she said.

N.E.S. raised nearly \$13,000 from children purchasing books this school year. The most popular book at the fundraiser was, "Diary of the Wimpy Kid."

Book fairs can be stressful to run but not for our very own librarian, who is very comfortable with her role.

"I love the book fair," she said.

We love the book fair too. Keep up the good work Ms. Jamison.



PAWSITIVE Tweets

Dear Readers,

Our names are Paws, Forest, Cinnamon, and Trigger. If you don't know who we are, keep an eye out around campus. We are the school pets.

We have something new coming in the N.E.S PRESS.

We are proud to introduce the new problem solving column! If you have any problems and are in need of advice, please write a letter and drop your note off in the library.

We have a box in the library just for you! Keep an eye out as we help students solve all their difficulties.

Pick a Thanksgiving Pie

By Eden Hasaan

Pumpkin pie, apple pie, and pecan pie are all very popular Thanksgiving desserts.

The first apple pie originated in England, where it began to develop popularity around the world. To this day, it is now a traditional Thanksgiving dessert.

Pumpkin pie was created by the French and English. This orange-golden dessert is more than a delicious part of America's traditional holiday. Pumpkin pie symbolizes the gratitude and appreciation our ancestors once experienced each harvest season. Now, it is served on the tables of Americans during Thanksgiving.

The French people who settled in New Orleans created the first pecan pie after feasting on pecans given to them by Native American tribes.

This is the history behind apple, pecan, and pumpkin pie!

We polled 50 N.E.S. staffers and students what their favorite Thanksgiving pie is. Apple pie was the obvious winner with 23 votes. Pumpkin pie followed with 16 votes and pecan pie came in last with 11 votes.



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