

At New Prospect Elementary, providing a quality, student-centered education is the focus of our efforts. We are proud of the accomplishments of our staff, parents, and students in the 2013-2014 school year. Our school has a long tradition of excellence and we work diligently to increase student achievement each school year. Our teachers continue to work as a Professional Learning Community by collaborating to plan engaging lessons, analyzing data, and using it to drive their instruction. As a result of our continuous efforts, NPE received the 2013 National Blue Ribbon Award.

In 2013, New Prospect implemented several programs associated with the arts such as the Muse Machine Partnership. Through the Muse Machine Program, we received three professional performances onsite during the year, one each of music, theater, and dance. These informal performances familiarized students with a particular genre or art form by professional artists, who also discussed not only the art form and presentation, but also what it is like to be a practicing professional artist. Last year, 25 students joined the Drama Club and met every week to work on theatrical skills. Forty-five students made the audition for the winter drama production, "The Big Chill". The art department led a study of the artistic style of Jackson Pollock. Chapman Cultural Center showcased this Pollack piece created by NPE students. All students at NPE had a part in this art experience.

NPE continued to promote reading during 2013 by partnering with Chapman High School. The Athletic Director of Chapman High School challenged the students by saying "You need to read!" This challenge continued with students keeping a specific fall log of books read. Over 110 students met the specific requirements and were recognized at a CHS football game. They also received a free student and adult ticket to the game CHS vs. Broome. Three authors also visited NPE last year to promote reading and writing by showing students they can author books.

NPE provided many opportunities for students to get healthy and be active. The NPE Running Club, Jump Rope for the Heart, and Walk to School Day are examples of how our school is dedicated to teaching kids how to live a healthy lifestyle. Over 672 parents, community members, teachers and students participated in the annual Walk to School Day in 2013. NPE also had 42 students who participated in the Active Gamecocks Program. Students spent 8,820 minutes in physical activity at home and earned tickets to Gamecock events by turning in their home logs.

We appreciate the support of our families, community partners, PTO, and School Improvement Council as we continue our tradition of excellence at New Prospect Elementary. We look forward to the continuous improvement of our school and service to students.