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# NEHS NEWS

## Welcoming a New Generation of NEHS Members

**Elementary schools across the country inducted their newest NEHS members this year**

Spring is an exciting time for NEHS, as our membership continues to grow each year when new students are inducted and welcomed into the NEHS family. The schools featured on this page are just a few of the many that recently inducted new members. Do you have pictures and stories from your own induction ceremony? We invite you to share them with the national office by emailing [nehs@nehs.org](mailto:nehs@nehs.org).



▲ Over 100 teachers and family members cheered on 28 Brick Mill Elementary School students as they were inducted into NEHS on January 29, 2015, in Middletown, DE. The chapter's adviser, Michelle Romeo, looks forward to students striving to achieve more thanks to their involvement. "I hope it will really help validate them as learners," she said.



▲ Mission Intermediate Grade Center in Coweta, OK, welcomed a large group of NEHS inductees in March. "This year the NEHS members held a math game night at MIGC," adviser Trish Waller said. "Students, parents and families were invited for a night filled with math games and munchies before state testing."

► Twenty-one fourth and fifth graders were inducted into NEHS in March at Orange Ridge-Bullock Elementary School in Bradenton, FL. Principal Maribeth Mason sees NEHS as just the first step for these young students, telling them, "This is just the beginning of your adventure."



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## Planning a Successful

**INDUCTION  
CEREMONY**

The **NEHS Handbook** provides a complete overview to help you plan, implement, and evaluate your induction ceremony (see pages 43–51).

Consider the following questions:

- Will this be an all-school assembly or a smaller, more private affair? Discuss this question with your principal to determine what is best for your school.
- What will take place at the ceremony? A script and sample schedule for inductions is provided in the handbook (pages 44 and 46).

Look through the planning steps outlined on pages 45–47 of the handbook and determine how many helpers you'll need to make this happen. Build a team to share in the success of a well-planned and well-implemented induction ceremony.

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▲ In Mount Pleasant, TX, this past January, Corprew Elementary School inducted 17 fourth graders into their NEHS chapter. Mount Pleasant Independent School District Director of Communication, Dr. Judi Saxton, said, "We are proud of them and know that they will gain a lot from their membership in this organization. Their experiences here will help set the tone for their future academic success."

## END-OF-YEAR CHECKLIST

Get a head start on the next school year by taking a little time to get things in order.

**Inventory.** Check your spreadsheet of NEHS supplies. Make note of any items that need to be ordered at the beginning of the year. Consider setting reminders in your email calendar.

**Member roster.** Double-check your roster to ensure that all members are properly recorded. Make note of graduating members and those who will be transferring to other schools over the summer. Be sure to provide transfer members with a letter to take to their new chapter.

**Officer selection.** Have you elected your chapter officers for next year? Have all officers received an outline of their duties and responsibilities? Before the school year concludes, have one last meeting with outgoing and new officers.

**Chapter calendar.** Share a draft of your tentative schedule for selection and induction with your principal. If there are major projects in the pipeline, remind parents and fellow faculty members as well. Be sure that your selection procedure is published before you leave for the summer.

## Dates to Remember

### JUNE 30

End of the NEHS membership year. Be sure to submit your renewal payments.

### JUNE 30–JULY 2

National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) Annual Conference in Long Beach, CA. Visit [www.naesp-conference.org](http://www.naesp-conference.org) for details.



# WHERE'S WATSON?

Watson, our official NEHS mascot, escaped the cold and visited Murphy Middle School in Murphy, TX this February. While there, Watson got to help at an induction ceremony, be part of a pep rally, witness a poetry slam, and meet the school administration.



▲ Principal Dr. Brant Perry and ► Assistant Principal Jill Engelking both took time out of their busy schedules to pose for a photo during Watson's visit to the school.



◀ Students at Murphy Middle School, whose mascot is the Murphy Mavericks, also got their chance to take a photo with Watson while he was in town.

Follow the NEHS Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/elementaryhonors](http://www.facebook.com/elementaryhonors) to see where Watson goes next!



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# Ideas to End the Year On A **High Note**

**Awards day.** Consider providing special awards or recognition to members who have far exceeded your chapter's requirements. A variety of special items are available from the NEHS store (<http://store.nehs.org>) to commemorate the occasion, including gold cords and stoles. Some criteria to take into account when giving awards includes meeting attendance, project participation, and continued excellence in academic performance.

**Chapter picnic.** Invite all chapter members to an informal year-end get together to celebrate the year with food, games, and contests.

**Parent recognition.** Share a quick note with the parents of your members to show appreciation for their support of the chapter this year. Consider including a year-end summary of activities and expectations for the following year.

**Picture collage.** Create a photo collage of the year's activities for display in the main office or hallway. Reach out to an art teacher or some of your more creative members for input.



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“Dreams come a size too big so that we can grow into them.”

**JOSIE BISSETT**