

# NEWS FROM NH

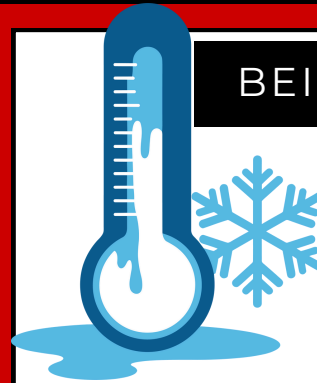
ONCE A TIGER, ALWAYS A TIGER



## LOOKING FORWARD

The 100<sup>th</sup> day of school is Wednesday (pending no snow days from now to then). That's a bid day for our school to celebrate. It's also a reminder that we are more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  through the school year. There is still a lot to learn and grow through.

Students will be studying perseverance this month. We will be exploring stories and sharing examples. We will also celebrating our friendships on Friday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>.



## BEING PREPARED

The frigid temperatures has brought an old reminder of "dressing warm". Although we will not be taking any of our students outside when it's below 32 degrees, we are still required to practice our required safety drills. This will require us to go outside at some point. We do have them drafted out for the year, but often times those are moved because of the weather or other circumstances. We try to pick the "best" day we can. That being said, February is just going to be cold, so please make sure your child has a warm coat / jacket they can throw on. We keep the kids outside the least amount of time we have to while we account for all people.



# When things start feeling “tough”

It's not uncommon to hear children say, “I don't like school” especially when tasks become difficult. When that happens, our first instinct is often to fix the problem quickly or reassure them by agreeing. While empathy is important, research shows that how adults respond in these moments plays a powerful role in building resilience, perseverance, and a growth mindset in children.

**Here are a few research-supported ways families can respond when children express frustration or dislike for school:**

**1. Validate feelings—without removing expectations.** Acknowledging emotions helps children feel heard, but it's important to avoid sending the message that discomfort means we stop trying. Instead of: “I know, school is boring.”

Try: “I hear that today was hard. Hard days don't mean you can't handle them.”

## **2. Separate feelings from facts**

Children often describe one difficult moment as the whole experience. Help them reflect more specifically.

Ask:

- “What part of today felt hard?”
- “Was there anything that went okay?”
- This helps children develop emotional regulation and problem-solving skills.

## **3. Model perseverance and positive self-talk**

Children learn resilience by watching adults. When we share how we work through challenges, we normalize effort.

Examples:

- “Some days I don't love my work either, but I keep going because it matters.”
- “Learning new things can feel uncomfortable before it feels easier.”
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## **4. Emphasize effort over enjoyment**

Research on growth mindset shows that children benefit when we praise persistence rather than comfort. School isn't always easy—and that's okay.

Try reinforcing messages like:

- “You don't have to love every part of school to grow from it.”
- “Effort builds confidence.”

At New Haven, we believe resilience is not something children are born with—it's something they learn through consistent expectations, encouragement, and modeling from the adults who care about them most. Thank you for partnering with us to help students grow into confident, capable learners who know they can persevere—even when things feel hard.

## Quick Reminders



When there is a “weather day” called by the district, any school activities are also cancelled unless otherwise announced.



Club photo day has been rescheduled to Monday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>.

**PARENT & COMMUNITY CONFERENCE**

**TECHNOLOGY ADDICTION AND HOW TO COMBAT THE DIGITAL HEROIN**

*This conference is to discuss how to have balance when it comes to technology. The cell phone, ipad, chromebook, smart watch issues continue to rise. How do we proceed?. Join us as we listen and learn how to create a balanced childhood for our kids!*



**Katie Kinder**  
Speaker

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026**

**AT 10AM - 2PM**

**NEW HAVEN ELEMENTARY**

*Thank you to New Haven & Mann PTO!*

**PARENT INFORMATION:**

Calling all parents! New Haven and Mann PTOs have combined efforts to bring speaker Katie Kinder to Kentucky to share information about balancing technology use for our kids!

Our kids are losing out on a balanced childhood and research shows their brains are changing because of the over exposure to digital devices. Join us at the end of February to learn about different strategies to help balance technology use.

We hope you can come out to New Haven on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) to be a part of this information session. Please share with your friends!

**BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING INFORMATION**

We have had a BIG response to the boy's basketball session this year. We have 10 teams! Please keep in mind this is a SCHOOL LEARNING league with mixed abilities of all sorts. Sportsmanship and learning will be the focus. There is a mandatory meeting that will be rescheduled.

**KINDERGARTEN 26-27**

The district wide "save your seat" event for kindergarten is April 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:30. This allows us to determine how many kindergarten classes we will need for the following school year. It also is the first opportunity to share information and invite our newest Tigers to k-camp in the summer. Please share this information with neighbors who may have a student ready for kindergarten in the fall. Students must be 5 years old by August 1<sup>st</sup>.



**Parent Resources**

[NEW HAVEN WEBSITE](#)  
[BOONE COUNTY SCHOOLS](#)  
[KAS \(KY ACADEMIC STANDARDS\)](#)

[SCHOOL POLICIES](#)  
[HOUSE SYSTEM INFORMATION](#)



# SCHOOL CALENDAR

KEEPING UP WITH THE CHAOS!

"WE DIDN'T REALIZE WE WERE MAKING MEMORIES, WE JUST KNEW WE WERE HAVING FUN." - WTP

## February 2026

- 1<sup>st</sup>- National Counselor's Week
- 9<sup>th</sup>- Club photo day
- 11<sup>th</sup>- House Leader meeting (7:50 am)
- 13<sup>th</sup>- House Meetings / Midterms go home/ friendship celebrations
- 15<sup>th</sup>- National SRO Day! (AKA Deputy Duncan Day)
- 16<sup>th</sup>- No school
- 20<sup>th</sup>- PTO Family Outing (TBD)
- 25<sup>th</sup>- SBDM
- 27<sup>th</sup>-Popcorn Friday
- 28<sup>th</sup>- Parent Presentation- Guess Speaker Katie Kinder "Digital Heroin" 10:00 am @ New Haven.



## March

- 1<sup>st</sup>- National FRC week
- 11<sup>th</sup>- STUDENT SHOWCASE: 4:30 - 6:30
- 13<sup>th</sup>- NO SCHOOL / PTO sponsored: (Girls Night Out Dance- 6:30 - 8:30)
- 17<sup>th</sup>- PTO @ Scheben Library (6:00)
- 24<sup>th</sup>- Spring Picture Day
- 27<sup>th</sup>- Tiger Surprise / House Celebration (3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Successes)

## April

- School Library Month
- 1<sup>st</sup>- **MAP testing window opens** (Reading and Math)
- 3<sup>rd</sup>- 1<sup>st</sup> grade Aquarium field trip // 5<sup>th</sup> grade play
- 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>- SPRING BREAK (No school)
- 13<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup>- MAP TESTING
- 17<sup>th</sup>- House Meeting // 5<sup>th</sup> grade transition to Middle School trip
- 20<sup>th</sup>- Kindergarten "Save your Seat" evening - 4:30 - 6:30
- 21<sup>st</sup>- PTO 4:00
- 22<sup>nd</sup>- Midterms go home
- 24<sup>th</sup>- House Meeting
- 26<sup>th</sup>- 1<sup>st</sup>- (Teacher appreciation week)
- 28<sup>th</sup>- Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- 29<sup>th</sup>- SBDM



## MAY

- 1<sup>st</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> grade play
- 4<sup>th</sup>- House Leader Banquet

