**PACKET DUE:**

## *Marion Mix Elementary*
## *National Elementary Honor Society*

## NEW MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION PACKET

The Marion Mix Chapter of the National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS) is open to all students, grades 5 and 6, who have met five criteria: scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship. Membership in the NEHS is both an honor and a responsibility. It is an honor to be chosen and recognize your service, citizenship, leadership, and character in addition to your academic excellence. If you chose to continue your membership, you will be required to:

- Maintain a 3.0 grade point average on each report card
- Complete 24 hours of community service over the school year -- end of March
- Attend NEHS meetings (minimum of 80% of all meetings)
- Maintain the highest standards in conduct and excellence

NEHS is a student-run organization. Officers will be elected by the membership. Officers and members are expected to help with the service projects sponsored by the society. As a NEHS member you will be looked upon as a student leader by school staff and your peers. You will be required to wear your Honor Society shirt on meeting days and other occasions. Required meetings are held twice a month.

An Induction Ceremony is held in the spring (if permitted). This is a formal occasion; girls and boys must wear dress attire. Families are invited to join in the festivities. There will be two mandatory practices for this ceremony.

**Incomplete applications will not be considered.** Applications are reviewed, and as long as you have met the incoming requirements, you will be considered "IN." It is your job to stay in and complete all of the requirements. Toward the end of school year, end of March, all of your community service hours, grades, meeting attendance, and conduct will be reviewed for the last time and will be voted on by the Faculty Council. You will be notified of the results and if you meet all requirements, you will be formally inducted through the ceremony. For more information about NEHS, visit **http://www.nehs.org**

I look forward to seeing you!

Mrs. Sandra Peterson
NEHS Chapter Advisor

**The current member information packet includes the following:**

1. Cover letter with membership information
2. NEHS 5 Pillars (Character, Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Citizenship)
3. Membership Responsibilities
4. NEHS Membership By-Laws
5. Current Member Information Form & Dues ***(submit)**

# NEHS 5 Pillars

The National Elementary Honor Society is an honorary society that promotes enthusiasm for scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship. To be offered membership, an individual must epitomize these qualities. The following guidelines will give further help in the definition of these 5 pillars:

**Scholarship**:
**The student scholar**…

- Maintains at least a 3.00 grade point average on a 4.0 scale in grades 5-6.
- Displays a sincere desire to succeed academically and have a love of learning.
- Demonstrates academic initiative by challenging him/herself with higher learning and participation in honors classes.

**Leadership**:
**The student leader**…

- Is resourceful in proposing new problems, applying principles, and making suggestions.
- Demonstrates leadership in promoting school activities.
- Exercises influence on peers in upholding school ideals.
- Contributes ideas that improve the civic life of the school.
- Is able to delegate responsibilities.
- Exemplifies positive attitudes and inspires positive behavior in others.
- Successfully holds school offices or positions of responsibility, conducting business efficiently and effectively, and without prodding, demonstrates reliability and dependability.
- Demonstrates leadership in the classroom and in school or community activities.
- Is thoroughly dependable in any responsibility accepted.

**Service:**
**The student who serves**…

- Is willing to uphold scholarship and maintain a loyal school attitude.
- Participates in outside activities: Girl Scouts; Boy Scouts; church groups; volunteer services for senior citizens, poor, or disadvantaged; family duties.
- Volunteers dependable and well-organized assistance, is gladly available, and is willing to sacrifice to offer assistance.
- Works well with others and is willing to take on difficult or inconspicuous responsibilities.
- Cheerfully and enthusiastically renders any requested service to the school.
- Is willing to represent the class or the school in inter-class and inter-scholastic competition.
- Does committee and staff work uncomplainingly.
- Shows courtesy by assisting to visitors, teachers, and students.

**Character**:
**The student of character**…

- Takes criticism willingly and accepts recommendations graciously.
- Consistently exemplifies desirable qualities of behavior (cheerfulness, friendliness, poise, and stability).
- Upholds principles of morality and ethics.
- Cooperates by complying with school regulations concerning property, programs, office, halls, etc.
- Demonstrates the highest standards of honesty and reliability.
- Shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others.
- Observes instructions and rules, punctuality, and faithfulness both inside and outside of the classroom.
- Has powers of concentration and sustained attention as shown by perseverance and application to studies.
- Manifests truthfulness in acknowledging obedience to rules, avoiding cheating in written work, and showing unwillingness to profit by the mistakes of others.
- Actively helps to promote positive attitudes in the school and community.

**Citizenship**:
**The student citizen**…

- Understands the importance of civic involvement.
- Has a high regard for freedom, justice, and respect of the American form of government.
- Demonstrates mature participation and responsibility through involvement with such activities as scouting, community organizations, and school clubs.
- Actively promotes positive school spirit and school involvement.

# NEHS MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

**Attendance:**

1. Regular attendance at meetings (80% attendance required), participation in NEHS community service events, induction rehearsal, and the induction ceremony is **required**.
2. General meetings will be held twice a month. See current meeting schedule for dates and times.
3. In accordance with the By-Laws, failure to attend meetings without an excused parent or doctor note may result in probation or impending dismissal from the chapter. In particular, when a member incurs his/her first unexcused absence from a chapter meeting, he/she can be placed on probation. If there is a second offense, it can result in dismissal from NEHS.

**Scholarship and Character:**

1. Members must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.00 and outstanding/satisfactory citizenship in all classes.
2. The Faculty Council has determined that when a member's GPA falls below the required 3.00 GPA on a report card, he/she can result in dismissal from NEHS.
3. Outstanding/satisfactory student conduct is required. If a member is a participant in unacceptable conduct according to school policy, he/she will be placed on probation for one quarter. If there is a second offense, it can result in dismissal from NEHS.
4. At home and at school suspensions and related assignments but not limited to behavior infractions are grounds for dismissal from NEHS.

**Service:**

1. Under the NEHS guidelines, each chapter must participate in a group service project in which each member must be actively involved. Services rendered for which students do not receive a grade or money as payment qualify for community service hours.
2. Complete 24 hours of community service. Each student shall have the responsibility of choosing and participating in individual service projects or activities which reflect his/her own particular talents and interests. During each quarter, all members should attempt to submit at least 8 individual hours towards the completion. These hours are recorded on the Hours Log form.
3. Students may accumulate more hours each quarter than required.
4. Summer service hours acquired may be applied towards requirement.
5. If the member does not complete the total 24 required hours for NEHS by March 25th they will be dismissed.

*Note: A member who resigns or is dismissed from NEHS will no longer be eligible for membership during that school year. Termination or resignation of National Elementary Honor Society Membership does not affect eligibility in the National Honor Society in middle or high school.

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## NEW MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FORM

Student Name: _____ ID:_____ Grade: 5th/6th

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

My family and I have received the membership application packet for NEHS and I would like to be considered for membership. I have done the following (check):

- ❑ I have read and agree to the 5 pillars of the NEHS and membership responsibilities.
- ❑ I have completed the membership information form and included my membership dues in an envelope and attached my grades (a current Synergy print out or copy of report card from last grading period will do)
- ❑ I have completed my activity form and essay questions (See Attach)
- ❑ I have completed a teacher recommendation and asked him/her to submit it.

Student Signature: _____ Phone number: _____

Student email:

email address: _____

Parent Information-

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Daytime number _____

Parent email: Are you on Synergy? Yes/No

If not, email address: _____

**----------FOR FACULTY COUNCIL USE ONLY----------**

❑ Membership Accepted –OR-(initials) _____ (date) _____

❑ Membership NOT accepted (initials) _____ (date) _____

Comments:

Cash ___ Check# _____ Amount$ _____

## NEHS Membership Dues

**Annual Membership Dues**: (includes NEHS fees, membership pin, Induction Ceremony member certificate and any additional fees)

❑ $17.00 annual dues ❑ I choose to make an additional donation of $_____

**Student Shirt**:

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A SHIRT? IF SO, CIRCLE**

**"YES" or "NO"**

******These will be purchased based on interest (if there is enough interest… I will have them made… and it may cost around $13.**

**TOTAL:**

❑ I am paying $ _____ amount with **cash**.

-OR-

❑ I am paying $ _____ amount using **check #_____** (list child's name in memo section of the check)

***Note:*** **If you are unable to make the annual $17.00 membership dues please submit a petition for consideration of a fee waiver due to special circumstances. See the NEHS adviser. Thank you!**

**PLACE DUES INSIDE ENVELOPE BELOW AND SEAL TIGHTLY CLOSED.**

****Note: If NEHS membership is not accepted, dues will be returned to the applicant. If student is accepted but does not fill requirements throughout school year, money is not returned**

# NEHS STUDENT ACTIVITY SHEET

**Membership Exclusion Questions-**

1. Have you had any referrals to the office since the start of this school year? _____ If yes, was a punishment imposed? _____ What was the referral for? Explain.

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2. Have you had any at home or in school suspensions since the start of this grade?

   _____ If yes explain why? _____

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3. Have you had any U's (Unsatisfactory) in citizenship while in fifth or sixth grade?

   _____ If yes, explain why?

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**Scholarship** - Current grade point average as of last progress report: _____

Did you receive a 3.0 GPA or higher for your first progress report this year? Yes / No

**(Please include a copy of your current progress report.)**

**Leadership** - List all elected or appointed leadership positions held in school and the community since the fifth grade in which you were directly responsible for directing or motivating others should be included. For example: elected student body, club/group officer, elected team captain, newspaper editor, community leader, etc.

| Activity Description | Grade level | Hours | Contact person | Phone/Email |
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**Service**- List community service activities in which you have participated since the fifth grade. Service activities are those which are done for or on behalf of others (not including immediate family members) for which no compensation has been given and may be done in or out of school for the betterment of the school and/or community. For example: volunteer work, church groups, Boy or Girl Scouts, 4H club, etc.

| Activity Description | Grade level | Hours | Contact person | Phone/Email |
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**Co-curricular Activities** - List all in-school and community activities in which you have participated since the fifth grade. Include clubs, athletic teams, musical groups, etc.

| Activity Description | Grade level | Hours | Contact person | Phone/Email |
|---|---|---|---|---|
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**Work Experience, Recognition & Awards** - List below any job experiences, honors, recognition or awards that you have received since the fifth grade which support your bid to be selected for membership in the National Elementary Honor Society.

| Activity/Award Description | Grade level | Hours | Contact person | Phone/Email |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 5 6 | | | |
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**NEHS Membership Questions-**

1. Why are you interested in being a member of National Elementary Honor Society? Explain.

2. NEHS is a time commitment. How do you plan to manage your time if you are involved in NEHS, sports and other extracurricular activities? Explain.

3. What individual qualities would you bring to the NEHS? Explain.

# Teacher Recommendation for NEHS Membership
# Marion Mix Elementary

**TEACHER:** Please return this form to Mrs. Peterson via her mailbox

**NO LATER THAN- 3pm on _____.**

Student's Name: (print)_____

Recommended by: (print)_____

How long have you known this student? _____

**Directions:** Please rate the student on the following five qualities embraced by the National Elementary Honor Society: CHARACTER, SCHOLARSHIP, LEADERSHIP, SERVICE and CITIZENSHIP (**descriptions on backside**).

5 = Outstanding 4 = Above Average 3 = Fair 2 = Poor 1 = Not Observed

| | | | | | | Comments: |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Character | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | _____ |
| Scholarship | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | _____ |
| Leadership | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | _____ |
| Service | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | _____ |
| Citizenship | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | _____ |

Why do you think this student should be a part of the National Elementary Honor Society?

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***Please DO NOT return this form to the student***

Signature: _____ Date: _____