

# Celebrating NIE Newspapers Make Learning Fun

NIE Week 2018 is being celebrated March 5-9 to recognize the accomplishments of NIE programs and students across the country and around the world.

Newspapers in Education, an initiative of the American Press Institute, is a cooperative effort between schools and newspapers to use newspapers as an educational resource. Teachers receive newspapers, current materials, and the opportunities for student involvement and interaction. Newspapers are used as highly-motivating materials to teach a wide variety of subjects and skills - math, science, grammar, reading comprehension, writing strategies, character education, problem solving, and more. NIE seeks to help students increase literacy skills, become critical readers, and engaged and informed citizens and consumers.

In our region, the Times News distributes weekly newspapers to participating classrooms in Scott, Lee and Wise counties in Virginia, as well as Hawkins County, Sullivan County and Kingsport City schools in Tennessee. Almost 1,500 copies are accessed by students each week ~ 1,133 in print and 298 online. New materials and activities for teachers and students are updated weekly at the website, [www.tnnie.com](http://www.tnnie.com).

*"The NIE program delivers so much more than a newspaper to my students. They receive a view of the world, improve reading comprehension, and develop vocabulary as no other resource available in my classroom. I would like to express my deepest appreciation to all persons and businesses that support this program in our classroom providing students realistic resources!" shared Charlotte Lady-Livesay, a sixth-grade English teacher at Rye Cove Intermediate.*

Over 300 students participate weekly in Write-On, a creative writing column that publishes student writings both in print and online. The questions vary from week-to-week and include some fun and thought-provoking topics.

For instance, in late January, students were asked: If you were principal for a day, what would you do? Responses covered the gamut from addressing bullying to building a dirt bike track to just taking a break.

*"If I was principal for a day, I would let it be a free day because I think all the students should get a day for their brains to rest from all of the work." - Zeke Ward, 4th, Weber City Elementary, Mrs. McClain.*

Area teachers are great supporters of the local NIE program.

*"The NIE write-on has been such an important part of my classroom writing, and I am thankful to all those who make it possible. There is pure joy in my students' eyes when I announce, 'We have a published author!' on Wednesdays." - Mrs. Angelia Hensley, 8th grade ELA, Surgoinville Middle School.*

This "living textbook" curriculum is offered in our schools as a program of the Times News, with the support of area businesses and individuals.

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our partners who help us provide this program for area students. These businesses and individuals are committing their dollars to support our schools, our future as a region. We thank them for their commitment to our greater community," said Rick Thomason, Times News publisher.

Individual and business sponsorships are needed to help support this program for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. Learn more at [www.tnnie.com](http://www.tnnie.com), or call Anna Leano at (423) 392-1337, or email [aleano@timesnews.net](mailto:aleano@timesnews.net).



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