

Friday notes..... February 13, 2009



North Davis Preparatory Academy

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NO SCHOOL - Monday, February 16th, Presidents Day!

FIRST LOTTERY CLOSING

First Lottery Window is coming to an end. Please remind family and friends to sign up prior to the close of February 15th for the best opportunity for selection. The website is www.northdavisprep.org

OFFICE HOURS

Just a reminder that school office hours are Monday thru Thursday from 8:00am to 4:00pm and Fridays from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Although we may still be in the building, Faculty and staff are involved in continuing education, planning and meetings following the school day.

If you reach our answering machine after hours you may dial in your parties' extension. If we are unable to answer your call at that time, please leave a message, we will make every effort to get back with you when we return.

SCIENCE FAIR TIP OF THE WEEK:



A good science fair project doesn't just demonstrate something, like how you can mix baking soda and vinegar to make a pretend volcano.

Instead, a good science fair project follows the Scientific Method.

That means first you ask a question. Then you make a hypothesis -- that means you predict what you think the answer is. Then you design a project to test your prediction. Finally, you measure your results and draw a conclusion to find out if your hypothesis was right or not.

So instead of just demonstrating how baking soda and vinegar foam up, ask "Why?" and use your experiment to try to find an answer. Or ask "Will baking soda and water do the same thing? How about baking soda and apple juice, or baking soda and Sprite?" Scientists' favorite questions in the whole world are "Why?" and "What if?" Ask those same questions and see where your experiments lead you! Good luck and have fun with your with your projects!

Remember the Science Fair is Thursday, March 5th. Come explore the science of the things you love!

JR. DRAMA CLUB VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Drama Club needs a parent to help with the stage crew. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to follow directions and work with junior high students. Contact Debbie Barrett @ dbarrett@northdavisprep.org or by calling the school at 336-3601 ext. 2135

REMINDER FOR ART AUCTION CLASS BASKETS:

Though NDPA's 4th Annual Art Auction is not until May 8th, we want to encourage you to donate items or cash to your children's class baskets earlier rather than later. Each of the elementary grades has chosen a theme for their class baskets. Currently, we are in the process of collecting items to fill the baskets.

While you are out and about look for items. Every bit helps! These baskets will be part of the silent auction and all the money raised at this event will be given to the school to benefit all kids at NPDA.

If you have questions about the class baskets, or if you need help with ideas on what to purchase for a basket, please contact your class captain or Marci Whitesides at merlinfo2@yahoo.com.

TO ALL NDPA PARENTS and STUDENTS:

Lately, we have had a lot of cash and checks deposited into the POET box without names or information indicating what the payment is for. Please make sure that you add this information.

If you do pay with cash and do not fill out any form or attach any information with it, we are unable to credit the payment to you. And we usually don't figure it out until someone realizes that they are not marked as "having paid".

Also if you are paying with cash, please pay the correct amount. If you pay over, it is difficult to get the change back to you. If you do not have an envelope, or a secure way put the cash in the box with your name on it, please check with the school office staff they may be able to offer another solution.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES LIST

Thanks to all of you who signed up for various volunteer opportunities during P/T Conference last week. If you were unable, we've attached the list to this week's Friday Notes. Please take a few minutes to

look over the list and then contact the person in charge of the event so we can get you signed up!

APPLICATION FOR 2009-2010 POET BOARD

All interested parents are invited to apply to be an officer or team leader on the POET board. The POET organizes volunteers to fulfill the mission and vision of NDPA. We plan and fund extra-curricular activities to support NDPA students.

Involvement from all families at NDPA is the key to our success. Your contribution by becoming an officer or team leader in the POET is an opportunity to make a positive impact in your child's education experience and a difference at NDPA.

If you are interested in being a part of POET, please fill out an application and turn it into the POET box located in the foyers of either building. All applications are due by March 20, 2009 and are also available on the school website.

If you have questions regarding possible positions and responsibilities please contact Terra Nuttall at nuttallg@msn.com or Rita Alexander at Rita.Alexander@HILL.af.mil

The current POET will vote on the new positions and new POET members will be introduced at the May POET meeting. All approved applicants will be notified by April 20th. Please see the website for an application.

AFTER-SCHOOL CHEERLEADING

Don't Forget: Cheerleading for 5th and 6th graders will begin Wednesday, February 18th from 3:15-4:00pm in the Elementary Gymnasium. Due to limited space, you must have your registration fee and form turned in before you have a position in the club. Positions are opened to the first 20 PRE-PAID applicants. Any questions please contact: Trish 612-2013

JR. HIGH YEARBOOK - eSHARE YOUR PHOTOS – DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 20TH

Students and parents, do you have photos you would like to submit to the Jr. High's yearbook from the comfort of your home? Well, we have a fast and easy way for you to do this! Check out the attached flyer. It will give you directions on how to upload your photos to be used in this year's book.

DON'T FORGET: YEARBOOKS ARE STILL ON SALE!

Yearbooks for both Elementary and Jr. High are still

for sale. However, the prices for the yearbooks have gone up to \$15 for the K-6 and \$18 for the Jr. High.

ART AUCTION – Vivan Los Libros!

Mark your calendar now for the event of the year! On Friday, May 8th at 6.00 pm at the Davis Conference Center, NDPA POET will host the 4th Annual Art Auction.

This is your chance to get a steal on dozens of baskets of goodies from local businesses (hotels, movies, restaurants, services), mingle with other NDPA parents, eat a wonderful meal, AND if that's not enough, you can bid on (and hopefully win) a one of a kind piece of artwork made by your child's class.

This is no ordinary artwork - we'll have handmade quilts, collages, framed paintings, sculptures, collages, and "first edition" books.

All proceeds benefit NDPA. You won't want to miss this! Watch for more info in upcoming Friday Notes and watch for posters at the school. Questions: Necia Wiggins 593-1686. (submitted by Kim Valeika)

ART AUCTION DONATIONS

The NDPA Art Auction Donations Committee needs YOU!! If you own a business or work for a company that would like to donate a service, item, or make a monetary contribution to the NDPA Art Auction, please contact Kim Valeika at 546-4927 or lilys_mom@yahoo.com. All monies earned from the auction go directly to the school. The more donations we receive, the more money we will earn - and it benefits every student at NDPA.

NDPA POET is a 501 (c)(3) organization - so donations are tax deductible (please check with your tax advisor for specific limitations and regulations regarding a donation).

Also, if you are interested in getting volunteer hours that can be done outside of the school - the Art Auction Donations Committee is the perfect choice. Contact Kim Valeika if interested. (submitted by Kim Valeika)

NDPA Jr. High School Boys "Varsity" Basketball Schedule

(2008-09)

February

13th – Summit Academy (AWAY – Draper),

2 games: *JV game* at 4:00 *Varsity game* at 5:15



Looking to earn some extra money during these "Hard Economic" times?

Consider a small part-time job in our lunch service area. Work just 2-3 days a week for 3-3.5 hours and be willing to sub other shifts as needed. Friendly environment, opportunity to meet and greet the individuals making and impact on the student(s) lives, and be a help in a vital area of our day. Individuals interested need to have or secure a food handlers permit, pass a fingerprint and background check and be able to lift up to 50 lbs. on a regular basis. For information and application, contact LaRetta Foxley @ 336-3601 ext. 2117 or ndpalunch@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Where do YOU want to get your volunteer hours? Let POET help you reach your volunteer hours goal. Here is a list of the remaining events for the 2008-2009 school year. If you are interested in helping with any of the listed events, either contact the listed person or please sign-up on the corresponding sheet. Thanks!!!

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Necia Wiggins/593-1686/necia@aol.com
 Kim Valeika/546-4927/lilys_mom@yahoo.com
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EVENT: ART AUCTION DONATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Ongoing up until April 2009

CONTACT: Kim Valeika

Still looking for a few more go-getter parents to help solicit donations from local businesses for the silent auction portion of the Art Auction to be held May 8th. The more businesses we get to donate items the more money we make for all students that attend NDPA. Great way to get hours outside of the school.

EVENT: A+ BOOK FAIR

DATE: April 27th - April 30th 2009

CONTACT: Kim Valeika

Looking for a co-chair to help with the A+ BOGO Free Spring Book Fair to be held during the week of April 27 thru April 30. Will help with planning and set up. Need someone who can be available from 3-5 pm on Apr. 29 & 30th as I will be busy setting up Teacher Luncheons. A training session at A+ Book Fairs in NSL will be held prior to book fair that you can attend. Date and time TBA.

EVENT: FIELD DAY (Elementary/K-6th)

DATE: May 15th 2009

CONTACT: Necia Wiggins

This is an all-day event that our elementary students look forward to every year! We are looking for parents who are interested in spending a day having fun in the sun at Elison Park! We need parents to help set-up, manage and clean-up a variety of water games.

EVENT: SPRING FLING

DATE: May 18th 2009

CONTACT: Jennifer Bazzano

This is our NDPA family year-end celebration. It is a family fun event with blow-up/bouncy toys for the kids and a great Dutch oven dinner for all. The date of the event is May 18th and has been at Layton Park the past few years. I will need a chairperson to run the event and several committee members to help with the planning. We should be able to get the planning done in a couple of meetings beginning in March. This is a fun event to fill those volunteer hours!

EVENT: ART AUCTION COMMITTEE

DATE: Currently ongoing and May 8th 2009

CONTACT: Necia Wiggins

Do you like art? We are looking for additional committee members who are able to go into the classrooms and execute various art projects. We could also use people with artistic talent or skills to help add to the variety of art projects we've got planned. And finally, we will also need assistance in setting-up the morning of the auction at the Davis Conference Center.

EVENT: ART AUCTION BASKETS (Jr. High grades)

DATE: Ongoing up until April 2009

CONTACT: Shelly Vidmar

Looking for volunteers to help teachers and staff members with planning and collecting items for the club baskets for NDPA's 4th Annual Art Auction held on May 8th 2009. These baskets will be auctioned off and the money earned will be donated to the school.

EVENT: JR. HIGH SPORTS

DATE: TBA

CONTACT: Coach Dooley

There are opportunities to volunteer with various sports programs.

EVENT: FIELD DAY (Jr. High grades)

DATE: May 15th 2009

CONTACT: Shelly Vidmar

Looking for a committee chair and committee members to plan and run Field Day for the junior high students.

EVENT: 9TH GRADE GRADUATION

DATE: TBA

CONTACT: Ms. Amy Gray

Looking for a committee chair and members to plan and participate 9th grade graduation. You must be able to meet with student government.

EVENT: JR. HIGH DANCE CHAPERONES

DATE: TBA

CONTACT: Shelly Vidmar

We are always looking to have parents chaperone any of the Jr. High dances.