

FRIDAY NOTES EXTRA.....February 23, 2007

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Board meetings are held bi monthly. The last meeting was held on February 7, 2007. The next meeting will be held April 11th @ 7:00pm. All are welcome.

December Board Meeting Summary of Approved Minutes:

Kim Valeika reported on the Geography Bee, the Spelling bee and the Barnes and Noble Day. They were all a great success. Debby reported on the special education program review. Although they continue to make improvements, she is happy to report they received rave reviews. Academica West reported that our audit is complete and our financial records were found to be in order. The following actions were taken:

- The April Board Meeting was moved to the second Wednesday in order to accommodate Spring Break.
- The policy for the rental of our building was approved.
- The Employee Handbook was approved.

We'd like to thank all who attended and extend an invitation to all to attend our Board Meeting in April.

The Board of Directors

**If you would like more information, please refer to the website for a full version of the minutes.*

Submitted by Mornie Sims

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE:

As the month of February comes to a close, we would like to mention some of the continued efforts here at NDPA.

- Thanks to our teachers and staff who model the "love of learning" that we hope to instill in our students. Our Professional Development day was spent visiting and learning from other great schools. We look forward to refining and implementing some of the great ideas we have experienced. We look forward to sharing with our students and families those things that will help NDPA continue to grow and improve. Hat's off to the professionalism we have in our great staff.
- POET continues to direct many positive endeavors from organizing countless hours of service oriented classroom projects, to after school programs and to the many special projects that are coming in the next several weeks.
- We have experienced a wonderful "Art's focus" with the recent Impression's Contest and we would like to thank Carolyn Stayley and committee for the many hours of organization and effort.
- Thanks to Susan Olsen's 5th Grade Class for their production of William Shakespeare's "Mid-Summers Night Dream." For all who attended the

afternoon performance or saw a classroom scene presentation, it was great fun.

- We look forward to viewing our many budding scientists next week as Science Fair projects are under way. This is a great learning opportunity and we hope many of you are choosing to participate.

Thanks for all you do.

Mrs. Gomberg.

OLD GLORY: BACK AND FLYING WITH PRIDE!

Our outdoor flag and pole recently met with needed repairs. Our flagpole needed replacement parts to fly properly and our flag needed necessary cleaning and tear repair. We are usually able to do this while school is out, however we desired to show proper respect for our nation's symbol and to the citizens who serve her. We are glad to announce its return and condition of honor. Thanks to the many who noticed its absence and voiced their concern.

6TH GRADE DIRECT WRITING ASSESSMENTS:

Parents: Our 6th Grade State Wide Direct Writing Assessments are scheduled for March 7th. Please avoid scheduling out of school appointments on that day. Your teachers will be spending time preparing the students for this exam until test day. Please work "extra" to avoid missing this important time. On Test Day (March 7) insure that your student gets proper rest and a healthy breakfast to start their day. Thanks for your help in these matters.

DO YOU HAVE INTERNET CONCERNS FOR YOUR YOUTH?

NetSafe Utah: Cybersafe Your Teens, a one-hour discussion forum hosted by Doug Fabrizio and airing February 26th at 9:00 p.m. on KUED 7, explores practical ways parents can keep their children safe on the Internet. The program will be repeated March 1 at 8 p.m. and again March 3 at 7 p.m. on UEN-TV Channel 9.

Parents will be able to request information packets during the broadcast. Additional resources are included online at www.netsafeutah.org, a special project Web site that includes more information on how to stay safe on line, where to get help and recommendations for great sites for kids. DVDs of the program along with printed materials will be distributed to schools.

LOST AND FOUND REMINDER:

If your child is missing a winter coat, sweater, sweat shirt or other item of importance. Please check the lost and found prior to the last day of each month. All items left at the school will be forwarded at the close of the day to charity.

POET NEWS:

I hope you are all having a great end of winter. It's amazing that spring is almost here! You can feel it in the air. With the arrival of spring come many opportunities to help the school.

- March 1st Science Fair is just around the corner.
- BOGO Free Spring Book Fair is set for Mar 26th - 29th.
- The 2nd Annual Art Auction will be held April 20th.
- Cinco de Mayo celebration is being planned.
- 3rd annual Family Fiesta May 21st.
- 6th Grade Graduation activities at the end of May.

Please refer to individual articles in this Friday Notes Extra edition for information on how you can get involved. Our events can't happen without you – YOU make the difference in the success of our planned activities. Thank you to everyone who has been so committed to the school thus far.

I want to thank Carolyn Staley and her Impressions committee for planning another great activity where our students had a chance to shine and share their many talents. Keep up the great work, everyone! And thank you for your commitment to NDPA!!

Submitted by Kim Valeika

BOOK FAIR:

Looking for an opportunity to help at NDPA? Well, sign yourself up to be on the Book Fair committee. Evening hours available, surrounded by books, and interaction with happy students and parents! What more could you ask for? If you'd like to contribute a few hours, call Kim Valeika (546-4927, kvaleika@northdavisprep.org) or Larisa Page (497-9387). We'd love you to join us at the Book Fair (March 26th - 29th).

Submitted by Kim Valeika

CHESS CLUB SAYS THANK YOU FOR SUPPORT!

We've Made our Final Move!-As our Chess Club students already know, this week's Chess Club was the **LAST** one for this school year. Thank you to all the students who participated in the program and for all those who volunteered their time to supervise and teach the students. We had a lot of fun in our last class by having a friendly chess competition and each student received a certificate of participation. All of you are winners!!! Have a great rest of the year, but continue playing because we'll start again next school year!

Submitted by Trish Cook

SCIENCE FAIR:

The Science Fair is next Thurs., Mar 1. Judging will be in the morning, 9:00 am – 11:00 am (no parents allowed during judging, except for volunteers). Family and friends are welcome to come to the Open House to view the projects from 6:00 – 7:00, and awards will be given out at 7:00. All participants should come to the awards ceremony to see if you won, and to take home your projects immediately after the awards ceremony. We still need volunteers that day, so

contact Larisa Page, 497-9387/ risieroo@netscape.com if you can help.

Science Fair Tip of the Week: Many science projects need a “control.” What is a control? If, for your project, you are seeing what happens when you change something, you have to compare it to something that wasn't changed. For example, if your project is measuring whether fertilizer makes a plant grow bigger, you'll really need at least two plants: one that you add fertilizer to, and one that you don't add fertilizer to. The unfertilized plant is the “control” plant. Better yet, use several plants with fertilizer, and several without, to ensure that one “sick” plant doesn't ruin your measurements. Think about how you can use a control in your science fair project, so that you have something to compare it to.

WHAT IF???!? “Oh no! My science fair project didn't work the way I thought it would!” What do you do if your hypothesis – the prediction you made when you started your project – turns out to be wrong? Believe it or not, that's OK! Scientists learn as much from their mistakes as they do from their successes. If your project isn't turning out the way you thought it would, here's what you do: First, write down everything you did and all your measurements. Then, in your conclusion, explain what you think happened and why it turned out differently than you expected. When you use the Scientific Method to explore a question about how something works, your hypothesis might turn out to be wrong. That happens to scientists all the time. But you still learned something, didn't you? And that's what science is all about – learning! So don't be afraid to be wrong!

NDPA'S 2ND ANNUAL ART AUCTION

Plans are well under way for the Art Auction to be held on April 20th at the Davis Conference Center. Volunteers are working with each class to complete a unique and exciting art project with your students. In addition, the class captains and teachers will be contacting you soon about the classroom basket. All baskets will be inspired by a book selected by the teacher. Please support your teachers and class captains by donating unused items for the baskets.

The committee is also seeking other donations for the silent auction. If you are someone you know would be willing to donate to our event, please contact Necia Wiggins at 593-1686. Some examples of great auction items are: gift certificates to restaurants, spas and travel, home decor items, sports equipment, or anything else that you think would be a fun addition to our event.

DAVIS COUNTY SPELLING BEE EXCITEMENT:

Congratulations to Adam E. for winning in the Semi-Finals North Davis County Spelling Bee on Feb. 13. He was 1 of 15 winners that night! Adam will go on to the County Finals in March. We know he will represent our school well! Good luck Adam!

FACULTY SPOTLIGHTS!

Regina Ann (McClain) Lawhead



Mrs. Lawhead is a favorite of many second graders here at NDPA. She is a fabulous and dedicated teacher. Mrs. Lawhead’s nickname is “Gina” and she loves the color blue. She likes to eat steak and her favorite kind of pet is a dog.

Mrs. Lawhead is married to Tim Lawhead and has 1 son, Michael and his wife Amanda and 2 daughters, Marie and husband Todd and Melissa married to Eric. She just adores her grandchildren Emily and Ethan.

It is exciting to find out that one of Mrs. Lawhead’s ancestors wrote the well-known novel “Black Beauty”.

Mrs. Lawhead enjoys math, social studies, is good at “Textile Crafting” and gardening! She attended Weber State University, but her favorite school of all time is our own NDPA because of the wonderful students and staff!

Rachel Lee Banks



Mrs. Banks is one of our “Cool” teachers here at NDPA. She says it is “Because she is a teacher and a mom”, but we know it is because she works very hard to teach her students well!

Mrs Banks’ nickname is “Rach” and although she attended the RED college to the south...(The University of Utah) for 9 years, her favorite color is GREEN! She loves eating out at Tepanyaki and is partial to cats as pets.

Mrs. Banks loves the beach and her favorite tradition is going to the beach at Bear Lake in the summer! She enjoys her hobbies, which includes the sports of snowboarding and wakeboarding all year long. Although these sports require plenty of coordination, Mrs. Banks admits that she “trips a lot”.

Mrs. Banks is married to husband, Joseph Banks and has 3 beautiful daughters: Cassidee, Kennedy and Sicily.

Mrs. Banks thinks our Principal and students here at NDPA are very dedicated and “TOP NOTCH!” If Mrs. Banks could, she would make the world a better place by having everyone *smile and recycle*.

Menu’s for the week of: February 26 thru March 2

All lunches come with a choice of side dish, Fruit and Vegetable Bar and Milk Choice. Additional snack items are available each day for an additional cost of .30 cents per item.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
26	27	28	March 1	2
Ravioli or Chicken Patty Sandwich	Nachos or Potato Bar with Sides	Individual Pizza	Sweet and Sour Rice bowls w/ sides including Pork nibblers Fortune cookie	BBQ Rib Sandwich or Chicken Sandwich

