

Notes from NDPA Administration:

NDPA Lottery and New Enrollment Information:

We are pleased to announce that the Lottery "Open Enrollment" window for NDPA closed as of midnight February 15th. This means that those families not currently members of the NDPA School Family will have an opportunity for admission after the current siblings wait list has filled any available openings.

The Syracuse Art School ran their lottery concurrent to ours and is in the process of notifying their applicants of their status. We understand and expect some slight effect on the next years enrollment at NDPA. In the next 2-3 weeks we will receive confirmation of families who intend to enroll at Syracuse Art Academy from our school. This may create additional openings at NDPA. We will then start our independent lottery process. We will notify any families selected to fill the available openings by email. They will be given a limited response time to fill out our paper work to enroll for next year. All applicants who received a confirmation # will receive email notification as to their personal results. We anticipate this process to be completed by the end of March.

Parents, many of the friends and families of our NDPA family have been calling asking for these details if YOU could answer their questions based on the information listed above as they ask you for information, it would be a great help to our office staff who have been fielding numerous calls daily.

Congratulations are in order!

Lucy Weiss, the new daughter of our 3rd grade teacher, Krystal Weiss and husband James was born Sunday, February 19th at 3:15 AM. She weighed 7lbs 6oz. And is 20" long with lots of dark hair. Both baby and Mom are doing well.

6th Grade Direct Writing Assessments

Friday, March 3rd our 6th grade students will be given the state mandated testing on their writing skills. We ask that parents make every effort to have your child be on time, well rested and ready to do their best. Please avoid removing your student from school that day. Make up testing is difficult on both student and staff.

Notes from the NDPA Board of Directors Meeting

The February 1, 2006 Board Meeting was conducted by Monte Poll.

Kim Valeika reported that POET is currently working on: Art Auction, March Bookfair, End of Year BBQ, Science Fair, Geography Bee, Emergency Preparedness and the Phone Tree.

The STAR reading program is now up and running. Debby Gomberg reported that the 1st grade teacher transition has gone well and Ms. Pavon is making great improvements to our Spanish Curriculum library. Valentine's Day will follow the tradition of last year.

Geography Bee News:

Congratulations to the finalist of the Geography Bee! The final competition will be next Tuesday, February 28, at 5:00 pm for grades 1-3 and 7:00 pm for grades 4-6. Anyone is welcome to attend and watch the students compete in the gym. Please contact Jennifer Baker at mjrbi@yahoo.com with any questions.

Science Fair:

The Science Fair is next Thurs., Mar 2. 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 Kelley Lindberg, 801-593-5360, kjplindberg@earthlink.net if you can help.

SCIENCE FAIR TIP OF THE WEEK:

"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!

Art Auction/Dinner

Saturday, April 22 will be an exciting adult-only event for the NDPA. Specifics as to time and location will be coming soon, but we will be having a live and silent auction dinner. All money earned will directly apply to the quality of your child's education.

Each class is creating two exciting projects. First is a basket that will require some help on your part as we are asking for donations to fill them. Contact your child's teacher for more information as each class has its own theme. The second is a large class art project that the students will be putting a lot of time and love into. As children are not invited to this event, you may preview the baskets and art projects with your children April 19-21 at the school. Let them show you what they have made, and maybe what they want you to bid for.

We are still in need of many volunteers to make this event successful; this will be a fun way to fill your hours for the year. Contact Noelle Taylor at 801-546-3562 for more

Drop off and pick-up changes have been sent out, and other more permanent solutions are in the works.

Jed Stevenson, representing Academica West, reported that the light pole is under contract to be fixed and encouraged all interested parents to contact their local legislature in support of equalization dollars for Charter Schools.

Trent Brown presented a YTD report of current expenditures with the Budget.

Mornie Sims reported that the Jr. High Committee will be putting together their recommendations this month to present to the Board for approval.

Monte Poll reported that the Technology team will begin using SPROCKET, a web-based task management program which was gifted to the school by Rebecca Faraway.

All of the existing policies needed to be reformatted, these were approved in their new form with the exception of the Co-Chair Policy to be discussed in the next Board Meeting. The POET Renewal Policy, which outlined how the POET Co-chair was to choose the POET Board, has been removed from the Board Policies in order to allow POET the power to control this process.

Due to a conference that some members of the Board will be attending, we have moved our Board meeting to the second week of March. We look forward to your participation in our next meeting on March 8, 2006 @ 7 pm in the NDPA Library.

Submitted by: Mornie Sims, NDPA Board Secretary

Updates from the POET Organization:

A successful Spring has already begun with POET. We are solidifying our plans for the rest of the school year. At our POET Parent Meeting, Denise Seegmiller presented her son's finished Eagle Project (stone masonry around the marquee) to the school. The stone work looks fabulous and we are thrilled. January Minutes and February Financial Report were approved unanimously and a budget increase to the 6th grade graduation committee was approved.

Team Leaders presented their outlines and plans for the following activities: Art Auction, Cinco de Mayo, Fiesta BBQ, Field Day and 6th Grade Graduation. We also had discussion about POET elections, field trips, Jr. High Committee, Community Council, volunteer hours and family standings, and Spanish curriculum. Thank you to all the parents and volunteers who participated in our meeting. We hope to see more parents next month, March 22, 7pm. Submitted by Kim Lovell- POET

Rhythm Stix is Coming!

Poet is proud to bring again to NDPA a wonderful assembly Tuesday, February 28. @ 8:45 AM. This is a creative rhythmic movement group that will present a fun program for our students. This will also allow the students to view an after school opportunity that will become available after school beginning March 7th.

Layton City Sports and Recreation News:

information.

Classroom Volunteer Update:

Here are our Class Captains for this year . Please make a note and give them a call to see where you can help out in the classes. We need EVERYONE TO PUT IN THEIR 30 HOURS! Also when your class captain calls you, tell them thanks for all they do .They are some hard working volunteers!

Kindergarten : Hansen

AM Looking for a class captain

PM Kayla Chamberlin 444-0068 hamberlain@yahoo.com

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A BIG HUGE THANK YOU TO HEATHER GORDON, CLASS CAPTAINS, THERESA REED, AND CINDY HARDISON FOR HELPING OUT WITH DINNER FOR THE TEACHER'S LUNCHEONS. IT WAS SO AWESOME. WELL DONE!

Community Council Update:

The community council is making some plans for next year. If you would like to give your input on the following items, please call; Cindy Hardison 546-8207, Shalece Sanders 776-1494 Shaunna Reynolds 825-1286 or call your class captains.

1. When to start school next year? The school would rather start on Monday the 14th at the beginning of the week rather than starting the 16th when Davis school district starts. This would give extra days during the holiday such as Christmas and Thanksgiving. What do you think?

2. We as a school need to submit a plan to the government on how we want the Land Trust money to be spent.. It is a grant that is given back to the schools from the state. It is

Layton City sports and recreation will be holding registration for T Ball at the end of March. If you are interested in playing T Ball with students from the school, please contact the city recreation office for more information on time and cost. Marvin Baker (T Ball coach of ND Prep Last year)

New Chess Opportunity

We are exploring the interest in creating a chess team at North Davis Prep, for a minimal cost. It would mean weekly meetings, learning, having fun and if the students present have demonstrated the necessary skills - going to the state competition. If you are interested in this, or other variations of chess please contact me at originalsherlockholmes@yahoo.com.
Thanks, Marvin Baker

between 10 and 11 thousand dollars. Some of the things the school is looking at are; spending money on strengthening the Spanish aspect of the school or special ed resources/gifted resources. What would you be most interested on this money being spent on?

3. Parent teacher conferences. Would you rather have the ending conference the middle of May to set goals for next year, or would you rather have it in March to set goals to finish out the year?