

Friday notes..... February 27, 2009

North Davis Preparatory Academy

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March At A Glance

- March 2nd Dr. Seuss Day
- March 5th Science Fair
- March 8th Day Light Savings Time Ends
- March 9th 3rd Trimester Starts
- March 11th Spring Portraits
- March 13th Report Cards Home
- March 17th St. Patrick's Day
- March 20th First Day of Spring
- March 23rd No School
- March 27th & 28th Drama Performance

END OF LEVEL TESTING

March 2nd through the 6th, All 8th graders that are currently enrolled in science will be having their end of level science testing.

March 3rd, All 6th and 9th graders will be doing their end of level direct writing assessment.

Please make every effort to have your child here at school, fully rested and well nourished this week.

Next Week is Science Fair!

The Science Fair is next Thursday, March 5th.

- All students need to put their projects in the display area of the school gyms upon arrival at school between 8:00-8:25am. We will have a set up area for them. Please ask a volunteer for assistance in locating your setup area.
- Judging for both facilities will be between 9:00 – 11:00 am (Please remember: Only volunteer judges are allowed in the fair at this time.)
- The 4th through 9th grade Awards will be presented at 7:00pm. Family and friends are welcome to come to the Jr. High Open House view the upper level projects between 6:30-7:00pm. All participants should come to the Awards ceremony to see if you have won.
- Grades K-4 will participants will take home all projects at the end of the school day.
- Grades 5th through 9th students will take home your projects immediately following the evening ceremony.

Volunteers help is needed in the following areas:

- Volunteer judges are still needed. If you can help, please contact Larissa Page @ risieroo@yahoo.com.
- Volunteers to help set the display area (Tables, stage etc.) Please plan to be at the school(s) at 2:30pm on Wednesday, March 4th to assist.

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.



2ND TRIMESTER COMING TO AN END

The end of the 2nd trimester is just around the corner, students need to make sure they have their final work turned in this week. The 3rd Trimester will begin March 9th. Jr. High student schedules will be sent out Tuesday March 3rd. You may continue to track your student's progress and grades on our website at www.northdavisprep.org.

SPRING PORTRAITS

March 11th spring portraits will be taken in both buildings. Watch for flyers to come home next Friday, March 6th. Only students with returned packets will be photographed.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be coming home March 13th.

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.

We are still in need of kids, any grade that have a Disney character costume, to be on stage for a few minutes during the last scene of the play.

All participating sibling students need a signed parent permission slip to work with the Jr. High production. Please obtain a permission form from Debbie Barrett @ dbarrett@northdavisprep.org or call her during school hours at 336-3601.

OFFICE HOURS

School office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and Fridays from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. 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.

ARE YOU HANDY

Our Jr. High supply room is in need of a handy person to help with some wood shelving. For more information please contact Debbie Barrett at 336-3601 or dbarrett@northdavisprep.org.

UPDATE ON SCHOOL REWARD

Keep up the good work on bringing in Box Tops, used ink and toner cartridges, and Cream o' Weber lids. And continue shopping at Albertsons, Target, and Smiths under our school code. So far this year we have earned \$1,186.31.

If you have yet to sign up for School Rewards at Smiths or Albertsons, you can find the forms at the POET desk in the elementary building. Thank you for all your support!

Ecycle - \$134.60
Box Tops - \$373.10
Academy Attire - \$100
Albertsons - \$129.53
Smiths - \$379.58
Target - \$35.86
Lands End - \$33.64
Total: \$1186.31

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 merlinti2@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 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. If you were unable, please see the form on our school website. www.northdavisprep.org. 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.

DON'T FORGET: YEARBOOKS ARE STILL ON SALE!

Yearbooks 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 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)