

Friday notes EXTRA.....April 27, 2007

North Davis Preparatory Academy



MONDAY, APRIL 30TH THRU THURSDAY, MAY 3RD.
END OF LEVEL TEST WEEK

Be on time. Be rested. Have a good breakfast.

Come to school with a positive attitude!

FRIDAY, MAY 4TH - Cinco de Mayo Classroom Celebrations
TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY MAY 1ST AND 2ND

2007-08 Kindergarten Assessments for incoming students 4-7pm - by appointment.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR UPDATES:

APRIL BOARD MEETING

A full copy of the board meeting minutes is available on the school website.

- A report was given on the findings of a complete school financial audit performed by a 3rd party CPA firm. NDPA is in good financial standing. A copy of the Annual Financial Report & the Annual Program Report will be available at the front desk for review.
- Mrs. Gomberg reported on the UPIPS Review Report, a copy of which will also be available at the front desk. The review was very positive.
- The 2007-2008 Calendar was approved and is available on the website.
- The School Land Trust Fund Proposal was approved.
- Our next meeting will be held June 6th at 7pm in the NDPA library.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SAY THANK YOU:

We want to give everyone a big thank you for your support and efforts this year towards making NDPA the great school that it is.

We particularly want to thank everyone who participated in the Art Auction, both as volunteers and supporters. It was a roaring success and a lot of fun! We especially want to thank all our students for the donation of your beautiful art works. You have enriched our community, and helped raise thousands of dollars for our school. As part of a formal NDPA thank you to the Davis School District, the Board of Directors purchased one of the student art pieces at the auction and presented it to the Davis County School Board in their April meeting for their efforts in assisting us to get our Charter up and functioning.

We are thrilled to see our community develop and watch our school grow as a result of all the efforts of our students, administration, faculty, staff & parents. Thank you one and all!

Submitted by Mornie Sims, Board Member.

PRINCIPALS CORNER:

Wow! What a terrific month this has been. Spring break gave all the boost of energy needed to finish this year with added success. I sincerely hope that every family had an enjoyable break to their normal routine as well.

I want to express my thanks to all our students, teachers, staff, POET and additional friends for all the dedicated support to meet the needs and efforts at our school.

First, I wish to mention our "Emergency Prep Week". A lot of hours of preparation went into this week and I am pleased to report the following:

- POET has donated "Emergency" back packs and water and secured them in every classroom. These packs contain needed and helpful items should it become necessary to evacuate the building.
- Several Emergency drills were practiced and carried out in accordance with state recommendations.
- A school wide assembly with local professionals was held to address various types of emergencies and to give information to insure our students understand basic safety practices in case of a school emergency.
- We have updated and improved our Student Emergency Contact Tree. With the help of POET, we were able to run a system test to evaluate areas which we need to continue to update and improve.

I want to express appreciation to Linda Larsen, Garret and Alisa Moon and committees, and our staff for a tremendous amount of time and effort on behalf of the school. With all of their efforts, we continue to move forward with improved Emergency Readiness.

Next, "Kindergarten Round-up" was another great event this month. Mrs. Hansen and I enjoyed seeing these new pre-school students come to NDPA in preparation for starting their formal education. I enjoyed meeting both the children and the dedicated parents. We look forward to their Kindergarten Assessments being held on May 1st and 2nd by appointment.

Finally, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for all the participation and support of the POET sponsored Art Auction Dinner, Vivan Los Libros! To our parents, students, faculty, staff, and community supporters, your gifts of effort, time, talent and finances have enriched our school in so many ways. I sincerely hope that all took advantage of the opportunity to view the fabulous student art projects and class baskets displayed in our lobby. Your talents and gifts were incredible. The evening was exciting and all in all it was a smashing success. To Neccia Wiggins, her fantastic committee, you were AWESOME. THANK YOU! With all the success, we look forward to improving technology here at NDPA.

Looking ahead, I would like to mention a few items as well.

- As previously noted, next week is "End of Level" test week here at NDPA. Please assist us by insuring that your student is on time, rested, well nourished, and ready

to attend school with a positive attitude. We would appreciate your help by avoiding "Out of school" appointments.

- 2007-08 Registration packets are due back before May 4th.
- Return Spring photo proof packets to the school by May 1 with any accompanying orders.
- Please keep your lunch accounts current, library books returned and book fees for lost or damaged library &/or classroom books paid in full. Year books will only be distributed to students with account balances are paid in full.
- We are looking forward to class programs and activities from several of our grades and ask that you refer to the attached calendar of events for additional information.
- POET continues to lend their expertise in organizing our school wide "Field day", the Annual Family BBQ, and assisting the various grade levels with end of year activities.

As we enter the final month of school I want you to know we consider this to still be a learning time for your student. Our faculty and staff will be teaching and offering creative and social activities right up to the end of the year. Please insure that your student is encouraged and allowed to complete his/her full school year.

Thanks again for all your wonderful support

Mrs. Gomberg.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS END:

MATH CAMP

Math camp has ended. (Before and after school) Thanks to Sharon Sevy and Kim Lovell for all the extra effort to help many of our upper grade students.

AFTER SCHOOL ART

The final day of after school art has ended. Thanks to Bonnie Miller, Erinne Roundy and parents who came to help supervise this wonderfully creative time. Students were able to experience various forms of arts under the direction of very talented leadership. Thanks to all.

AFTER SCHOOL CHOIR

The school choir will be performing at the POET BBQ on Monday, May 21st. The last rehearsal for the spring session of choir will be held Monday, May 14th.

A performance for the student body will be held on the 21st at 9:30 AM and a family performance will be during the BBQ the same evening. For additional information, please refer to choir flyers coming home with your student or contact Christy Pendrey @ 776-6409

SCHOOL AREA TRAFFIC CONCERNS:

Parents and carpools,

Area residents have alerted us with concerns about construction vehicles, added area children, pets and the increase of traffic due to the completion of the road "Cold Creek Way" between Gentile and Hill Field Road. Many NDPA parents are failing to slow down to a safe and legal speed or watch for potential problems. Please use caution, care and respect for our valued neighbors as you transport your students to and from school.

Primary Children's Hospital has commented for years of the increase of life threatening auto accidents involving children during the transition of seasons. More accidents involving children happen in the springtime than thru out the entire rest of the year. Our area residents, Layton Police and school administration are concerned about the speed and attention to area laws by some of

our parents. Please help us in the issue. Use seat belts, drive slow and safe. IT'S THE LAW!

LUNCHROOM INFORMATION :

I want to thank all the parents who make sure their students lunch accounts are kept current. It is a real pleasure to serve your students and we hope they are taking full advantage of the variety of fruits and vegetables offered daily along with the main entrée.

As the end of this school year is fast approaching I have had many inquires into lunch balances and how much to the end of the year.

In order to help with this, please ask your oldest child for a letter that has been printed out on a bright yellow paper. In it you will find each of your child's names, each account number and account balance. If it has been "Highlighted", then the balance you see is in the negative and needs to be taken care of or payment arrangements made.

The letters were printed on Wednesday April 25, 2007. As of the printing of the letters there are 26 days of school left. Your child will need \$ 40.30 for full price meals or \$10.40 for reduced meal accounts, to the end of school.

If your child's account is in the negative we will send home a reminder sticker in your student's planner. Please check your child's planner on a regular basis. All students operating under a negative balance will need to bring a home lunch or payment for their account, or make arrangements with the lunch Manager.

No school lunch will be served to students with negative balances the last two weeks of school. To insure your child has lunch, please keep their accounts current. We have our contracted service accounts that require full payments on time in order to maintain the quality service we provide. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Mrs. Foxley, Lunchroom Mgr.

POET UPDATES:

POET CHAIR MESSAGE

Can you believe it almost May? You'd never guess from the weather! We've had a lot of fun events this past month: Emergency Prep Week and Art Auction, and No TV Week is almost over.

You know May is just around the corner when talk of Cinco de Mayo, Field Day, and the End of Year BBQ are in the air. Be sure to read the separate articles in this edition of Friday Notes Extra to get all the latest updates and upcoming information that you'll need to make this last month of school a festive, active, and entertaining one.

Thank you to all of our families for your support of our HUGELY successful 2nd Annual Art Auction (see accompanying article). This event benefits ALL of the students at NDPA and we are truly thankful for your help in making this event a positive new tradition.

Thank you all again for your willingness to give of yourself - our NDPA school community wouldn't be the same without you!

Kim Valeika (POET)

CIRCLE THE WEEK!

Parents and Students: Circle the dates May 7-11th on your calendar. This is our very special Teacher Appreciation Week. Our fabulous teachers here at NDPA have sacrificed much and inspired our students to reach new heights and recognize talents in themselves that they didn't know they had. If you have a special way that you'd like to thank your child's teacher, this is the week to let them know how much they mean to you and your family. A personal note, a special gift card, whatever you would like to do; it's up to you.

SAVE THE DATE!

Come join us for our 3rd Annual NDPA Family BBQ, Monday May 21st at the Layton Amphitheater. Bring the whole family for great food, entertainment and fun!! Watch the Friday notes for information on how to buy your tickets! If you haven't got your thirty hours this year yet, come help us by volunteering! We could really use you!

This is a fantastic event to enjoy the beautiful weather with great company, delicious food, and fun entertainment. Don't miss it!

CINCO DE MAYO

Remember parents about the classroom fiesta taking place on May 4th for Cinco de Mayo. This will be a great way to end the stress of our testing next week.

1ST AND 4TH GRADE PROGRAMS ARE UNDERWAY.

Mark your calendars for the annual 4th grade programs on May 17th and the 1st grade programs scheduled for May 24th. Contact your class captains to find out how you can help.

THIRD GRADE ESPANOLANDIA:

Travel into a Spanish experience with the third grade on Wednesday, May 23rd at 6:30pm. Come experience foods and experiences from across world. Contact your class captains and offer to help out with this fun event. Watch for upcoming details.

FOURTH GRADE RENDEZVOUS:

This year's fourth grade rendezvous will be on May 30th. This has been a great activity to end the year on for the fourth graders. Look for more details and opportunities to help.

SIXTH GRADE ETIQUETTE LUNCHEON:

We need 4-5 volunteers to help us with our sixth grade etiquette luncheon. This will be a fun event for the sixth graders and our adult volunteers besides helping to reinforce good etiquette. This year's luncheon will be at Mimi's Café on May 30th and if you'd like to volunteer, it will be time well spent. Come join us!!!

Please contact Deborah Sloan at 546-9198 if interested.

SIXTH GRADE GRADUATION:

If you have a sixth grader, please remember our Sixth Grade Celebration is on May 31st. More details will follow.

AT HOME VOLUNTEER HOURS AVAILABLE

Ms. Olsen is looking for a parent to transfer the 5th Grade Program from a video recorder tape to a DVD. If you are able to do this, please contact Ms. Olsen at the school. Transferring these programs ensures that our talented students' work can be preserved for a very long time.

EVEN MORE VOLUNTEER HOURS AVAILABLE:

We have one of our most highly anticipated events of the year coming up on Friday, May 18th. The kids and teachers agree! FIELD DAY rocks!! If you still need hours, we need YOU! We need home volunteers for this event as well as volunteers the day of. We also need volunteers who would be willing to head up a game. Our theme this year is "Pirates of the Caribbean". If this is up your alley, "come aboard" and join us. Please call Shaunna Reynolds at 825-1286 if interested.

MORE AND MORE VOLUNTEER HOURS?

Need a few more volunteer hours? Have a couple of hours to spare during the week during lunchtime? The lunchroom is in need of a helper or two for these last remaining weeks of school. Choose as little as one day a week or do more if available. Call Julie Linford for details: 546-3673 or mjlinford@juno.com

VIVAN LOS LIBROS!

We are pleased to announce that NDPA's Art Auction was a wonderful success. Although we are still waiting for final numbers to come in, we anticipate profits of \$14,000 - that is nearly double our profits from last year! It is exciting that as a collective group, we will be able to make such a significant contribution to our school.

The art auction committee would like to express a sincere **THANK YOU** to the many people who made Vivan Los Libros! such an incredible success:

- The parents (especially the class captains) who contributed to the fantastic classroom baskets. It was so much fun to see all of the wonderful donations inspired by the books selected for each class.
- Our faculty and staff who assisted the students with all of the amazing art projects. Each art project was unique and reflected the character of the class.
- The many sponsors who contributed to our auction items. It was so much fun seeing the variety of items available for purchase. (For a listing of the donors, please see below.)
- Academica West and Debbi Gomberg who sponsored the NDPA faculty and staff to attend Vivan Los Libros!
- The volunteers and their families who helped set-up, check-in, cash-out, and clean up for our event. These volunteers were working all day to make the evening run smoothly. The parents, faculty, staff, and families that attended. You already know how much fun you can have while supporting our fantastic school.

Finally, I personally would like to thank the members of the art auction committee who spent endless hours making the evening possible: Rita Alexander, Teresa Evans, Megan Gerrard, Robin Johnson, Kim Lovell, Alisa Moon, Erinne Roundy, Kim Valeika and Wendy Wamhoff.

If you attended Vivan Los Libros!, (or even if you did not) and would like to provide some feedback for next year, we welcome you to email nwiggins@northdavisprep.org, or to put a note in the POET box. Submitted by Necia Wiggins

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A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

POET has received numerous thank you cards from students at the school for our work on the art auction. We want to acknowledge these wonderful wishes and tell you all "THANK YOU"! It is a

pleasure to be able to work on behalf of our awesome students and families!

TEACHER SPOTLIGHTS:



SUSAN OLSEN

Ms. Susan Olsen teaches the 5th graders at N.D.P.A. She is sometimes called “Sunshine” or “Susie-Q” for short. Her favorite colors are indigo or purple and she really likes to eat pizza.

Ms. Olsen aspires to drive a BMW and her favorite school subject is History. Her favorite place to go is Paris and she

enjoys the wonderful tradition of singing Christmas carols at Christmas time.

In her spare time, Ms. Olsen enjoys painting and she says she is funny because she cannot whistle. She attended Weber State University and George Mason University. Ms. Olsen loves traveling and has a great sense of humor! She tells us she is changing the world just by doing her job—teaching and that she loves N.D.P.A. because of all the great people here!



CRISTINA LOPEZ

Ms. Lopez is a fabulous 2nd grade teacher here at N.D.P.A. She loves the color blue and eating “smothered red chili shredded beef burritos”. Her favorite pet is a dog and she just adores her new Honda(vroom). Ms. Lopez says she loves reading and vacationing in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Ms. Lopez’ enjoys a favorite tradition of folklore dancing and when she has the time, enjoys scrap booking. Her family consists of herself and her daughter, Sunrise. She attended the College of Eastern Utah-San Juan Campus, and Utah State University.

Ms. Lopez says she is funny because she is always in trouble for something, and that she is interesting because she has “Come A LONG WAY!” Ms. Lopez loves N.D.P.A. for “so many reasons”, it is a great place, with great kids, parents, teachers and staff! She

says she is “COOL” because she tries to look on the bright side of things.

Ms. Lopez would like to change the world by teaching her students more ways to better their world. “There are so many things these days that could be changed for the better”, and our children ARE the leaders of tomorrow!

POET CANDIDATE INFORMATION:

We have one candidate for POET Co-chair. Rita Alexander has agreed to fill this position for next year's school year (07-08). As POET Co-chair, she will move into the POET Chair position the following year (08-09). I have had the privilege to work with Rita for the past 3 years and can attest to her commitment to our students, the school, and the community. She is an amazing parent and I hope that you get a chance to work with her at some point in the next two years.



Rita Alexander is the mother of 3 children (8, 12 & 14) and is married to Brent who she says is a very giving husband. Rita has a Bachelor’s degree in Business, and has worked for over 16 years in retail as a buyer and manager. She is currently employed at HAFB as a Material Control Supervisor.

Rita has been actively involved in NDPA since the beginning. She has served on the POET board from the start and has had 4 years of previous

experience in PTA organizations.

She enjoys cooking, gardening, shopping, being a sports and activities mom and entertaining family and friends at Bear Lake. Volunteering is a passion and loves her service in NDPA’s growth because of the commitment of parents and staff to be “In tune” with students needs.

Rita’s continual support of the school has brought forth great improvements. Here is a direct quote of hers. “I have had the opportunity to voice my opinions on teaching and learning tools and in return have reaped the benefits. I value the school and Mrs. Gomberg. Our NDPA staff strives to reach new limits of improvement and I am always so impressed with their ability to exceed their goals.”

Please join me in giving her your vote of support in this position. Return the bottom of this page to the POET box by next Friday May 4th. Thank You!

Kim Valeika (POET)

Cut here and return to the POET Mailbox located in the NDPA lobby by May 4, 2007.

[] Yes, I vote for Rita Alexander as the 2007-08 Poet Co- Chair.

Parent printed name

Parent signature

Date