

Friday Notes Extra: August 25, 2006

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Note: Next Board Meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2006 at 7:00 PM

A policy regarding "Safe schools" was approved on July 5, 2006. Copies of this new policy are available at the POET desk in the front of the school for your to review.

News Updates from Principal Gomberg:

Welcome to our new teachers

It was hard saying good-bye to some of our teachers last year. In 1st grade, Ms. Pavon went back to Spain, and Mrs. Brown decided to take a year's leave of absence to stay home with her youngest child. In 3rd grade, Mrs. Weiss and her family moved to Texas, and Ms. Taylor (Carlson) transferred to the Syracuse Arts Academy. And in 6th grade, Ms. Neilson also transferred to the Syracuse Arts Academy, and Mr. Riquino found a job at a school just 6 miles from his house. They are expecting a second child, so he transferred to a school in South Salt Lake City to be closer to home. We wish all these teachers well in their new positions.

We have experienced some faculty change but we are thrilled with the new teachers we've hired.

In 3rd grade we have 3 new teachers. Maria Buil has 14 years of experience teaching elementary students in Spain. Bethany Robinson moved to Layton from St. George where she taught for one year. Jennifer Larson is from Montana and is working on her Masters Degree in Reading.

In 4th grade, Mr. Bostick and Mrs. Rachel Banks are job sharing. Mr. Bostick is working on his counseling degree and spends his mornings at Clearfield High School. Mrs. Banks is cutting back to part-time because of the birth of her new baby girl. They are looking forward to working together.

In 5th grade we have 2 great new teachers. Mrs. Olsen majored in Spanish in college, and she has a Masters Degree in education. She has 5 years of prior teaching experience. Our other 5th grade teacher will start in January. Her name is Desiree Smoot. She is still working on her Masters Degree and will have to remain in Boise, Idaho until January. In the mean time, we have a great long-term sub – Kim Lovell.

In 6th grade, both of our teachers are new. Mrs. Sevy comes to us with 16 years of teaching experience and a Masters Degree. And we have a new teacher coming from Spain, Lucia Romero. She has taught elementary school for 5 years. We are still awaiting her arrival after a delay in

getting her visa and travel arrangements finalized. She should be here in the next week or so. Our professional mentor, Yaeko Bryner, is subbing in that class until Ms. Romero arrives.

Needless to say, we are thrilled with our new teachers. They bring a great deal of expertise and experience to the remaining terrific and dedicated staff. We are fortunate to have the entire faculty and encourage you to become acquainted with your child's 2006-07 Teacher.

New Pick-Up & Drop off Procedures

The pick-up procedures that we implemented this year have caused an overload of carpools on the Hill Field Road pick-up point. We hope the following procedures will correct this problem:

- ✓ Grades K-3: Pick-up is in the parking lot of the school
- ✓ Grades 4-6: Pick-up is on Hill Field Road
- ✓ Carpools where the oldest child is in grade 5 and 6 pick up on Hill Field Road
- ✓ ***Carpools where the oldest child is in grade 4 pick up in the parking lot with the younger children***
- ✓ FOR SAFETY CONCERNS during AM drop off on Hill Field Road: PLEASE DO NOT let children out of your vehicle until you have pulled up close to the gate.

Please make sure all the students in your carpool know where they are to be picked up. And remember that you can help the "pick-up process" go faster if you have a sign on your dashboard with the designated name of your carpool.

Picture Day is Thursday, August 31, 2006

Inter State Studio will be here on Thursday, the 31st of August to take student, staff and volunteer photo's.

Note: for school purposes, all students will have their photo taken. Purchase of photos is elective. Please refer to the order form sent home today with your student. Photo packages must be paid for in advance. **School uniforms are required.** Please dress appropriately and come looking your best.

Job Openings:

NDPA is contracting with Lakeside Reading Center for special services this year. They have part time positions for people with the following education: psychology, sociology, special education, speech pathology, reading specialist, math specialist, and occupational therapy. If you know anyone with these skills, who might be interested in a Part-time job, call Mariam at 540-6238.

We have openings in 5th grade for new students

We have exhausted all the names on the lottery list at this grade level, and have a couple of openings. If you know anyone who would like to have their 5th grader attend our school, have them call Cathy Haacke at 547-1809. We still

have over 300 students on our waiting list in the other grades, however, so their chances of enrolling a sibling immediately are limited, especially in the younger grades. Please remember that once a member of the family is admitted, siblings are given preference over the lottery list.

Notes from the Lunch room:

Please see your students' current lunch information on the enclosed bright lunch flyer. This flyer has your students' lunch account number assigned by the Davis District Lunch service and your students' current balance. If you are in need of an application for Free or reduced lunch, please come into the school and pick one up at the POET desk at the front entrance. A few extra lunch calendars are also available for pick up in the office area. These calendars are for the entire school year and available for each family.

NDPA uses the Davis District Lunch program with a few minor menu adjustments. In our Friday notes we will always try to update any changes made for the coming week. The term "Munchable" is a choice of fruit flavored Yogurt or PBJ Sandwich. All other items are fairly clear. The coming week of lunch items are listed at the end of these notes.

NOTE to students and families: PIZZA DAY is now on Wednesday's.

POET NOTES:

Welcome back NDPA families and hello to all the first year families! My name is Kim Valeika and I am the '06-'07 Parent Organization Executive Team (POET) Chairperson. Last year's POET chairperson, Kim Lovell, will be a hard act to follow, but I know with the help of my awesome POET Team Leaders and all of you, this year will be amazing.

The new POET Team leaders are: Shaunna Reynolds, Becky Pope, Terra Nutall, Noelle Taylor, Erinne Roundy, Rita Alexander, Valori Miles, Linda Larsen, Teresa Reed, & Robin Johnson. You will see these 10 dedicated ladies very busily fulfilling their responsibilities this year.

You may have already been contacted to be a committee chair, serve on a committee, or in some other volunteer position. Thank you! Your willingness to volunteer speaks volumes about your commitment to your child's education. I hope all of you are motivated and excited to fulfill your 30 volunteer hours. If you haven't been contacted yet, please refer to this and subsequent Friday Notes for opportunities to give of your time - they will be regularly announced. We can't run all the events and programs we have planned without you. Your time and efforts will contribute to our NDPA School Community.

The POET meets the third Wednesday of each month. The first public meeting will be September 20th, at 7:00 p.m. in the library. All NDPA families are invited. Remember, you are all members of the Parent Organization by having a student at the school. Get involved! The POET is here to not only sponsor events but to be your

representative to the school and the Board of Directors. I look forward to serving all of our NDPA families this school year. Please contact me if you have any questions: kvaleika@northdavisprep.org

---Kim Valeika Chairperson

NDPA Tour Guides Needed:

If you want a fun way to fulfill some of your hours, we've got a great job for you. The first few weeks of school is a very busy time for the front office staff. As new families are filling some of our available slots, many have not seen the school and desire to take a tour. We need individuals who feel comfortable enough around the school to show off our great facility and explain to these potential families how things run at our school (drop off, pick up, where classes are, lunchroom, media center, etc.) This is a great way to let people know of what an exciting school we have.

When giving a tour, almost 100% of the families that are taking a look around want to have their children attend here - it's a captive audience. If you are interested or need further information, please call Kim Valeika at 546-4927 or email at: kvaleika@northdavisprep.org

---Kim Valeika Chairperson

Supply Room Needs Helping Hands!

Help in the Supply Room is always welcome. It is also a great area to help get those needed volunteer hours. Contact Kim Rose in the supply room for at home or times you could assist while waiting at the school with cutting, stapling, and organizing the many projects our teachers and staff are working on.

---Kim Valeika Chairperson

Proposal Forms for new ideas:

We would like to inform parents that forms are available at the POET desk regarding new ideas and proposals that you would like talked about at NDPA. These forms are entitled "**Proposals for NDPA from Parents**". Listed you will find spaces for your ideas, pros and cons, your names, telephone numbers, and date submitted. The POET team will then refer to these forms in their meetings, record their research and data, and the reasons why or why not they were accepted or tabled. Once these forms have been reviewed and notations have been made to them, they will be kept in a folder in the library for your review. If you have any good ideas, please fill one out, contact Becky Pope at 547-0649, and put them in the POET box. Thanks! We welcome your ideas!!

---Becky Pope POET Secretary

CARPOOL SIGNUP

If you are looking for someone to carpool with or if you are currently in a carpool and have room for more students, please email Kim Valeika at kvaleika@northdavisprep.org with your NAME, NUMBER OF STUDENTS YOU HAVE (or can add to

your current carpool), ADDRESS, CITY, PHONE #, and EMAIL ADDRESS. Please put "CARPOOLING" in the subject line.

There is also a sign up sheet on the POET desk and one on the NDPA school community bulleting board just across the hall from the library. The more families we have carpool, the less traffic there is at school, the less times we have to drive to the school, and the more money we save on gas!

Help earn money for NDPA

We have many programs happening this year to help earn extra money and supplies for NDPA and we need your help! If we all do something it can make a big difference in the total amount of money we earn overall. For additional information, be sure to pick up a flyer in the foyer or contact Shirlee Dickson, our School Rewards Coordinator at #593-6655 for additional information. Here is a list of programs our school is participating in to earn money.

- **BOX TOPS:** Be sure to visit www.boxtops4education.com and join the Box Tops Booster Club. This will earn an extra 5 bonus Box tops and you'll receive coupons for your favorite General Mills products and great recipes too. Just remember that in order to have a label be accepted, you MUST CUT ALONG THE DOTTED LINES.
- **CREAM O'WEBER:** Continue to collect Cream O' Weber caps that say "5 cents" on them turn them into the school.
- **PRINTER CARTRIDGES AND CELL PHONES:** Printer Cartridges can bring in as much as \$12.00 each and used Cell phones can be worth \$45.00 each. Laser cartridges are extremely valuable. See www.cartridgesforkids.com for more information. Collect from extended family and friends and bring them into the school. A collection box is in the foyer.
- **Smiths and Albertsons** both have programs to assist our school to earn extra cash. Just have your family and friends link their Fresh Values cards to North Davis Preparatory Academy at the Smith's Service Center. For Albertsons, link your cards on line through www.albertsons.com and clicking "In the Community" link them by clicking on "Community Partners" and sign up. All the groceries your purchase earns cash for us.
- **TARGET:** This one is slightly different. You must carry a Target Visa for the funds to count. North Davis Preparatory Academy can be added to your card by visiting www.target.com online or the customer service department in the store. Note that those who sign up between now and Sept. 10th earn double the points for every dollar spent.
- We also earn funds from items purchased at www.frenchtoast.com (You can access this through

the school website.) Be sure to type in the school code as you check out. You can also help us by using the site www.schoolpop.com and log in with our school name. This will link you to merchants such as Land's End. For every purchase made through these links, the school receives a referral refund.

- Note that we are no longer collecting the Campbell's labels. This program was not cost effective. (We spent more in shipping charges than we were in earning points.)

Remember that collection boxes are at the front of the school for Box tops, milk lids, printer cartridges and cell phones. Please mark you child's first name and the first initial of the last name and teacher on items turned in to allow your student to participate in the weekly drawings for prizes.

LET'S ALL DO OUR PART TO EARN MORE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL!

NDPA After-School Art Program

Calling ALL creative kids!!! Get ready for an exciting year of inspired pieces of artwork. Starting **October 4th, every Wednesday from 3:00-4:00pm**, we will meet to learn about artists, or artistic techniques and then execute a project to reflect what was taught. This year we are offering two 10-week sessions. Each session will cost \$35.00 per session, per student. Open to all grades, but class size will be limited. Keep on the lookout for more information regarding registering for the program. It will be well worth the wait!!!

Questions about the program or to volunteer, please contact either Bonnie Miller (#547-8051) or Erinne Roundy (#779-4472).

NDPA After-School LION Chess Club

Blow off the dust from your chess sets and come join the Lion Chess Club. It starts **September 7th and meets every Thursday from 3.15-4.15pm** in the gym. The club is open to all grades, so if you haven't signed up already, pick up a registration form at the front desk, and be a part of a fun and educational activity!!! Questions about the program or to volunteer, please contact either Marvin Baker (#774-5972) or Trish Cook (#612-2013).

NDPA After-School Choir:

Warm up those charming vocal cords and get ready to join the excitement of the NDPA choir. Rehearsals begin on **Monday, September 11th from 3:15 – 4:15 PM** under the direction of talented Kristy Pendrey. Registration is \$5.00 per student for the entire school year. We are in the process of planning our schedule of performances. Enrollment is open to all grades. Questions about the program or to volunteer, please contact Kristy Pendrey. (# 776-6409)

LUNCH MENU FOR:

Monday, Aug. 28	Tuesday, Aug. 29	Wednesday, Aug. 30	Thursday, Aug. 31	Friday, Sept. 1
Macaroni & Cheese or Chicken Sandwich or Munchable Side Dish Choices Salad Bar Milk Choice	Burritos or Enchildas or Munchable Side Dish Choices Salad Bar Milk Choice	Pizza or Munchable Side Dish Choices Salad Bar Milk Choice	Beef Nuggets or Munchable Side Dish Choices Salad Bar Milk Choice	Grilled Cheese or Pepperoni Calzone or Munchable Side Dish Choices Salad Bar Milk Choice

Balance of the August School Activities Calendar:



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28th Monday	29th Tuesday	30th Wednesday	31st Thursday
3:30pm Faculty Mtg.			PHOTO DAY Dress your Uniform Best! 

