

Friday notes.....September 14, 2007

North Davis Preparatory Academy

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Notes Principal Gomberg:

ELECTRONIC FRIDAY NOTES UPDATE!

Electronic emails of Friday notes started this past week. Please check your email (including your Junk email files) to insure you are getting them. Many email accounts require YOU to accept an incoming email by alerting them that we are "Expected mail". Thanks to the many who responded that they were received. It was rewarding to see that so many are participating. If you would like to add your name to the email service, please sign up electronically by sending an email to the school email subscribe service.

Parents-subscribe@northdavisprep.org (Please put the word subscribe in the subject line of the email.) To unsubscribe an old account, follow the same process using the word unsubscribe instead.

Today we began reducing the paper, time and staff expense. Thank you!

GRADES AVAILABLE THIS WEEK ON THE WEBSITE.

Today we have sent home with your grade 1 thru 6 student(s) a sealed envelope with their confidential information and directions on how to access your students' grades on our school website. (Kindergarten is exempt in this type of grading system.)

Due to technology upgrades within the school and various delays, some assignment recording may not be 100% current. Please continue with your patience as we all work to resolve this over the next couple of weeks. Faculty and staff are working to get this as smooth as possible in the near future. Uploads of grades are on a weekly, not daily basis.

All questions or concerns about access should be first addressed with your child's teacher. If you continue to have problems, come into the office and a staff member will do their best to resolve any additional problems. Actual grade or assignment concerns need to be communicated with the assigned teacher. Faculty email addresses are available on the website.

IOWA TESTS GIVEN TO 3RD AND 5TH GRADERS SEPTEMBER 18 AND 19.

Our 3rd and 5th graders will be taking the IOWA Test of Basic Skills next Tuesday and Wednesday. It will be very important for the students to have a good night's sleep, have a good breakfast, and be here on time. We all want our students to do their very best.

The IOWA test is a different test from the UPASS or End of Level test that all students take in May. The tests we take in May tell us how well the students learned the content and what they should have learned at that grade level. In other words, the teachers teach the state core curriculum, and then the students are tested to see if they mastered those concepts. The tests tell us if the students can do grade level work.

The IOWA test, however, is different. There are test questions that are much higher and much easier than their current grade level. For example, this test may show that a 3rd grader is reading at the 5th grade level. From this test you will be able to see how well your student does compared to all the students across the country who take this test. And there are millions of students who take it.

I would like to thank you in advance for your help in preparing your students to do their very best on these tests.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP OUR SCHOOL BY SERVING ON A COMMITTEE?

Community Council: NDPA, just like all other public schools, has a Community Council. Each year, parents are elected to serve on this important committee. This committee, made up of parents and teachers, plans school improvements, develops plans like our Trustlands plan, makes policy recommendations to the Board of Directors, and determines our school calendar.

Federal Programs Committee: Our school received approximately \$25,000 in federal funds for programs like Title 1, Title II, Title IV, etc. Each one of these programs has a special focus which requires us to spend the money on specific projects. This year, the federal agency is requiring us to use a parent/teacher committee to develop the plan by which we will spend this money.

Four parents serve on each committee. If you would be interested in being considered for either of these committees, please send in your name to me at dgomberg@northdavisprep.org. I will forward your name to the POET who will facilitate the final elections process.

We Welcome your Participation.

Mrs. Gomberg

Spanish Vocabulary,

COMING SOON TO THE WEBSITE.

We are getting closer to having this a fun addition to the website. Our Spanish staff are working hard to get their items ready for the "Spanish Vocabulary /Parent Help Page". This looks to be a fun page for your child and you can use to improve Spanish vocabulary together. Just another reason to check the website.

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Submitted by Nicole Killpack

Read Naturally Still Needs Help!

If you or another responsible adult have some time to spare, Read naturally still needs some volunteers. Please contact Brandi Stapleton at the school 547-1809 for times and days they could use you.

Reminder:

Updated school event calendars, student grades, lunch menus, special notices, and school information are available on our website. Be sure to check it out!