

# FRIDAY NOTES EXTRA ... October 27, 2006



## **FALL CARNIVAL TONIGHT!**

**OCTOBER 26, 2006 FROM 6-9 PM**

Come for a Spooktacular time .

You are sure to have a great time with your children as you play games, listen to Halloween stories, and visit Madam Gomberg and much, much more. There will also be: Pizza, sandwiches, cotton candy, soda, and snow cones for sale in the cafeteria. There will be 4 events for FREE, 3 events for 3 tickets each, 5 events for 2 tickets each and 6 events for 1 ticket each. **Please no masks or metal weapons in the school.**

**See you there!**

## **NOTES FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

August Board Meeting Minutes:

In our last Board Meeting in October the meeting minutes for August were approved. They are as follows: Board Meeting was conducted by Monte Poll. The following budget items were approved:

1. \$40,000 of surplus funds to be used for teacher salary increases to match the Davis County School District salary increase, and
2. \$27,300 of surplus funds will be used to pay off the computer loan from Barnes Bank.

Additional changes to teacher and administrative contracts were approved:

1. Cash out for time off will be changed to the going daily rate for either the administrator or the teacher, whoever the contract applies to.
2. For the administrator – the administrator will have 20 business days of vacation to be taken during the summer, no more than 5 consecutive days to be taken during the school year without approval from the board.
3. Principal and/or teachers may carry over an aggregate of 5 days of unused PTO each year and cash out the remainder at the daily rate commensurate with teacher and/or administrator's annual salary.

We look forward to your participation in our next meeting to be held December 6, 2006 @ 7pm in the NDPA library.

The Board of Directors

## **SPECIAL BOARD UPDATE:**

We have had many inquiries regarding the status of the proposed NDPA Jr. High. We unfortunately have no further information at this time other than to let you know that we are currently awaiting information from the State which we hope to receive by December. We then anticipate moving forward with our application. Thanks to all for your interest and support of this endeavor.

The Board of Directors.

## **NOTES FROM SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION:**

I continue to be pleased with the education improvements going on daily at NDPA. After the recent completion our first "Bench mark" student data collection, our teaching teams here at the school are able to focus on the individual needs of our students. Teachers, Assistants and Mentors are making marked strides in improving, refining, and helping every student. We have a wonderful group of educators who are determined to improve the learning here at the school. It is wonderful to watch not only the student growth but the growth of each of our staff.

I want to express my thanks to so many of the parent volunteers who involve themselves regularly at the school. Together we are making a difference. I invite all to find the time to come and participate. Even small acts of classroom service helps.

- The school is fortunate to have a GREAT group of parents who staff the POET. (Parent Organization Executive Team) We have experienced a wonderful RED RIBBON WEEK with daily reminders of the benefits of being "Drug Free".
- Tonight will be the culmination of a tremendous amount of work on our FALL CARNIVAL which looks to be a unique and wonderful time for all.

As I look ahead a few weeks, may I remind you of some important dates?

- **October 31**, All "Lost and found" will be sent to Charity.
  - **November 3**, Student Report Cards will be sent Home with your student - Please sign and return the manila envelope the following week.
  - **November 6<sup>th</sup> --- NO SCHOOL**
  - **November 22,23, & 24 NO SCHOOL**
- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY**  
**THANKSGIVING BREAK**

Fall is always an amazing time. May gratitude find its way into each of your lives this time of the year.

Deborrah Gomberg, Principal.

## **PLEASE HELP US!**

A special "THANK YOU" to all parents who routinely follow our school drop-off and pick-up procedures. We appreciate your constant efforts to be part of the school

solutions and not add to the various problems that "late arriving" transportation cause the school.

Please remember that school starts at 8:30a.m. SHARP. Supervision of students in the playground area starts at 8:15am. Students are not allowed in the building prior to that time. Children need to be dropped off at the playground gate areas.

School is dismissed at 3:00 pm and ALL CHILDREN NOT ENROLLED IN POET'S AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS should be picked up by 3:20pm. Parents helping in POET are volunteering for those activities only.

Teachers, staff and office administration are routinely involved in education assignments and meetings at the end of the school day. Many of these appointments are not in our building and children not picked up on time can cause unfortunate complications and missed meetings. Please help us maintain proper supervision of your children by adhering to our time frames and reminding your students to be where they are supposed to be, when they are supposed to be.

### **NOTES FROM POET CHAIRMAN:**

Well, here we are almost to the end of another month. It's true what they say, time sure flies when you are having fun! I hope you all are able to say that. I want you all to know how important the volunteer work you do at our school is. Whether it is helping in the classroom, grading papers, giving tests, helping a child read, working in the lunchroom, chairing a committee, decorating a bulletin board, or any of the myriad of volunteer opportunities you fulfill at NDPA - every single one of them makes a difference. Thank you for what you do and how you do it. There's always a smile to be found when I see our parents at the school!

Make sure to read the separate articles throughout this "Extra" edition about ways to have Spooktacular Halloween fun with your family: our Carnival is tonight, watch Geography whizzes at work(Geography Bee), enter an art or writing contest and have fun outside of the school with our NDPA family Barnes and Noble Day. I hope all the students gained an even greater motivation to say NO to drugs through our awesome Red Ribbon Week and an appreciation of what they can accomplish physically through our annual 5K. Thank you to those who make all these exciting activities (past & upcoming) a success for our students and our families. Have a safe and happy Halloween. *Submitted by Kim Valeika (POET)*

### **BARNES AND NOBLE DAY – NOVEMBER 11TH, 10 AM - 3 PM**

Please mark your calendars for a day of shopping and fun! Our Barnes and Noble In-Store Book Fair will be NOVEMBER 11th from 10 am to 3 pm. We will be earning money for our school library and contributing to our teachers' class libraries. EVERYTHING you buy that day with a voucher (watch for yours in Nov.) will count towards our total sales.

- Exclusions are: purchases from the café, gift cards, or purchases made with an educators discount.
- What does count are: BOOKS, GIFT ITEMS, GAMES, ANY PRE-PAID PRE-ORDERS made

that day (they can even order DVDs and CDs for you!), and CHEESECAKE FACTORY CHEESECAKES PRE-ORDERS (Yum!)

They also provide FREE SHIPPING on pre-orders over \$25!!

Come spend some time with other NDPA families as they shop, play and WIN ThinkFun games, or make a holiday craft. At 12 noon, our very own choir will be performing and Principal Gomberg, Mrs. Killpack, Mrs. Lovell, and Mrs. Adams will be reading stories starting at 1:00. Our top three essay contest winners from each grade will be reading their entries and student art work will be displayed. At 2:30 our Grand Prize Winner in each category will be announced.

Invite your family members, neighbors, and friends. Come for a few minutes or stay for an hour. This is a great opportunity to start your shopping for the holidays and to get in a festive mood as our NDPA community joins together for a great event. Books make GREAT gifts! See you on November 11th at the Layton Barnes and Noble. Questions: *Kim Valeika, 546-492 [kvaleika@northdavisprep.org](mailto:kvaleika@northdavisprep.org)*

### **VOLUNTEER AT BARNES AND NOBLE DAY**

If you would like to volunteer for an hour or two, here's the perfect opportunity. On November 11th at the Layton Barnes and Noble, we need 1 hour shifts covered at the ThinkFun Game Table and the craft table. You'll get a chance to help students and other children who are in the store play a few ThinkFun Games. You'll give a sticker to each child as they play the games and when they fill up their card they can put it in a prize drawing for their own ThinkFun Game.

You can also help children make an easy holiday craft to take home. This will be a fun way to get some of your volunteer hours and to meet other families from NDPA. PLEASE CALL KIM VALEIKA - 546-4927 IF YOU'D LIKE TO HELP OUT THAT DAY.

### **SHIRTS SHIRTS SHIRTS SHIRTS**

**SHIRTS ARE BACK if you ordered before October 30th.** The oldest child in your family @ NDPA will bring your shirt order home this Friday Oct 27th. .

**Looking for a great Christmas Gift for your child?** NDPA will be placing another shirt order November 21st. Go online or to the POET desk and get an order form. **Order by November 21st shirts available before Christmas Break. NEW ITEMS AVAILABLE.....Children fleece vest!!!**

Don't forget you can order Long Sleeve shirts with the logo or school name embroider on them.

Any questions call me! Pam @ 593-0900.

### **GOLD MEDAL MILE**

Way to go Lions! As a school, we have walked 1,030 miles so far which is equal to the distance from NDPA to Santa Fe, New Mexico! We are well on our way across the U.S. Watch for a flyer with updates on who walked the most

from each class as well as landmarks you would see in Santa Fe.

Remember, if you participated in the 5K Run or in the Nature Hike with your families, you need to turn ALL the miles both you and your family walked/ran into your teacher or record them on your passports.

**GEOGRAPHY BEE**  
**WHERE IN THE WORLD.....**

The time is coming again for the Geography Bee! This is a fun opportunity for all of our students grades 1-6 to practice their knowledge of Geography. The class competition will be on Thursday, November 2 in the afternoon. Everyone will participate in their classes. The three top finishers in each

class will go on to participate in the school competition on Thursday, November 16.

To prepare now, here are a few web sites that have great practice questions and tips for getting ready for the Geography Bee. Make sure you can locate major world countries, understand latitude and longitude, and know a few things about current world events.

- <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee/>
- <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geographybee/>
- <http://geography.about.com/library/quiz/blpreviss.htm>

There are also several books available commercially with tips to prepare for the Bee. Remember, this is a FUN competition, so enjoy learning about the world!

Jennifer Baker, Chairman

Monday, October 30	Tuesday, October 31	Wednesday, November 1	Thursday, November 2	Friday, November 3
Popcorn Chicken Potato Wedges Munchable Choice of Side Dish Fruit & Vege Bar Choice of Milk	Chicken Pot Pie or Chicken Sandwich Creamies Munchable Choice of Side Dish Fruit & Vege Bar Choice of Milk	Pizza Hut Munchable Choice of Side Dish Fruit & Vege Bar Choice of Milk	Pork Nuggets Potatoes & Gravey Roll or Munchable Choice of Side Dish Fruit & Vege Bar Choice of Milk	Hamburger or Ham Sandwich Fries Roll or Munchable Choice of Side Dish Fruit & Vege Bar Choice of Milk

**Be safe and seen on Halloween.....  
 Have Fun!**

