

Friday notes EXTRA.....November 17, 2006

BOARD OF DIRECTORS INFORMATION:

Our next scheduled meeting is December 6, 2006 at 7:00 pm. All individuals interested are welcome to attend.

PROPOSED MEETING AGENDA as of 11/14/06:

- Call to order, welcome and introduction,
- Pledge of Allegiance and Vision statement.
- Consent of October mtg. minutes
- Reports
 - POET
 - Staff and Education Improvements
 - Management Company
 - Budget
- Business Items
 - February Board Mtg.
- Other Business
- Public Comment
- Adjourn

In compliance with the Americans with disabilities Act, persons needing auxiliary communicative aids and services for these meetings should contact Emily Coon at 801-444-WEST, giving at least three working days notice.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATES:

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES AT NDPA

As most of you are probably aware, Charter Schools in the state of Utah are public schools. We follow all the rules and regulations required of traditional public schools. This means we offer Special Education Services.

We offer the full range of Special Education services including speech services. NDPA is responsible for "Child Find" in our school community. This means that any child who has been admitted to our school through our lottery system is entitled to Special Ed services for which they are appropriately qualified. We invite you to contact us at 547-1809 if you have a student with a disability so we can determine if your student is eligible for services.

The Davis School District is responsible for "Child Find" for pre-school students. If you have a pre-school aged child who has a disability, contact the Davis School District at 402-5169. They will be happy to assist you and your pre-school child.

POET NEWS:

Wow! Another month almost at it's end. We've had some great events this past month – Geography Bee (classroom and finals), Barnes and Noble Day, lots of volunteers helping out with the school, Thanksgiving lunch, and many hours logged in and out of the school.

Thank you!

If you need a few ideas of what to be thankful for this season, take a look in our gym. There you will find the

entries for the "What I am Thankful For" contest. I thought they deserved a few more days of recognition. These students have really thought long and hard about what they have to be thankful for. A common theme running through them all is family. Thank you, families. You donate your time and talents to enable the school to give our children an incredible educational experience. I am thankful to be part of such a great community. Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Kim Valeika (POET)

BARNES AND NOBLE UPDATE

I don't know who to start with so I will thank everyone all at once: THANK YOU! Our Barnes and Noble day was a huge success. We earned over \$500 to use for book purchases for the school! It was incredible to see so many NDPA families and extended family members participating - whether by shopping or to come support our event by listening to the choir and our students read their essays - you all made a difference.

Thank you's all around to our wonderful storytellers: Mrs. Gomberg, Mrs. Linford, Mrs. Adams, and Mrs. Lovell. Thank you to Kristy Pendrey, her parent helpers, and especially to our NDPA choir! You were fantastic!! Thanks to the volunteers who ran the Thinkfun game table and craft area: Robin Johnson, Dawn Vine, Jennifer Hogge, Shaunna Reynolds, Carrie Young, Rachel Banks, Katie Peters, Necia Wiggins, and our helpful students.

We all enjoyed hearing from our finalists in the essay and art contest – and congratulate our two grand prize winners.

Many thanks goes to Gibbs Smith Publishing and Making Memories for their generous prize and craft donations. Also to Barnes and Noble for hosting our event. Patronizing these businesses is a great way to thank them as our partners in education. Thank you all again!

Kim Valeika (POET)

SHIRTS!!! SHIRTS!!! SHIRTS!!! SHIRTS!!!

Looking for a great Christmas Gift for your child? NDPA will be placing another shirt order November 21st. Go online or to the POET shirt display case and get an order form. **Order by November 21st shirts available before Christmas Break. NEW ITEMS AVAILABLE..... Children fleece vest!!! Long Sleeve shirts** with the logo or school name embroidered on them, are great for the upcoming winter months. **LAST CHANCE to ORDER Silkscream Hoodies this year.** Any questions call me! Pam 593-0900.

LOST!!!

We are **missing a Large Pull-over Hoodie** with a Lion embroidered on it. This was delivered to the school when the last orders went home. If you have an extra hoodie please call me! Pam 593-0900

YEAR BOOKS ARE COMING!

Believe it or not, it's time to think about ordering a yearbook. You should have received your order form today with the Friday notes EXTRA. We are offering an early bird discount for those who return their order by December 15th. The cost will be \$10.50. This is a great price because this year's yearbook will be in full color! For those who purchase after December 15th, the cost goes up to \$12.00. ALL ORDERS have a final deadline of January 31st! Parents, cross this one off you list early and get your orders tuned into the POET box. If you wait too long..... there is no guarantee that you will get a yearbook. Reserve yours now! Extra order forms will be at the POET desk of needed. Don't delay, do it today!

Questions contact: Katrina Egan 593-8823

CHOIR SEASON UPDATES:

- **LAYTON CITY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY:**
Monday, November 20, 2006. Meet at 5:30pm at the south side of the Ed Kenley Amphitheater (437 N. Wasatch Dr). Please make sure your student wears their choir uniform as well as a coat as we will be performing outside in the cold.
- **WINTER CHOIR PARTY:**
Monday, November 27th from 3:00 to 3:45pm.
- **FINAL SEASON CONCERTS:**
Thursday, November 30th School Assembly: 1:45pm and a 6:30pm Evening Concert at NDPA.

CHOIR WINTER BREAK UNTIL FEBRUARY 5TH.

GOLD MEDAL MILE UPDATES:

Fall is most definitely here and football season is our inspiration for this month's family activity: flag/touch football. Playing football for 15 minutes is equal to 1 mile of walking so get out there and burn off all those extra calories you're eating during the holidays with a game of football.

For a healthier Thanksgiving, consider the following:

Live Up Your Holidays -MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES!

Here are a few tips to enable you to enjoy a good Thanksgiving meal without the extra and unnecessary "trimmings":

- ☉ Serve fresh vegetables with a yogurt dip
- ☉ Use whole wheat bread in stuffing
- ☉ Use egg substitutes in place of whole eggs
- ☉ Try evaporated skim milk instead of whole milk
- ☉ Top casseroles with reduced fat cheese or almonds Instead of fried onion rings
- ☉ Be creative! Experiment with healthy ingredients to create the same great taste!

Another way to balance those Thanksgiving calories: Start your New Years resolution now! Begin an exercise program and do that exercise on Thanksgiving. This Thanksgiving, make exercise a part of the family tradition. Most importantly, Have a wonderful Holiday Season!!

See www.eatright.org for more info.

HOLIDAY CANDIED YAMS

Number of Servings: 9 Serving Size ½ Cup

Ingredients:

- 4 med. Yams
- ¼ Cup firmly packed brown Sugar
- 1tsp Cinnamon
- ½ tsp Ground Cloves
- 1 Granny Smith apple, peeled and thinly sliced
- ¾ Apple Cider
- 2 Tbsp- Stick Margarine, Cut into pea-size pieces

Preparation Instructions:

- Preheat oven to 350degrees F. Spray and 8X8 inch baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.
- Place the yams on a baking sheet and bake until the skin feels soft to the touch. (60min) Cool, peel and slice into 1/8-1/4 inch rounds.
- In a small bowl, whisk the sugar, cinnamon and cloves.
- In the baking dish, place half of the yams, then the apple slices, half the sugar mixture. Top with the remaining yams and sugar mixture. Pour the cider around the edges of the baking dish. Evenly scatter the margarine pieces on top.
- Bake in a 350 degree oven until margarine is melted and bubbly, yams are heated through and apples are tender. Approx. 30-40 min.

Menu's for the week of November 20th

Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22	Thursday 23	Friday 24
Macaroni and Cheese or Sandwich or Munchable Choice of Side Dish Fruit & Vege Bar Choice of Milk	Burrito or Enchilada Munchable Choice of Side Dish Fruit & Vege Bar Choice of Milk	Thanksgiving Break – No School Enjoy your holiday!		

JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER:

There will be **NO** After-school Art or Chess Club next week due to the Thanksgiving Break. Classes will resume as usual the following week. Thanks!