



December 18, 2009

Home of the Lions!

Calendar of NDPA Events:

- Dec. 15, to Jan 5, 2010 PTC Scheduler Open
- Dec. 21– Jan 1 Winter Break
- Jan. 4- Return to School **FREE DRESS DAY**
- Jan. 11– Science Fair Registration Due
- Jan. 13 & 14 Parent Teachers Conferences.
- Jan. 15—NO SCHOOL -Teacher Compensation Day
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Friday Notes...

North Davis Preparatory Academy

www.northdavisprep.org

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5 - 9 Bldg. 1591 W. Hill Field Rd. Layton, Utah 84041 801.336.3601

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: NO SEVERE BUDGET CRISIS FOR NDPA



Several parents have asked me about news reports stating that the funding for charter schools has been cut, or that some charter schools may close. Let me assure you **NDPA IS IN NO DANGER OF CLOSING.**

First, there were some cuts to all charter schools in Utah who qualified for Federal Facilities Grants. The federal government didn't award any monies to Utah this year, so charter schools did not receive that money. Our share would have been around \$27,000. Although we were disappointed to remove funding for things such as field trips and pay increases for teachers and staff, we were able to find ways to make up the loss in funding without losing any jobs or special programs.

The other news story concerning parents involved reports that some charter schools may close due to budget cuts. The report listed each charter school stating whether or not the school might survive a major budget crisis if state funding were severely cut. The new schools that have not been open enough years to save up any reserves of money were listed as being at risk of closure. **The report indicated NDPA would survive such a budget crisis.** The NDPA Board of Directors and administration have been very frugal in our spending, and we have saved some reserves for a "rainy day".

Our budgets are a matter of public record and are available for you to see. I hope you feel free to stop in and ask questions about budgets or other topics of importance. I would love to spend the time visiting with you.

Mrs. Gomberg

MRS. GOMBERG ADDS HER THANK YOU TO POET.

I would like to give a big **Thank You** to all the parents who helped with the holiday breakfast for our teachers and staff. There were over 60 parents serving as substitute teacher, secretaries and staff so that all our NDPA employees could sit down together for a breakfast. The school was truly run by parents for an hour and a half. The POET provided delicious egg casseroles, fruit, and breads – but, most importantly, they gave us the gift of time together. There was the most wonderful feeling in that cafeteria that Friday morning, and for that I am truly grateful.

I love my job working with all of you and your children. I wish you all the very best during the holiday season, and a healthy and happy New Year!



Mrs. Gomberg

BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITION AVAILABLE

Successful Candidates must:

- Submit a letter of intent and resume outlining their skills and qualifications to be a board member to Emily@academicawest.com.
- Understand and support the Charter of NPDA. (Available on the school website under Information/Charter Application.)
- Be willing to attend meetings as required and fulfill responsibilities associated with the position.
- Understand the importance of team leadership.
- Understand the role of a Board Member.

Resumes will be received and reviewed by the Board through Sunday, February 28, 2010. Interviews will be held by the Board of Directors during March.

Questions may be directed to current members of the Board of Directors via email. Addresses are available on the school website under the Board of Directors link.

TIME TO SCHEDULE PTC APPOINTMENTS FOR JANUARY 13 & 14TH



Parents,

Our 2nd Trimester Mid Term Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled shortly after our return from Winter Break. January 13th and January 14th. These will be short day schedules with conferences running between 2:00 and 7:30pm. With NO SCHOOL on Friday January 15th as the Teacher Compensation Day.

(Note: Monday January 18th is a legal holiday and also a NO SCHOOL day.)

- Jr. High Grade teachers will be on a first come first served basis in their individual class rooms to accommodate parents as needed.
- K-6 are by appointment with both team teachers at the same appointment time. The online scheduler will be available for parents to schedule their own appointments beginning December 15 at 12:01am and will close for parent scheduling on January 5th at midnight. This program will allow you to schedule your own appointments with your student(s) teaching team. Directions are also available on the main page of the website www.northdavisprep.org just below the Online Scheduler icon.

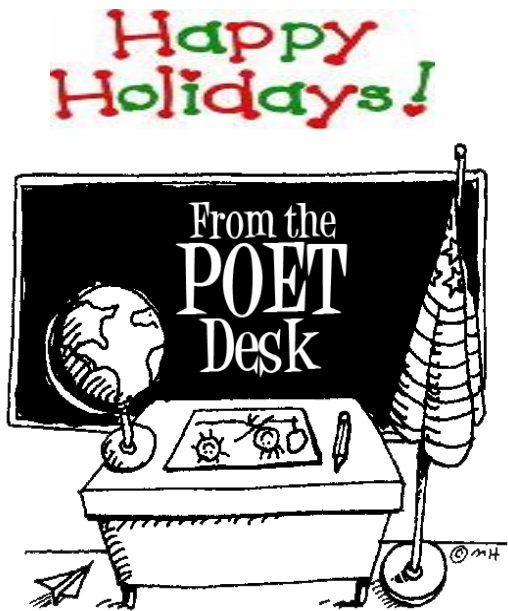
If you fail to schedule your own appointment, your teacher(s) will select an appointment for you based on remaining availability after the 6th of January. We encourage you to take early advantage to schedule your appointments. **Be sure to allow for movement between the buildings when scheduling more than one K-6 appointment close together.**

NDPA'S GREAT SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Last Friday, as a special "thank you" and early Christmas present to all NDPA faculty members, POET, along with the wonderful assistance of many parent volunteers, provided them with a delicious breakfast and "break" from their daily routine. It was an opportunity for the faculty to step away and enjoy good food and merry conversation with one another. But this event would not have come together if not for the great school community we have here at NDPA.

¡MUCHAS GRACIAS! to the following individuals for helping make this event successful:

Mrs. Kjar, Ariane Packer, Paige Westbrook, Necia Wiggins, Linda L, Angela, Kristin Cornell, Kim Martin, Elizabeth Katoa, Yvonne Forbes, Scott Zacherson, Jenn Dunford, Larissa Page, Ana Anthony, Angela Nippert, Beth Shock, Kara Olsen, Cindy Williams, Katee Stark, Adrienne Gerrard, Connie Evaro, Wendi Birch, Karen Walker, Cami Sandberg, Mr. Evans, Valorie Miles, Carrie Reed, Dan Young, Celeste Hanson, Dawn Mabey, Lanette Rupert, Dayna Jensen, Mrs. Woodward, Mrs. Gray, Kelly Lindberg, Betsy James, Mary St. Louis, Trish Cook, Gina Stuart, Paul Vidmar, Andre Addison Sr., Tish Jenkins, Juliet Scalise, Shauna Elsberry, Kallee Genta, Kristy Pendry, Rev. Karl Dumas, Margaret Young, Jan Osler, Joy Sanders, Kayla Chamberlain, Katie Cowdin, Rita Alexander, Kim Valeika, Lori Cebollero, Rebecca Minor, Jenn Bazzano, Terra Nuttall, and the additional parents who helped out in the classrooms and to those who jumped in at the last minute!!!



SCIENCE FAIR - PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Thanks to an alert parent for noticing a discrepancy in my last Friday Notes submission. Science Fair participation is **mandatory** for 5th, 6th, and 9th graders, not 7th as previously stated. So, all you 5th, 6th, and 9th graders, use this Christmas break to start seriously thinking about your science fair project. And of course, we'd love to have students in other grades participate, too. We can't wait to see all of your scientific ideas. (See the NDPA website for complete details.) Questions???.....contact Kim Valeika at lilys_mom@yahoo.com

Here is some "at a glance" information for you:

WHAT: NDPA Science Fair

WHO: Mandatory for 5th, 6th, and 9th graders. (All other grades encouraged to participate.)

WHERE: NDPA Gymnasiums (more details forthcoming)

IMPORTANT DATES:

Registration Forms Due - January 11, 2010 (no exceptions!)

Mandatory Set-Up - February 17th, 2010, 4 pm to 7 pm

Science Fair Judging - February 18th, 2010



"TIP of the WEEK"

REMEMBER!

Keep your project simple, and make it about something you love.

Like to bake cupcakes?

- What happens if you forget to add baking soda or baking powder, and why?

Like to play music?

- Why do longer and thicker strings on a guitar or piano make lower notes than shorter, thinner strings?

Science is all around you everyday - what will you try to discover?

K-6 AFTER SCHOOL ART WEEKLY UPDATE:



For our **LAST** class, we rotated our artists thru 3 different stations to make 3 holiday cards: a glitter photo, a fingerprint tree card, and a Santa card. It was a fun and relaxing day. Thank you to all our artists who participated in this year's art program. We truly had some amazing pieces of artwork created in our class. And to those parents who came and helped set-up/take down, pass out materials, and provided encouragement to our artists....THANK YOU.

We will see you next fall. Don't forget to practice drawing everyday!

ANNOUNCING: UPCOMING 5TH & 6TH GRADE AFTER-SCHOOL ART CLASS

This year we will be offering a special after-school art class for 5th and 6th grade artists. This 6-week class will be held every Wednesday beginning January 20th in the 5-9 building. The focus of this year's class will be "Fantasy Art". The artists in this program will look at well-known fantasy artists; discuss elements that make up a "fantasy" painting; learn about concepts such as composition and color; and at the end of the 6-week course, each artist will walk away with one final completed "fantasy" painting. Class size will be limited. Further details about sign-ups and cost will be provided in upcoming Friday Notes. Questions???...contact Erinne Roundy at erinne.roundy@gmail.com

ANNOUNCING: UPCOMING 1ST-6TH AFTER-SCHOOL DANCE CLASS



We are excited to include the Excel Dance Studio classes in the after-school activity line-up at North Davis Prep Academy. Dance class will be open to all students in 1st-6th grade. The fundamentals of jazz and hip hop dancing will be taught by a professional teacher from Excel Dance Studio.

When: The class will begin in mid-January and run for 6 weeks.

Cost: \$20 for the first student from one family and \$10 for each additional student from the same family.

Look forward to more information about dance class in Friday Notes following Winter Break.

Questions???...contact Kristy Pendrey at kpendrey@northdavisprep.org

UPCOMING JANUARY A+ BOOK FAIR

Wondering what you will do with any Christmas cash you get this year? Well, wonder no longer. Books are the answer! For the first time ever, a book fair in the jr high building will be held during Parent Teacher Conferences. This is a two day only event with books geared towards older readers. Join us in the lobby Jan 13th and 14th from 10:30 am to 8 pm. Hope to see you there. Questions???...contact Kim Valeika at lilys_mom@yahoo.com



JANUARY 4, 2010— IT'S A FREE DRESS DAY!



Student Free Dress Day Standards

On free dress days, students are still expected to dress in a manner that positively impacts the learning environment. Clothing must be modest, tasteful, and it must not compromise safety standards for our students. All clothing must be clean and appropriately sized.

The following standards include:

- Shorts and skirts need to be to the knee
- No tank tops
- No baggy pants
- No bare or stocking feet
- No open toe or open heeled shoes
- No clothing which displays obscene, vulgar, lewd, or sexually explicit words, messages or pictures, or clothing that is assumed to be gang related.
- No clothing that exposes bare midribs, buttocks or undergarments

**WISHING YOU AND YOURS A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY!
SEE YOU JANUARY 4, 2010!**