

Look for info in this edition about Science Night, the Family Egg –Drop Challenge, Box Top contest, PTO News and NO SCHOOL on Monday, 1/19!

PARENTS!
1/15/2015

THURSDAY FOLDER – NVA WEEKLY COMMUNICATION

There is so much going on! First and foremost I want to thank everyone for being so patient and helping to spread the word about the delay day. Because the snow actually happened so late and it was so heavy for a bit there, the decision was made later than usual. We are looking into a notification system for our parent community, but for now, watch the network news (4, 7 and 13), call the main school number for a recording or check the website. Those notifications happen as quickly as the electronics let us access those venues.

For you! – we have a **schedule change coming in March. As many of you know, the PARCC testing window is throughout the month of March. We have derived a schedule for testing and we believe the impact on our learning will be minimal and the benefits (what we learn and assessing what our students know) maximal. Here is the change-**

March 9, 10 & 11 are *regular* school days with **no early release** or student-led conferences being held. 3rd quarter report cards will go home on March 13.

April 15, 16 & 17 **will** be early release days (1:00) with student-led conferences being held.

Just a reminder –

- Do you have an **old door or two** taking up space? We would love to take it off your hands and give it the important job of displaying student art work for our annual Doorway to the Arts on February 27. Contact the front office.
- If you are interested in acting as a **test proctor** for sessions of the PARCC, please contact Ms. McConnell at the phone number or email address below. This would be for mornings in March, specifically 3/2,3,4,5, 3/9,10,11,12 and 3/17. Incidentally, it would be very helpful if you marked these dates on your calendars (3rd thru 8th grade) and tried **not** to schedule appointments, vacations, lunch dates, etc. for students. Our testing attendance is part of our state grade, and it is also information that will be helpful to you in terms of your child's academic progress.



Myths in the Media – just a quick spot to proactively help parents know what is really going on at our school and not conjecture about what might happen in any given school.

1. We will not be cancelling recess at NVA.
2. Testing time is not lost instructional time. On the contrary – our focus on the new Common Core standards, assessments in general and practicing the PARCC have turned into very high quality, tier 1 instructional time. Don't be fooled by inflammatory reports and if you have any questions or concerns, come straight to the source. We welcome your comments, input, information-seeking, ideas, etc.

If you have questions, concerns, ideas, or kudos, please feel free to contact any of us.

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The Soaring Eagle Newsletter

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Upcoming Events...

NO SCHOOL
Monday, January 19
MLK Jr. Day

Family Science
Night
January 22, 2015

Donations Needed for Silent Auction!

PTO is looking for
donations for our
upcoming "Doorway to
the Arts" Silent Auction!
All proceeds go to fund
projects all over our
school! If you can help,
please email
nvanmpto@gmail.com



**KEEP
CALM
AND JOIN
YOUR
PTO**

Box Top Contest



Earn Cash for Our School!

The contest is on to collect the most
Box Tops! Everyone that turns in Box Tops will
be entered into a drawing for games and prizes.
If you turn in 25 Box Tops, you will be entered
in an extra time, and if you turn in 50 or more,
you will be entered in 3 extra times! The teachers
of the top 3 classes will also earn
Starbucks Gift Cards!

Contest ends February 20 th!



**DO YOU HAVE AN EXTRA LAPTOP
(IN GOOD WORKING ORDER)
or
A QUICKBOOK LICENSE THAT YOU
ARE NOT USING ANYMORE?
CONSIDER DONTATING IT TO THE PTO
(email nvanmpto@gmail.com if
you can help)**

Donations
Needed!



**BOX TOPS
REALLY COUNT!**

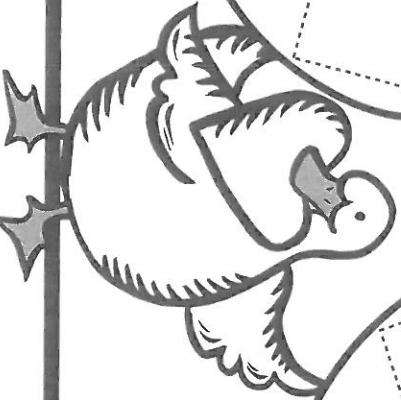
Contest Ends
February 20, 2015



NAME _____

GRADE _____

TEACHER'S NAME _____



A collection of 30 heart-shaped boxes, each containing a dashed rectangular outline for a name, arranged in a grid for students to write their names on.

NORTH VALLEY ACADEMY
2015 FAMILY EGG DROP CHALLENGE
January 22
6:00-7:30PM

Bring your completed designs on science night. Originality and creativity are appreciated, but your design needs to follow these guidelines:

- Design cannot involve liquids, helium, other lighter-than-air gasses, or glass.
- Weight cannot exceed one pound.
- Egg "compartment" cannot exceed one foot in length or width. Winged designs need to fall within this dimension.
- You must be able to place your egg into your container just prior to your drop. NVA will provide each entry with a grade A, fully inspected chicken egg!
- Use of parachutes is allowed, but the chute must deploy itself after the container is dropped. Dropping with an open parachute will almost certainly result in successful landing. Using other methods within the guidelines presented here will make for a more interesting challenge.
- The lightest, safely landing contraption will be the champion!