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PARENTS!
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THURSDAY FOLDER – NVA WEEKLY COMMUNICATION

SCIENCE FAIR is today and Science Night tonight. There will be hands-on science experiments for families to participate in and science projects displayed showing the stellar work of our hardworking students. Come at 6:00! Thank you to our volunteers and our science committee here at schools very aptly led by Tammy Hernandez, Middle School science teacher. Don't forget to bring your family egg-drop contraption...

As some of you know, all of the public schools in the state are expected to take part in the mock PARCC test today as they test the electronic load on the system. For us, this is a great opportunity to log in and practice our access skills – one less thing to distract us when we take the real test in March.

I am happy to announce that we will begin anew the “Coffee with the Principal” opportunity. This is an informal gathering of any NVA community members to express curiosities, concerns, or kudos regarding our school. We are happy to provide assistance in understanding the new testing, Common Core State Standards, the role of the Instructional Coach, approaches to bullying, parenting questions, facilities, the renewal process, ANYTHING! (keeping in mind confidentiality regarding students and personnel)

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 –

- We will revive **Coffee with the Principal** – the first session will be Friday, January 30 at 8:00 am. Come join us...
- 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.
- Next Wednesday is the 100th Day of school. Students may dress in **RAINBOW** colors to celebrate. No jeans however....



Myths in the Media – Please let us know if you have questions about school related issues. There is a lot of information moving through the media about testing, teacher evaluation, Common Core and other changes in public education. Let us know your questions and we will get the information to you in an unbiased and thoughtful manner...

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

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Doorway to the Arts

11th Annual Student Art Contest

WHO: Open to all North Valley Academy Students Pre-K – 8th Grade. Grade categories will be Pre-K – Kindergarten, 1st – 2nd, 3rd – 5th, and Middle School

WHAT: Students may enter one **original** art piece in any medium. Acceptable mediums include, but are not limited to: paint, pencil, charcoal, crayon, colored pencil, ink, clay, duct tape, fabric, photographs, and mixed media. Videos will be accepted, but must be on a playable DVD. Student will need to provide a laptop to play it on the night of Doorway. Please remember our space and do not make pieces that will be too large to display. Remember, to avoid plagiarism, be sure your work is your original art work. All entries must include the entry form below.

WHEN and WHERE: Doorway to the Arts is Friday, February 27. All entries must be submitted to by Friday, February 20. All entries will be displayed at Doorway to the Arts and winners will be announced the evening of Friday, February 27.

HOW: All entries can be submitted to Ms. Clark in the Center for the Arts.

Doorway to the Arts Art Entry Form

Student Name, _____ Grade, _____

Art Title, _____

Art Medium, _____

Please return with your art work to Ms. Clark in the Center for the Arts.