



**PARENTS!**  
12/4/2014

## THURSDAY FOLDER – NVA WEEKLY COMMUNICATION

### Parents –

It is hard to believe that the first semester of the 2014-2015 school-year is almost over. This would be a great time to check into Powerschool and look at grades, assignments, anything that you may want to be proactive about before report cards are issued on Wednesday, December 17. **Students will be released at 1:00 on that last day of school. Students return on Wednesday, January 7.**

### Just a reminder –

- The Storehouse non-perishable food drive was very successful as we collected about 1 ton of food and household items to share with our community. Cookie decorating will happen for Pettit, Hernandez and Seeley.
- We will hold our December school assembly this Friday, the 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:20. The theme for this month is *World Cultures*.
- Thursday, December 11 we will hold our school-wide spelling bee. This will determine the students who will represent NVA at the District-level Charter Bee.
- Also, that evening of the 11<sup>th</sup> we will host our first annual Festival of the Arts recital. Join us at 6:00 p.m. for a conglomeration of holiday music. Refreshments will be available for purchase as we continue to support our fine arts program...
- OVER the TOP Holiday sweater contest. Prizes awarded for k-2, 3-5, and 6-8. Friday, December 12. Dig 'em out of the closet...
- Honor Society will host a Middle School "Snow Glow" dance on Friday evening, December 12, for students in grades 6, 7, and 8. Students can pre-purchase tickets. Refreshments and glow sticks will be available at the dance. 6 to 8 p.m. in the cafeteria. Dress up! Chaperones on hand.

A new, updated **student handbook** will be released before break in December. Hardcopies will be available for those families who request them. Otherwise the handbook, including discipline, attendance, homework and grade reporting, and dress-code policies will be available electronically. We also have addressed our improvement plan and instructional audit and are making efforts to make that information available to parents in an accessible format. Stay tuned.

The next **Saturday School** session will be December 6 from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. These sessions are by invitation only. This is a new and innovative technique to provide some focused instruction for students who need it. It is neither punitive nor negative. I would like to remind our NVA community that this program is made available purely by the generousness of faculty members who donate their time to the planning, preparation, and instruction on those mornings. Pretty dedicated bunch!

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

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# Random Acts of Christmas Kindness 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Give a compliment to a friend.	2 Tape change to a vending machine.	3 Make a card for a soldier.	4 Pick up litter in your neighborhood.	5 Bring coffee to your teacher.	6 Send a hug made from paper to someone you love.
7 Tell silly jokes to make someone laugh.	8 Give someone a hug coupon.	9 Donate a book to your library or hospital.	10 Leave a happy note or kindness stone for someone to find.	11 Do yard work for a neighbor.	12 Donate outgrown toys to your favorite charity.	13 Candy cane bomb a parking lot.
14 Call a faraway relative to say hello.	15 Make a thank you card for your librarian.	16 Do a chore for someone in your family.	17 Donate food to your local food pantry.	18 Leave a popcorn surprise on a DVD rental machine.	19 Smile at everyone you see today.	20 Take supplies to the animal shelter.
21 Pay for a stranger's coffee.	22 Give treats to your mail carrier.	23 Feed the birds.	24 Take cookies to the fire station.	25	26	27
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