



Look for info in this edition about Letter of Intent to Return, Family Sweetheart Dance, and Jump Party, and Doorway to the Arts!

PARENTS!
2/13/2015

THURSDAY FOLDER – NVA WEEKLY COMMUNICATION

Letter of Intent to Return. We must collect 100% of these before we begin our lottery draws next month. Please indicate your intent and return to your child’s teacher. If you mark that you will not be returning, your place(s) will be forfeited. If you have a sibling of one of our current students that is coming in, you must fill out a lottery form. Thank you.

Just a reminder –

- **PTO meeting tonight, in the Center for the Arts – 6:00 p.m.**
- **Jump Party** for the American Heart Association – Friday, Feb 13. All wear **pink** or **red!** And please return your American Heart Assn envelopes and donations.
- **Class & Club photos will be taken on February 18th. School uniforms to be worn.** Envelopes for ordering are included in Thursday folder today.
- **We have revived Coffee with Admin – the next session will be Friday, February 27, at 8:00 am.** Come join us...in the teacher’s lounge.
- **Doorway to the Arts!** Friday, February 27, 6 to 8 p.m. Please join us for a wonderful evening of desserts, Jazz with *Richmond Street*, student art work, and Silent Auction. This is a premier event for us, and a combined fundraiser with PTO. Many wonderful projects are funded through the proceeds from Doorway to the Arts, plus you get to see our amazing Fine Arts program in action! Please think of joining us, bring your neighbors or the grandparents – it is a great Friday evening out!
- **8th grade Parents** – we have been sending home information from programs that want to recruit your students to come to their school. Make sure you check out all your options!
- **Family Sweetheart Dance/CUPID BASH!** – sponsored by honor societies. Friday, February 13. Plan your Valentine’s date now. All students welcome, however must be chaperoned by parent(s). So, no middle school students unless their parents are with them... **6-8 p.m.**



Myths in the Media – Some folks are saying that the testing we are doing with our public school students is more than ever before. Simply not the case. The Standards Based Assessment has averaged about 10 hours of testing per year. The PARCC test is broken up into two separate sessions – one at about 75% completion of the school year (that we will take in March) and a second one at about 90% of the school year complete (which we will take the end of April and beginning of May). It is about 9 hours total.

Some important pieces of information. It might seem small, but in the grand scheme of what we do these things are very important.

1. **RAYMOND G COMMUNITY CENTER WILL NOT OPEN ON MONDAY 2/16 OR TUESDAY 2/17.** Please adjust your calendars and schedules accordingly. NVA will **not** have school on Monday, 2/16 in honor of President’s Day.
2. **THANK YOU TO OUR FIRST SCHOOL-PARTNER RELATIONSHIP. THE STEPHANIE WOESLAW AGENCY OF FARMER’S INSURANCE HELPED US PURCHASE \$500 WORTH OF BOOK BAGS FOR OUR GUIDED READING PROGRAM. A GENEROUS DONATION, AND WE APPRECIATE IT!**

As always – we appreciate your support. Use any of the avenues offered to share your thoughts with us, whether it is to attend *Coffee with Admin*, talk with us at the gate, or give us a call. If you have questions, concerns, ideas, or kudos, please feel free to contact any of us.

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AFRICAN ANIMALS, TALKING DRUMS



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Don't miss this opportunity to immerse yourself in authentic Africa and learn more about the conservation efforts of the ABQ BioPark.

