



Look for info in this edition about Spring Break, April Conferences, teacher surveys, and an update on PARCC testing!

PARENTS!
3/12/2015

THURSDAY FOLDER – NVA WEEKLY COMMUNICATION

Important! In the next week we will be asking parents and students to complete a short survey. The surveys are only 10 questions and this is part of our requirement from the state for accountability. This is an opportunity to inform us regarding your child’s teacher. For K-2, parents will be asked to fill out the survey. For 3-8, students will fill out the survey. The survey will be available on line. All teachers are included – even *Specials* and *Special Ed*. We are looking for a 95% RESPONSE RATE. The URL is included today for the first round of grade level teachers. Thank-you in advance for your participation.

Just a reminder –

- PARCC testing is underway, and in fact, we are almost finished with the Performance Based Assessment round. Students and staff alike have done an amazing job of troubleshooting “first-time” glitches and staying calm to complete the task at hand. Although the technology piece has been intense, the ease of actually administering the test and getting the responses uploaded as opposed to boxing 350 exams has been pretty painless. Congratulations to all as we wrap up this portion, and a special thanks to Aaron Peay, our super-human IT guy! He has put in many hours and been very responsive to our cries for help!



As you probably know, **Spring Break will begin on Monday, March 30** and students return to school on Monday, April 6. The following week will be our Spring mid-term conferences. You should hear soon from your child’s teacher regarding a schedule. **Early release days will be April 15, 16, 17 – 1:00.** Progress reports (Q3 report cards) will go home tomorrow.

Myths in the Media – There is a lot of talk about scheduling changes in the public schools, but at this point, please remember that these are APS changes and they do not affect NVA. We are already thinking about next year, and working on schedules but for the most part, our daily as well as annual schedule will look very similar to this past school year.

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

1. NVA is applying for a **K-3+** grant. If we are awarded, it will mean that **all incoming kindergarten through 3rd grade students will be eligible for 25 additional days of instruction beginning July 1.** Also, we are trying to create a “3.5” group (a different source of funding) for incoming 4th graders that need a little more 3rd grade practice before they start their new school year. Our question to you – **WHO IS INTERESTED? Email me at smcconnell@nvanm.org.**
2. **4th and 7th grade** students will take 3 sessions, on paper, of the **SBA Science** exam the week of April 6. Check with your teacher if this affects your child, and be conscious of appointments and missed days of school.

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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Note: This survey is for the parents of Kinder, 1st Grade & 2nd grade students ONLY!
(Teacher surveys for grades 3-8 will be completed by the students)

ON-LINE TEACHER SURVEY (Grades K – 2)

To: Parents of a student – in the class of:

Kindergarten: Ms. Cantanzaro / Ms. Kortz / Ms. Manzanares
1st Grade: Ms. Atencio / Ms. Gleason / Ms. Morett
2nd Grade: Ms. Sedillo / Mr. Van Norden / Ms. Greeves

Dear Parent:

This year, we are conducting teacher surveys, to help us improve our instruction and provide the school with helpful feedback. This information will help us in our continuing efforts to move our school forward.

The teacher survey is very short (only 10 questions) and has been developed by the State Public Education Department. We would appreciate it - if you would take just a few moments to complete this for us.

The survey is only available for a few days, so timing is important here. Also, you should know that the survey is confidential and your answers go directly to the State.

The survey is only available on-line. Therefore, you will need the following “URL” (i.e. the internet “address” which you type into search window). This will take you directly to the survey.

The “URL” for the survey is: **<http://nmteach.net/survey/parent/40148acfe0310064>**

If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, please contact your child’s teacher or come into the school office....and you can complete the survey on one of our school computers.

We all greatly appreciate your candid feedback and participation in this survey.



The Soaring Eagle Newsletter

March 12, 2015

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Upcoming Events...

Red Robin Fundraiser

March 18, 2015

Report Cards Home

March 13, 2015

Spring Break

NO SCHOOL

March 30-April 3

**Spirit Shirts are on Sale
NOW!**

Two different styles
available in children and
adult sizes...

10 Year Maroon Short
Sleeve (\$10.00)

&

Gray Long Sleeve
(\$20.00)



**KEEP
CALM
AND JOIN
YOUR
PTO**



Family Night at

Red Robin on March 18th!

Bring in this flyer or mention that you are
with NVA and NVA PTO will receive a
portion of your food sales!

Thank You all for a
Successful
Doorway to the
Arts!





NVA B-Ball Teams

NVA sponsors one of the largest school-based basketball programs in New Mexico.

NVA will be sponsoring 4 basketball teams for the Spring Basketball League. Try-outs will be scheduled in approximately 2 weeks

Please mark the team(s) you are interested in (Varsity & Jr. Varsity allow play-up):

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|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 7/8 Years-old | <input type="checkbox"/> | Many applicants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 9/10 Years-old | <input type="checkbox"/> | Many applicants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 11/12 Years-old | <input type="checkbox"/> | NVA Junior-Varsity Team |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 13/14 Years-old | <input type="checkbox"/> | NVA VARSITY TEAM |

There are no fees - Players will receive reversible uniforms (to keep) & trophies.

For each of the past three school years, we have enjoyed increasing levels of interest in our basketball teams. We are limited to 10 spaces on each team and we always have many more interested students apply (i.e. the 7/8 yr-old team had nearly 40 applicants last year). Players at all levels are welcome to submit an interest form.

Teams typically select players at all skill levels. The program is open to both boys & girls. If you want to play on an NVA-sponsored team, you should submit the attached form to the NVA front office as soon as possible. Additional forms are in the NVA Office. The deadline for applications is approaching.

We are always looking for involved parents who would like to assist.

**Call - if you have questions
and/or an interest in helping:
Ray Barton (366-4190)**

Please return this form to the front office

Student Name: _____

Birthdate: _____

Age (on May 1st) _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher: _____

Phone Number: _____

Best Time To Call?: _____

E-Mail (please print): _____

What's your best guess.... where are you now?

- _____ I'm a developing player.....I have not played that much.
- _____ I'm an average player.....I have about the same skill-level as my friends.
- _____ I'm have above-average skills.....I'm usually one of the better players.