

Look for info in this edition about April Conferences, Literacy Night, teacher surveys, and Book Fair!



**PARENTS!**  
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(Wishful thinking) **THURSDAY FOLDER – NVA WEEKLY COMMUNICATION**

Tonight is Literacy Night! And the Book Fair is open all week long. **Student/Parent conferences are this week**, hopefully everyone is signed up for their child's conference. Wed (4/15), Thurs (4/16), and Fri (4/17) will be **1:00 release** and don't forget to visit the Book Fair while you are on campus. Conferences will allow us to get the **TIPs** survey to you, the **Quality of Ed** survey and provide you with some information regarding next year and some proposed schedule ideas. We are on it!

**Just a reminder –**

- **Literacy Night** will be held **Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**. That is an early release day and also during the week that our **Spring Book Fair** will be held in the Center for the Arts. On that Thursday, students will be encouraged to dress up as a favorite story character. Students should wear their storybook costume tonight and get their Literacy Night passport punched at all of the stations to be entered into the drawing for a Kindle.
- Our regularly scheduled **Governing Council** will be held on Thursday, April 16 at 4:15. This meeting will be held in the Library, as the Book Fair will be occupying the Center for the Arts.
- As the end of the year approaches, we have several rounds of testing left. Overall, I am very happy with the way the testing has gone. Staff members really stepped up, learned about the administration, learned about the technology component and really supported students in a positive and non-dramatic manner – which allows kids to develop coping skills and overcome any anxiety that may be associated with the educational process. Thank you for being supportive and encouraging as well. **PARCC EOY will be 4/20 – 4/30. Discovery Ed 5/1 – 5/20.**
- **Can you help with this?** Middle school classrooms are in desperate need of disinfectant wipes, paper towels, and kleenex. Any donations would be greatly appreciated...
- **April 24 – Coffee with Admin.** We will give a preview of the annual and daily schedule for next year.

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**Myths in the Media** – Things are pretty quiet right now...

**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 has applied for a **K-3+** grant. If we are awarded, it will mean that **all incoming kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> graders that need a little more 3<sup>rd</sup> grade practice before they start their new school year. Our question to you – **WHO IS INTERESTED? Email me at [smcconnell@nvanm.org](mailto:smcconnell@nvanm.org). We will hear about this grant on April 15. (so far we have had about 25 students indicate interest in this opportunity)**
2. **EARTH DAY – April 22.** This will be a school wide curriculum celebration day. Recycled or upcycled clothing contest, solar demos, Hawk's Aloft, Chalk Art, Kite flying – all things that will take place. If you would like to **help** with any events, or if you have contacts for something that would be an appropriate lesson or demonstration, please contact me or your child's teacher. Thank you!

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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