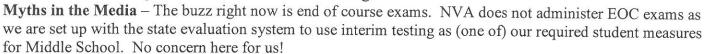


(Wishful thinking) THURSDAY FOLDER - NVA WEEKLY COMMUNICATION

I really do not know where the time goes. They say time flies when you're having FUN! Tomorrow we will host Coffee with Admin for any parents who are interested in updates, ideas, or what to share experiences, thoughts or suggestions. Below you find some details regarding some of the things we will be talking about.

Things you'll want to know -

- EARTH Day was a huge success! Thanks to Michele Clark and Tammy Hernandez who did much of the organization. Students flew kites, visited with southwestern birds, learned about soil and planting, worked in garden boxes, participated in a recycled clothing contest, made paper and generally participated in ideas around good stewardship and the joy of our physical world.
- We are currently working on a draft annual calendar for next year. For the most part, it will be very similar to this year's clandar, and we are waiting on information about events that we have no control over, like testing. We are also looking at the other big district calendars just to work through any BIG discrepencies. Remember, we are not a district school and we stand alone as a district. I will share with you that we have made the decision of Meet the Teacher (August 11, 2015) and the first day of school for students (August 12, 2015, 8:00 a.m.)
- As a point of information for families next year I want to share 2 things with you. NVA has the highest return of students EVER for next year!! We believe that tells us we are on the right track. Next year's daily schedule will be 8 to 3 with a couple changes. Friday will be a full instructional day, and on Wednesdays students will be released at 2:00. The biggest reason for this decision is a *quality instruction* our Friday attendance is consistently lower than other days of the week. We are striving to create a solid and sound academic program for students with instructional strategies that speak to engaging them in high level learning. That is our priority and the reason for making the changes proposed. BTW Wednesdays will have some very exciting, new features for student learning!



Some important information.

NVA has RECEIVED the K-3+ grant. We are very excited about this opportunity for 25 additional days of instruction beginning July 1 for incoming kinder thru 3rd grade students. Also, we will have 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, at the same time. Please see the attached registration form. It is first come first serve for 110 students.

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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Upcoming Events...

PARCC End of Year Testing Going on NOW

Discovery Test D begins May I

Spring Jog-a-Thon
May 13th

Spirit Shirts are on Sale NOW!

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

10 Year Maroon Short Sleeve (\$10.00)

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Gray Long Sleeve (\$20.00)





2015-2016 PTO BOARD

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a vital member of the NVA team? Nominate yourself or a friend for a position on the PTO Board. Each position generally takes only an hour of time per week and one monthly PTO board meeting, but the impact to the school is GREAT!

The positions are:

President, Vice-President (PreK-5), Vice-President (6th-8th), Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraising Coordinator, and Volunteer Coordinator

Some positions can be held by more than one person so that you have help!

Nominations (including name, student(s) name(s) and grade, and contact number) should be emailed to nvanmpto@gmail.com by Wednesday, April 29th.



Box Top Class Collection Competition starts soon! Begin to collect NOW!



The details -

Instructional days -

Summer Opportunity for EAGLES – incoming Kinder thru 3 grade AND incoming 4th graders, too!

North Valley Academy has been approved for a K3Plus grant!

What does this mean for families? 25 summer days of content rich core academics for any student entering kindergarten through 3rd grade. Also, we have found in our budget a means to supplement this "best practice" and offer 25 days to the first 24 students entering 4th grade as well on a first come, first serve basis.

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Each day classes will be from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and lunch will be provided. Students will not be required to wear a school uniform, however shorts should still pass the "finger-tip test". Along with good formative assessment and instruction, students will have the opportunity to participate in some integrated curriculum as well to include some physical movement and art. All good for the summer soul															
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