

Look for info in this edition about end of the year plans, PTO ballot, and the K3+ registration form!



**PARENTS!**

**THURSDAY FOLDER – NVA WEEKLY COMMUNICATION 4/30/2015**

**As the end of the year approaches let us give you some highlights regarding what you can expect!** First and foremost, our philosophy is that we stay with our academic momentum to the very end. It is imperative that your child be here every day. We have important assessments to finish, and exciting curriculum and instruction to still impart. 19 days – and counting!

### Things you'll want to know –

- Enclosed with Thursday folder is a **PTO ballot** for officers next year. It is difficult to get folks to serve, but the organization supports our classrooms so well – it truly is important. And its kind of fun! I've been to those meetings...
- May events –
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade **Mini-Societies**, a highly anticipated annual event, **May 7**
  - **Honor Society Inductions**, **May 12**
  - **Volunteer Tea**, **May 15**
  - **Kinder graduations**, **Catanzaro May 19, Kortz May 20, Manzanares May 21**
  - **Performing Arts Spring Recital**, **May 20**
  - **Kinder Orientation**, **May 22**
  - **No School – Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day**
  - **Field Day**, **May 27**
  - **LAST Day**, **May 28 – 1:00 release**
  - **New Pre-K family orientation**, **May 28**



### Myths in the Media –

#### Some important information.

**Parking Lot etiquette** – Again, I would like to remind parents that the parking lot at pick up really thins out quite quickly. Be patient! Please drive in a manner that shows respect for our children and families. **Nothing** is worth a child being injured. Also, if you have given your (older) student permission to leave campus on foot at the end of the day, it is very helpful for us if you let us know. We will never stand in the way of parental authority, but if we don't know, and your child is leaving, we are obligated to double check. **Safety first** – it is a crazy world we live in...

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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students**. Also, we will have 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, 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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**Summer Opportunity for EAGLES – incoming Kinder thru 3 grade  
AND incoming 4<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> grade as well on a first come, first serve basis.

The details –

Instructional days –

July 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31

August 3, 4, 5

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...

If you are interested in your student participating, please fill out and return the below registration form. Space is limited, so respond quickly. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the front office or me directly, 998-0501, 136.

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*(Please Print)*

Name of student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in Fall, 2015 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in Fall, 2015 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

By signing below, I acknowledge that the seats available are limited. Our family will commit to regular attendance in the K3+ summer program. At 4 days absent, our child’s spot will be assigned to another student on the waiting list for the summer program. We understand that students attending 100% of the program time will be offered an attendance incentive.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Special Interest Articles:

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## Meet Our Newspaper Staff!

Hi, my name is Destiny Payan. I am 12 years old. I am the main reporter for the staff. I am in Mr. Leonard's homeroom class, 7B. I like playing basketball, football, and sometimes, soccer. I, also, enjoy watching UFC. My favorite color is purple and I like eating pizza.

Hi, my name is Gena Currell. I am 13 years old. I am the main editor for the staff. I am in Mr. Leonard's homeroom class, 7B. I like basketball, Parkour, and video games. My favorite color is blue and I like eating ribs.

Hi, my name is Isaiah Nunez. I am 12 years old. I am the main artist of the staff. I am in Mr. Garcia's homeroom class, 7A. I like to draw, read comics, and play video games. My favorite color is green and I like eating lobster bisque.

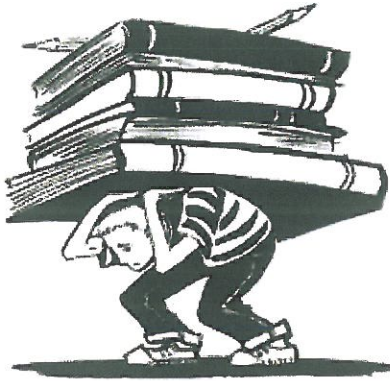
## Spotlight Students!

Our spotlight students are being recognized for academic success, a friendly attitude, safety, organization, and respect for their peers and teachers.

Our elementary spotlight student is Abby Catanzaro in Mrs. Beasley's class. She is honored for always being on task, respectful, well behaved, and a great helper. She is in gymnastics, the G-Force. She likes to play on free-time and she wants to stop bullying.

Our middle school spotlight student is Nicole Granone!!! Nicole is being recognized for always being on task and always willing to help others. She has an attitude for learning. Nicole is our local balloon expert. Mr. Garcia says, "*She is always willing to share her knowledge on the topic.*" Nicole is a Girl Scout who displays the most wonderful leadership skills. She will be attending Next Gen. Academy for high school in the fall.

We would like to congratulate our spotlight students.



## Do we really need homework?

What is homework? To start off with, the purpose of homework is to improve one's knowledge, abilities and skills. Now that you know what it is, now you ask, "Do we really need it?" One thing proven by the researchers at Duke University is too much is counterproductive (not good for you). So, we can't have too much or it becomes a negative. Plus it can cause a child to lose

sleep. Then, it becomes unhealthy. Homework can, also, have an effect at home. It can potentially separate a student and their parents as an overwhelming task. "Sometimes it's needed to catch up on things or if needed for extra practice. It should not effect family time because that is too important," says Mr. Moulton.

*"Absolutely necessary there is a want and need for it."* Says Mr. Bourg.

So, in my perspective I say too much will hurt you but so can too little. So the right amount of homework is based on the person who needs the practice.

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*"Who are you to judge the life I live? I am not perfect and I don't have to be! Before you start pointing fingers, make sure your hands are clean."*

*-Bob Marley*

## How parents can help their child in school

How a parent can help.

1. Help your child with their homework but try not to confuse them too much.
2. Be involved with your child's school. Come to their assemblies or come to after school activities.
3. Make sure your child is healthy.

Good sleep, a good diet.

4. Try giving your children television tickets. Each week, each child gets 20 tickets. Each ticket can be used for 30 minutes of TV time. Any tickets remaining at the end of the week can be cashed in for 25 cents each.

## Student Council

Student Council will not be taking place this year for several reasons. They include the lack of supervision, no room to have student council and no adult willing, or able, to supervise the club. As a result, the Honor Society

will be the only club of that kind. Popcorn will not be sold at all this year because there is no one to sell it and it makes too much of a mess for someone to clean up.

## Dress Code

Dress codes are written and, more often, unwritten rules with regard to clothing. Clothing, like other aspects of human physical appearance has a social significance, with different rules and expectations being valid depending on circumstance and occasion. Even within a single day an individual may need to navigate between two or more dress codes. At a minimum these are those that apply at their place of work and those at home. Usually this ability is a result of cultural

acclimatization. Our dress code for tops is polo style, well fitted, solid maroon in color, and undershirts must be solid in color and tucked in. No tube tops, mid-drift, crop tops, or any shirts that show any part of the stomach or waist are allowed.

Only pants that are khaki colors are permitted.

Street sole shoes must be worn at all times. No pool shoes or slippers are permitted.

When it comes to accessories, distracting headgear, and

inappropriate verbiage on jewelry or other accessories in not allowed. Do not wear hats or hoodie's indoors.



## Bullying

What is it? Bullying is behaviors used to assert such domination can include verbal harassment or threat, physical assault or coercion, and such acts may be directed repeatedly towards particular targets. Sometimes people bully because someone is different or not exactly like them or even if they have been bullied before and they want others to feel there pain. But bullying is a serious thing and it can really affect someone's life. Bullying ranges from

simple one-on-one bullying to more complex bullying in which the bully may have one or more "lieutenants" who may seem to be willing to assist the primary bully in his or her bullying activities.

How to stop it! You and stop bullying by standing up for someone if you see they are being bullied. Be their friend and help them speak up. If you do know of someone that is being bullied then tell a teacher, parent, or a responsible

adult you trust they can help. Together we can stop bullying once and for all.

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*"If you can't fly then run,  
if you can't run then  
walk, if you can't walk  
then crawl, but never  
stop moving forward."*

*-Martin Luther King Jr.*

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*"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with heart."*

*-Hellen Keller*

## Discovery Education

With test C just finished, the scores rising and students getting better and better, all teachers are very happy. Mrs. McConnell has confidence in the next test. She wants to show the growth of North Valley Academy. With scores increasing and getting better every

time, she is very proud of our school.

## Ask Us

Our first question was, "How to make friends?" To make friends you just have to be yourself. People like funny people. Don't forget to be friendly.

Another question is, "Why do people take zinc when they are sick?" Zinc is a mineral that's important to

the body in many ways. Zinc keeps the immune system strong, helps wounds heal, and supports normal growth.

The last question is, "Why are boys meaner?" When we interviewed elementary students, most thought boys were

meaner, even the boys. The middle school students that were interviewed thought girls are meaner. So it's more of an opinion that boys are meaner.

## New School, New Place

This quarter we got some new students and we wanted to find out what it's like for new students at North Valley Academy their first week. One of the new students is in middle school. Her name is Dominique. She came from Taft. When she came here she was expecting students to be mean, but they all have been nice to her. To her this is a better environment for learning, friends, and having some fun. The schedule is

easier for her. Teachers are very supportive.

The next student came from Jamaica, Her name is Richtrinie March. She came here with her mother from Jamaica. Before she came here she was in high school. 6<sup>th</sup> is considered middle school while 7<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> is considered high school. She has only been in the U.S. for about 2 weeks and she likes Jamaica better because it is very cold here

and warm there. In Jamaica there is no PARCC or SBA. There are only tests for each class. She likes this school because the teachers and students are all very kind to her. She likes listening to music and dancing.

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*"Sometimes Me Think, 'What is Friend?' and then me say, 'Friend is someone to share the last cookie with'."*

*-Cookie Monster*

## Goodbye to our 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

As the year comes to an end our thoughts turn to memories of the school year. The eighth graders will be moving on to high school. We ask some of them of what they remember from the school year, and if they want to say anything to future eighth graders. Some of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders say it feels good to be in 8<sup>th</sup>. Many of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders say that they are relieved to leave middle school and finally go to high school. "It feels amazing, because I've always been a leader and it feels good to know people are looking up to you", says Nicole Granone. Some of our 8<sup>th</sup>

graders say they do not have confidence in our upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders, but some say otherwise. They say that as long as they act more mature, then we can have more confidence.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders say they have had many memories here just like messing with teachers, and hanging out with friends.

## Sports

**Basketball-** There were two more games in this winter season for our NVA Eagles. The varsity team had their last game on the 24 of January, at 11:00AM in the gym, but they lost. Spring tryouts were in February. They were for 7-14 year old students. "Anybody can play for varsity as long as you're good enough," said Mr. Ray.

**Cheer-** Our cheer team was narrowed down to 15 girls. Our cheer team went to a regional cheer competition in February.

Our cheerleaders will be cheering at some basketball games.

**Volleyball-** "We're still trying," said Mr. Ray. Mr. Ray says that all the volleyball team needs is a gym or area to practice and play. Mr. Ray is, also, considering having an outdoor volleyball court when the weather gets better.

**Soccer-** We might have a soccer team this year! All that is needed is grass on the field. This upcoming

spring Mr. Ray is planning to plant grass to be able to play.

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*"Stand up for something, even if it means standing alone. Because often times, the ones who fly solo have the strongest wings."*

*-Unknown*

### Jokes

Q: Why did the spy cross the road?

A: He didn't, he was never on your side.

Q: Why aren't elephants allowed at the beach?

A: They can't keep their trunks up.

Q: Did you hear about the kidnapping?

A: Don't worry he woke up.

### Riddles

A: What gets broken without being held?

A: A promise.

Q: What is something you will never see again?

A: Yesterday.

## Expansion of the School

At NVA this upcoming year we can take up to 510 students. Currently we have 492 students. The waiting list for the 2015-2016 school year is at maximum capacity. There might be a problem with space. The school is looking to purchase some portables. The portable, may come in this year.

The planned location of the portables is to be near the track. Badly needed space for Special Education, a small meeting space, a teacher resource center, or the flexibility of a classroom(s) would be possible with portables.

## SOAR Tickets for Middle School

Some of the middle school thinks that Soar tickets are a waste of time. Others think it's a way to motivate students to be better, more organized, safer, and smarter. One student thinks that teachers in middle school should give

out more SOAR tickets while others think that there should be none at all. With that another student said that with the teachers not giving out SOAR tickets to them, it make them feel stupid,

and not want to even want to try to get a ticket.

You can earn SOAR tickets by being safe, being organized, having a positive attitude, and being respectful.

## Harvest Fest

Harvest Fest was a huge success. With over 500 people there the school raised a ton of money. There were 2 Haunted Houses, great food, a lot of games to play, and a

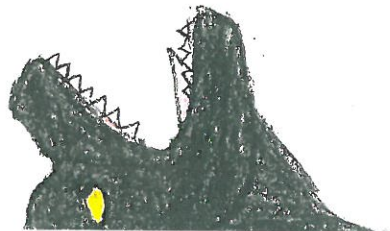
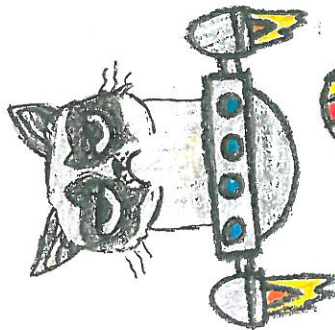
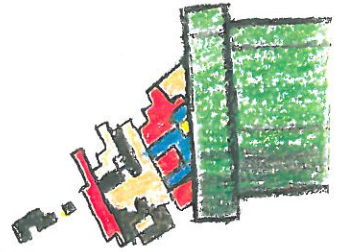
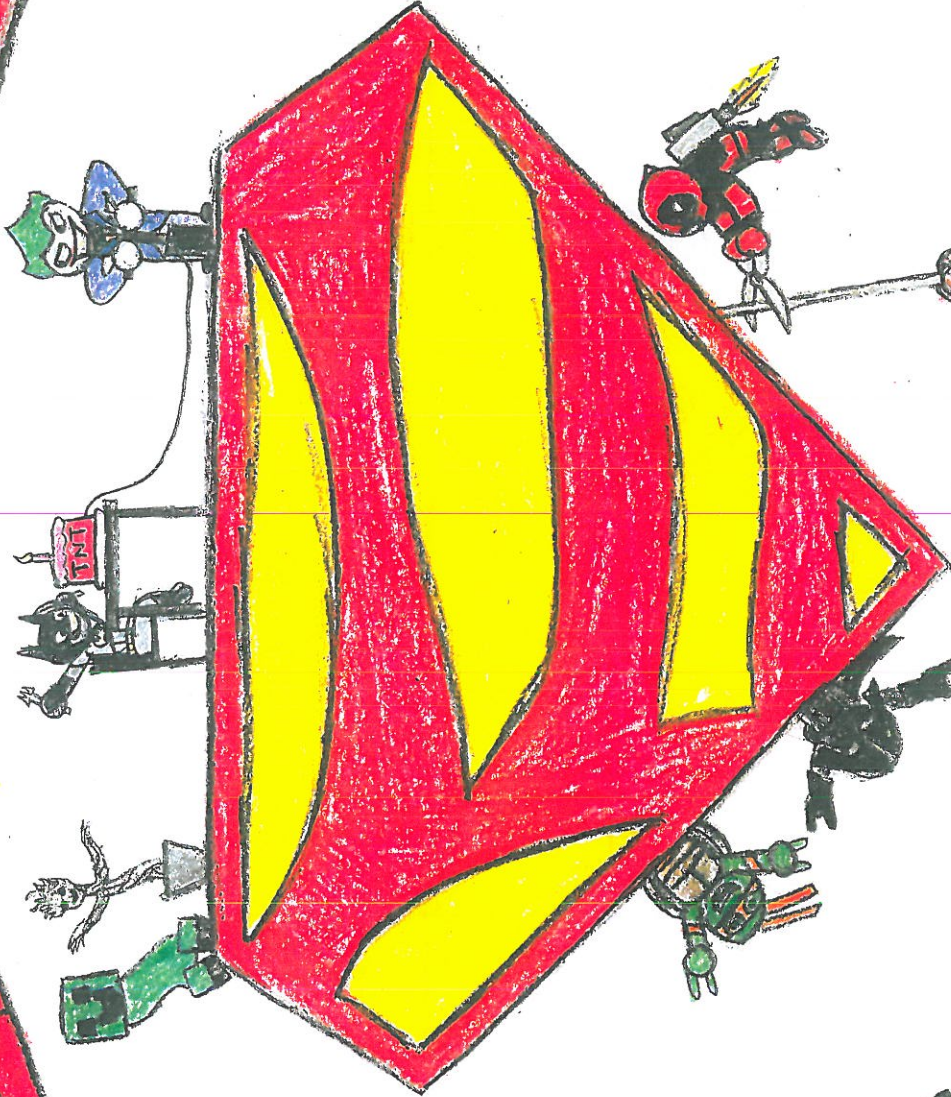
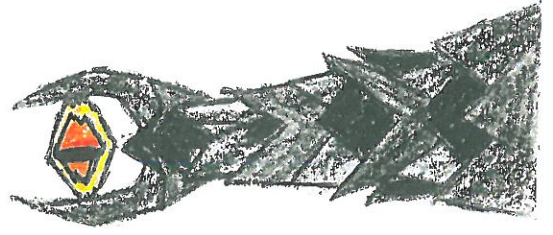
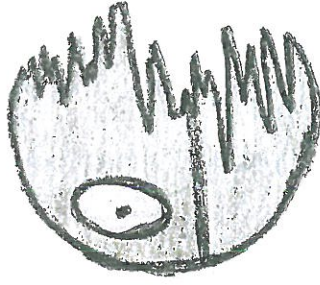
bunch of extra activities. All student that went to Harvest Fest said they had an amazing time and it was just plain awesome. The enrichment students did a haunted house. The

next day people were saying it was awesome. Everyone had an amazing time and can't wait until next year for Harvest Fest.

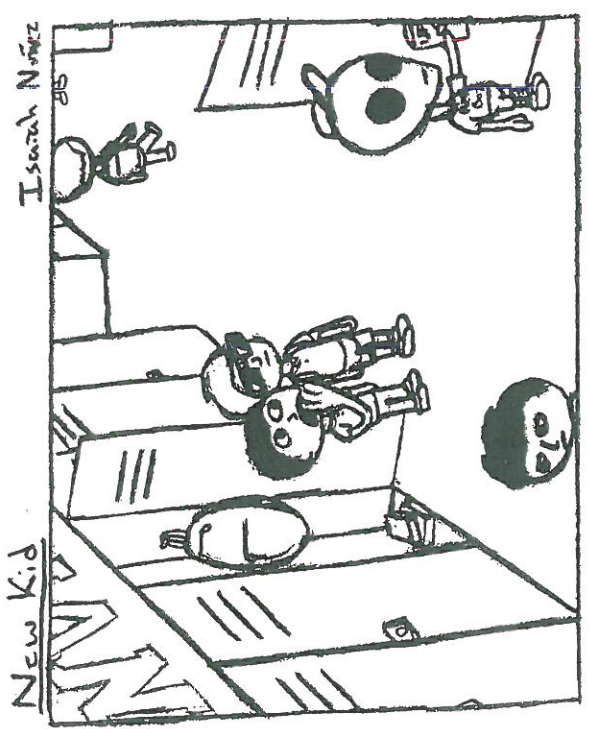
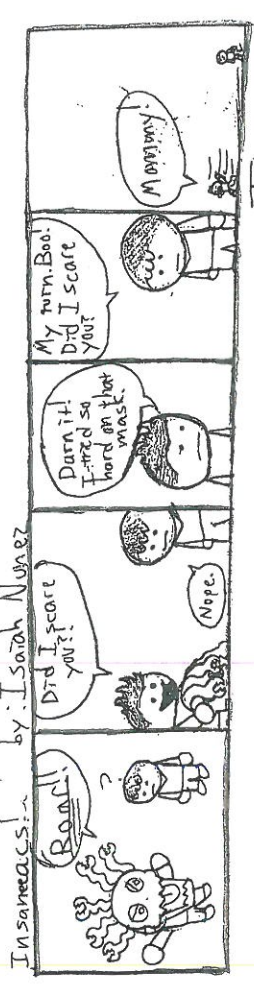
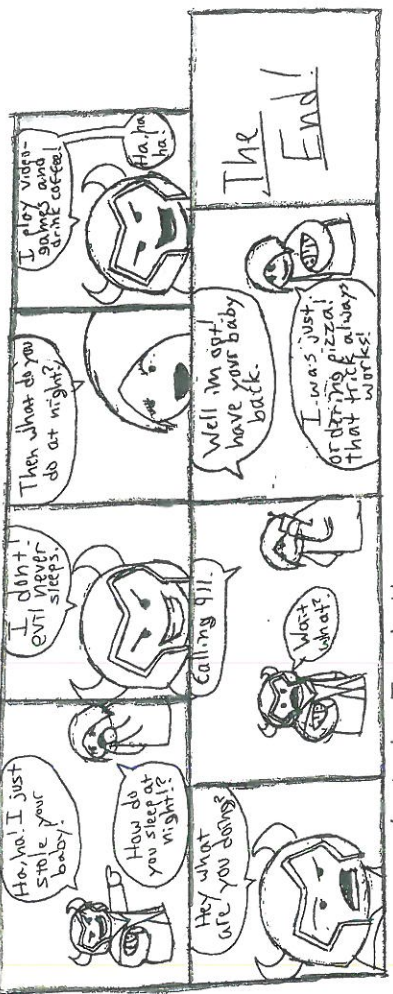




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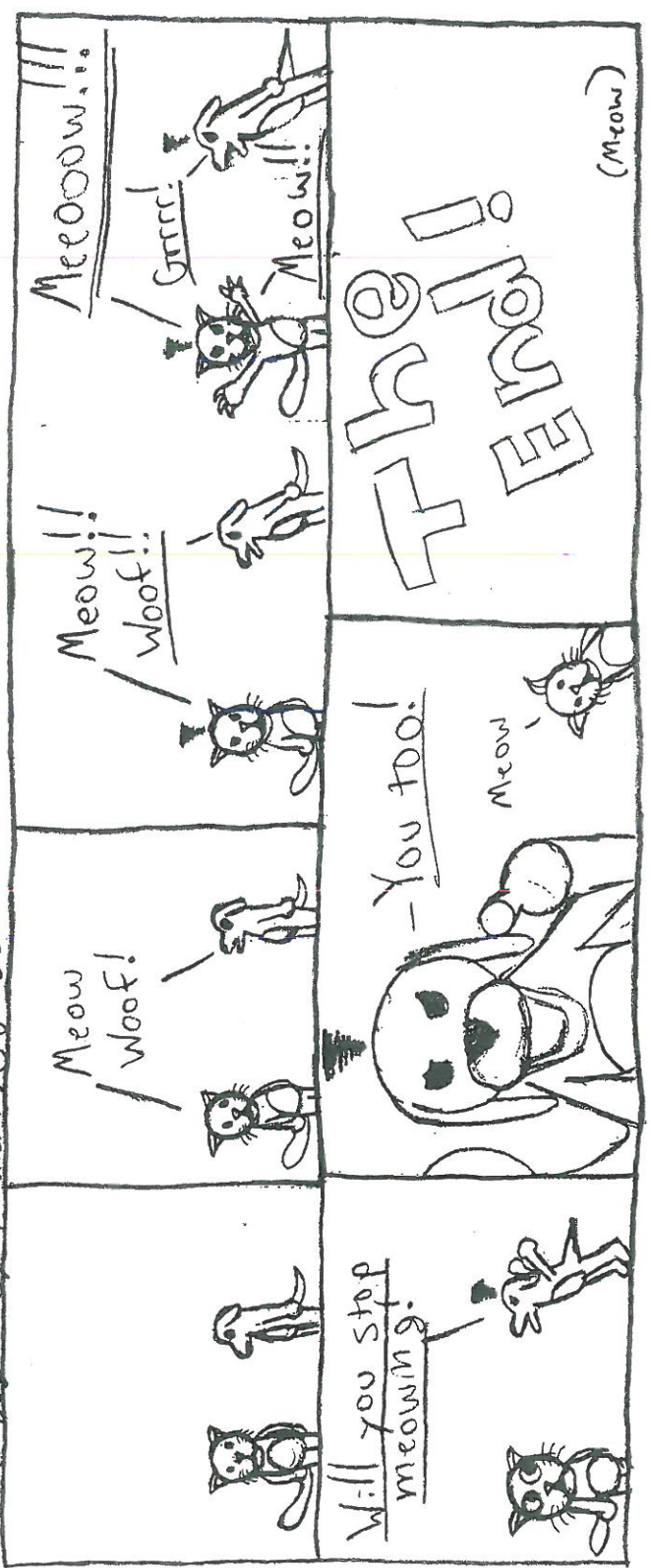


COO-COO COMICS by: Isarah Nunez



"I heard the new kid was from Roswell!"

Cat vs. Dog by: Isarah Nunez



**North Valley Academy**  
**25th Anniversary Organization**  
**Board Voting Ballot**

- Due by May 7, 2015 -

- Please check your vote or write in candidate you are voting for and return

**President:** (vote for one)

- Jamie Romero
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Vice-President (PreK-5):** (vote for one)

- Jenny Phy
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Vice-President (6th-8th):** (vote for one)

- Cynthia Saveddra
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer:** (vote for up to two by writing in your name)

- Monica Martinez
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary:** (we are still needing someone to fill this position)

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Fundraising Coordinator:** (we are still needing someone to fill this position)

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer Coordinator:** (vote for up to two by writing in your name)

- Ginger Lange
- \_\_\_\_\_

It's Coming!!!!

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What: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Mini Society

When: Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

Where: Cafeteria

Students, please remember to bring your quarters to purchase items at the mini society. Please bring no more than \$3.00. If you have any further questions please see Mrs. Beasley, Mrs. Weil, or Mrs. Pipkin. Hope to see you there!!!

