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Naples Elementary School Announcements

WINTER WONDERLAND!

The PTA welcomes you to the Winter Wonderland! It will be held in the Elementary School Atrium from December 17th through the 21st, from 0800 to 1400. This is a wonderful opportunity to get a student's holiday shopping done and over-with! And, for you, parents, you can come in and buy stuff, too! Get the perfect present with prices ranging from \$0.25 to \$30.00!

- ♦ **PTA Reflections has been extended until December 17th!**

The following news release was issued by the Department of Defense Education Activity:

DoDEA 4th and 8th Grade Students Perform above the Nation on Vocabulary Results from the 2009 and 2011 NAEP Reading Assessments

Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) fourth and eighth grade students performed above their national counterparts on the latest National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Report: Vocabulary Results from the 2009 and 2011 NAEP Reading Assessments.

To subscribe to DoDEA's RSS feed please visit:

<http://www.dodea.edu/pressroom/dodearss.xml>

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Invention Convention 2013

Do you have something that bugs you?
A problem that needs to be solved?

Enter the Naples Elem. School Invention Convention with your solution.

Intent forms due Dec. 21 to Ms. Hail

Projects and logs due morning of Jan. 10 in the gym.

Remember to keep a log or journal (data) of your efforts to solve your problem.



After school activity descriptions and applications are due next week. Thanks.

Calendar



Friday, December 21 - The First Day of Winter!

Monday, December 24 - Start of Winter Break

Monday, January 7 - Winter Break Ends, School Resumes

**Tuesday, January 8 - Bi-Weekly Spelling Bee Starts
ADHD Support Group meeting (5pm)**

Thursday, January 9 - 10:00, 4th Grade Parent Coffee

Thursday, Friday, January 9-10 - Invention Convention

Wednesday, January 16 - Parent Partners: DI/Learning Profiles

Thursday, January 17 - 1100, Early Dismissal

Monday, January 21 - No School, Martin Luther King's Birthday

Thursday, January 24 - Early Dismissal at 11:00 AM

News From the Nurse

In January the Nurse's Office will be screening for vision, hearing, height, and weight. This will be for grades Kindergarten, 2nd, 4th, and 6th. We would love to have some volunteers help us! If you're interested, please email coleen.byrnes@eu.dodea.edu. The Nurse's Office is looking for sweat pants and leggings for OLDER kids (8-16 years). No jeans please! If you have any clothes that you are getting rid of, please think of us.

ADHD Parent Support Group Meeting will be on January 8th (Tuesday), 2013 at 5pm! This will be a "Meet and Greet" in the front atrium. Please come by! Please email coleen.byrnes@eu.dodea.edu for any questions.

Please update your contact information for each of your students attending Naples Elementary. It is vitally important we have the correct and up-to-date phone numbers for both parents when attempting to call from the nurse's office. In addition, please update any Emergency Contact information as well, especially if the person(s) have PCS'd or changed phone numbers. Students are only allowed to leave with the people listed on the Emergency Contact area (other than parents).

Attention!!! The Nurse's Office has five lonely pairs of glasses on hold! Parents, please come and take a look if your child lost their pair, because they're just laying there!

Reminders From the Front Office

- ◆ End of Day interruptions: Please note the Front office will not dismiss students between 1400 and 1420. Please refer to the student handbook.
- ◆ Front office does not loan tickets for student lunches. Please ensure your student has their lunch or lunch ticket prior to attending school. We would like to keep class interruption at a minimal.

IMPORTANT

Our lost and found is overflowing! Please come in and claim any of your missing belongings. Items that are not claimed by December 21, 2012 will be donated to the thrift store. Thank you for your cooperation.



PEACE



This is the Parents Educating and Advocacy for Children with Exceptionalities organization! Here we are a support group for parents helping one another with everyday issues in raising a special needs child. We meet the third Wednesday of the month from 5 to 6 pm at Fleet and Family Support Center. Our email is enochs_in_naples@ymail.com, if you have



NES' STEM Night Takes Flight with the 4th Grade



Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) are essential subjects in preparing our students to be successful in the 21st century. The STEM committee at Naples Elementary School plans special nights focused on grade level standards to introduce the concepts of STEM to students and parents. On December 11, 2012 the 4th graders got a special treat as pilots from the US Navy joined to help promote the STEM initiative.

Students and parents participated in an interactive experiment to design, test, and gather data about flight direction. When the students and parents arrived they were welcomed to STEM night and received a briefing about the night's activities. Then they folded a paper airplane with ailerons and headed off to flight school led by one of our Navy pilots. The pilots used diagrams and models to share the basics of flight with the students. Next, they headed to the landing strip to conduct 30 test flights with their planes to varying direction using the ailerons. Once the tests were completed, the data was compiled into a spreadsheet to analyze and draw conclusions. The night concluded with a question and answer session with one of our Navy pilots.

The STEM committee hopes these nights help our students see why it is important to study STEM. We want them to be independent, creative problem solvers. Our next STEM night is for the 3rd grade on January 24th at 5:00.

A special thanks to our guest pilots: Brian Gebo, Lawrence Kistler, Reinaldo Morillo, Chris Moton, and Stephen Wynfield.



Paul's Perspectives

Cyber bullying is becoming a very big issue at all grade levels. Many times kids will not admit it is happening. This list comes from Michele Borba in her book "The 6 R's of Bullying Prevention." These are possible signs. They may not show all the signs. They could indicate a concern other than cyber bullying. For sure, it means it is time to find out in a gentle and loving way what is going on in your child's life.

Learn the signs of possible cyber bullying

- ◆ **Hesitant to be online;**
- ◆ **Nervous when an Instant Message, text message or Email appears;**
- ◆ **Suddenly avoids the device**
- ◆ **Visibly upset after using computer or cell phone**
- ◆ **Hides or clears computer screen or closes cell phone when sees you**
- ◆ **Spends unusually longer hours online in more tense pensive tone**
- ◆ **Withdraws from friends or school activities**
- ◆ **Falls behind in schoolwork or wants to avoid school**
- ◆ **Suddenly sullen, evasive withdrawn, marked change in personality or behavior**
- ◆ **Exhausted (trouble sleeping), loss of appetite,**
- ◆ **Excessively moody or crying, seems depressed**
- ◆ **Suspicious phone calls, e---mails and packages arrives at your home**

Message from the PE Department

Parents, we need your help!!!

We are continuing to have a high percentage of students coming to PE not dressed appropriately. For the safety, comfort, and successful participation in Physical Education it is essential that students dress appropriately for class. I understand that the weather is cold, especially in the mornings. Some students are under the impression that they need to wear shorts to PE. This is not the case! During winter months, sweat pants and warm up pants are acceptable. Boys may wear cargo-style pants. Girls may wear leggings or tights. **NO DENIM, PLEASE!!** Please **NO boots** (rain boots or Ugh boots).

Students should come to school dressed in their PE clothes on their PE day. Students do not have time to change their clothes at school due to the instruction time that would be potentially missed.

There are a few classes who have done a fantastic job at coming to school prepared for PE. Congratulations to Ms. Nichols Kindergarten class and Ms. Navo's 6th graders!! These 2 classes have earned a reward PE day. The 6th graders are looking forward to playing scooter-board hockey on their reward day and the Kindergarteners will also participate in scooter board & parachute activities. Ms. Lauro-Geruso's second graders, as well as Ms. Muzyka's second graders need to earn just one more red shoe for their reward day. Ms. Oropallo's Kindergarten class is also in need of 1 more red shoe. Keep up the good work!!

Thank you for your support and assistance in this matter!

Yours in Education,
Marsha Haynes
Amanda L. Stockwell
P.E. Department

Tips for Keepin' up on Math Skills over Winter Break

Challenge others or challenge yourself. Online math strategy games at [Calculation Nation](#) provide a safe environment for elementary and middle school students to challenge themselves and challenge others. Games involve fractions, factoring, symmetry and comparing perimeter and area!

Play strategy games with friends and family. A great way to spend quality time. Games such as [Contig](#), and other free [board games](#). Play as teams while learning so you can talk about strategy and then move playing individually.



- **Talk to your children's teachers before the break.** Ask questions that show you are concerned about their development and maintenance of mathematics skills and fluency. For example, ask, "What do you see as my child's strengths and weaknesses in math? What could we do while at home to develop or improve his/her weakest areas?"

Read books that contain mathematics content with your children. There are books at every grade level that can engage students in thinking about math! Some suggestions include [Ten Apples Up On Top!](#) (elementary), [The Great Number Rumble: A Story of Math in Surprising Places](#) (middle grades), and [The Numbers Behind NUMB3RS](#) (high school). Want classroom activities to support math and literature? Check out [Exploring Mathematics through Literature: Articles and Lessons for Prekindergarten through Grade 8](#).

Create a number book with your child. Use [this template](#) with your preschooler or kindergarten and have them decorate each page with pictures, stickers or stamps (or even glue beads or macaroni) that show the number on the page. For more advanced students, ask them to write expressions that equal the target number. For example, for the number 6, they could write 3×2 , $10 - 4$ and $2 + 2 + 1 + 1$.

- **Do projects with your child.** Bake cookies or work on a home improvement project. Real-world applications of mathematical ideas, especially measurement, are everywhere! If you are stringing up lights, work with them to estimate how many sets you will need and calculate the total number of lights used. If you are baking cookies, have them figure out what is needed to make a double batch.

Exercise your body; mathercise your mind!

even if it's only on TV. Keep track of yards running versus passing plays of their favorite shooting percentage of their favorite basketball



to make comparisons between two of their favorite players and display it graphically. Check out the [lesson connecting rate of movement to football](#) on [Illuminations](#), appropriate for middle and high school students.

Cut out snowflakes as decorations. Invite your child to describe the shapes they see in their snowflakes and encourage them to tell you what they know about symmetry. Consider delivering holiday cheer by delivering them to a nearby nursing home! Play with the [fractal tool](#) on [Illuminations](#). For a high-school level lesson on creating a Koch snowflake using fractals, see the [activity sheets](#) from [Navigating through Geometry: 9-12](#) or from [this article](#) from the journal [Mathematics Teacher](#).

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NEX Naples School Lunch Menu

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
	<p>3</p> <p>Pizza Margherita (mozzarella & tomatoes) Mixed Salad, Fresh Fruit & Milk</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Beef Tamale Pie, Baby Carrots, Salad, Fresh Fruit, Wheat Bread & Milk</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Chicken Parmesan Baked, Potatoes, Salad, Fresh Fruit, Wheat Bread & Milk</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pasta w/t cheese, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit, Wheat Bread & Milk</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Baked chicken nuggets, Mixed Vegetables, Fresh fruit, Wheat Bread & Milk</p>
	<p>10</p> <p>Turkey Hot Dog on Wheat Bread, Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Fresh Fruit & Milk</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Pasta w/t cheese, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit, Wheat Bread & Milk</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Roast Beef w/t Gravy, Peas and Potatoes, Fresh Fruit, Wheat Bread & Milk</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Wrap dely wheat sandwich w/ turkey, cheese & lattuce, Mixed salad, Fresh Fruit & Milk</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Baked chicken nuggets, Peas & Potatoes, Fresh fruit, Wheat Bread & Milk</p>
<p>Tickets are available at NEX Customer Services in Grigriano, the Capodichino and Grigriano NEXMARTS</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Pizza Margherita (mozzarella & tomatoes) Mixed Salad, Fresh Fruit & Milk</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Tortellini cheese w/t Tomato sauce, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit, Wheat Bread & Milk</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Baked chicken nuggets, Peas & Potatoes, Fresh fruit, Wheat Bread & Milk</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Turkey Hot Dog on Wheat Bread, Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Fresh Fruit & Milk</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Baked crunchny Fish Fillets, Green Beans, Fresh fruit, Wheat Bread & Milk</p>
<p><u>Although every effort is made to adhere to the published menu occasionally the Lunch Menu is subject to change due delivery shipping and security issues</u></p>					
					

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Naples Elementary

Continuous School Improvement Goals

Naples Elementary School will foster a safe and nurturing environment that provides rigorous learning opportunities to empower all students to become independent, creative, problem-solvers who demonstrate exemplary character in a global society.

Goal One: SMART Goal 1: *By June 2014, all students at Naples Elementary School will improve in reading comprehension as demonstrated through increased proficiency in system-wide and locally administered assessments.*

Strategy: Connections to text taught through Guided Reading and Guided Discussions

SMART Goal 2: *By June 2014, all students at Naples Elementary School will improve their understanding of math number sense and operational concepts demonstrated by increased proficiency in system-wide and locally administered assessments.*

Strategy: Connections from the concrete to the abstract using math manipulatives/visual representations.

Naples Elementary Parent- Teacher Association (PTA)

PTA Office Hours

629-4661(if personnel is available)

Monday -11:00-1:00

Tuesday - 12:00-1:00

Wednesday- 11:00-1:00

Thursday- 12:00-1:00 (Unavailable 1st of every month- Meeting time)

Friday- No office hours

Points of Contact & Direct Duties

President: Jackie Washington
General information, school photos, yearbook, questions, comments, or concerns

VP Programs: Heather Harrington
Upcoming programs: red ribbon week, spelling bee, carnival

VP Fundraising: Tana Welch
Spirit gear, Reflections, donations

Treasurer: Brittney Parker
Budget questions.

Points of Contact & Direct Duties

Secretary: Alida Laney
Newsletter, meeting minutes

Volunteer Coordinator: Mary Teel
Volunteers

Membership: Melissa Phillips
Membership information

Questions, Comments or Concerns:
Please contact Jackie Washington at

***** EXTENSION DATE December 20, 2013*****



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National PTA® Reflections unleashes your artistic talents

Dance Choreography

Photography

Film Production

Music Composition

Literature

Visual Arts

Special Artist
Division

2012-2013 Theme: **“The Magic of a Moment”**

Reflect on the theme. Create an original work. Be recognized.

Deadline for entries: December 13, 2012

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