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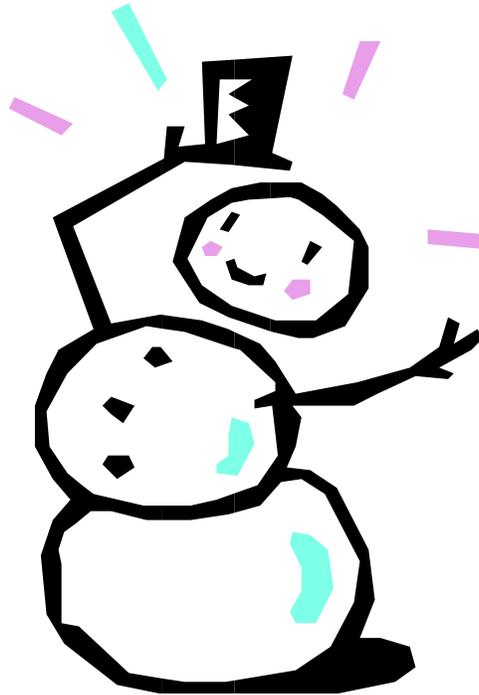
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## Naples Elementary School Announcements

Dear parents and community,  
As we all depart this holiday season, I look back over the past year and think about all the joys the students, staff, volunteers, and families have brought to me. I can't express to you how grateful I am everyday to be working with such a wonderful group of kids. I am humbled by the experience and professionalism of the teachers that serve them as well. There is such deep commitment and car-

### Happy Holidays



ing for these children and school. It makes me proud to be a part of you.

As I look forward to the upcoming year, I, like everyone else, am setting goals and making resolutions—like the one to lose weight that I never fulfill. However, I hope that my goals and yours can continue to be guided by the thoughts of our children and what is best for them.

I wish you peace and good tidings this joyous season.

Best Wishes,  
Tiffiney Weddle

#### Special points of interest:

- *News From the Nurse*
- *Reminders From the Office*
- *Paul's perspective*
- *Happy Holidays From Kinder*
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- *Keeping skills During Break*

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### 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 questions.





## NURSE NEWS!

Hey out there! In January, the Nurse's Office will be screening for vision, hearing, height, and weight. This is for Kindergarten, 2nd, 4th, and 6th grades. And, we'd love some volunteers to help! If you're interested, please email [colleen.byrnes@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:colleen.byrnes@eu.dodea.edu). The Nurse's Office expects sweat pants and leggings for the OLDER kids (8-16 years). NO JEANS please! If you have any clothes you're getting rid of, please think of us.

  
 Please, oh please, update your contact info for each of your kids attending Naples Elementary. It is **vital**ly important we have the correct and up-to-date phone numbers for both parents when attempting to call from the nurse's office, because you don't want your kid staying at school sick. In addition, please update any Emergency Contact info too, especially if the person(s) on that list have PCS'd or changed phone numbers. Students are only allowed to leave to leave with the people listed on the Emergency Contact area (other than parents).  


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

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 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.

**Just a Reminder**  
**We will be continuing to do 100% Identification Check. All Patrons should enter the front doors of the Elementary school, Sign in and Show your ID Card.**  
**Thank you for your Cooperation!**





## Paul's Perspective

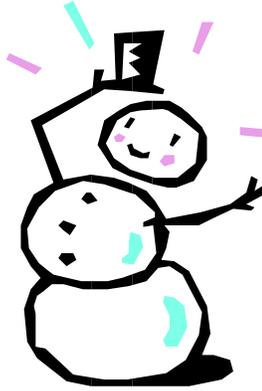
Bullying has been mentioned in this column before but here is more on the subject. The following comes from Michele Borba in her book *The Big Book of Parenting Solutions*.

### Possible Signs of Bullying

1. Excludes or shuns another
2. Is insensitive to feelings or needs of others; a lack of empathy
3. Taunts, intimidates or harasses
4. Spreads vicious rumors

verbally/electronically that hurt or ruin another's reputation

5. Physically aggressive (hits, punches, kicks, slams, etc)
6. Positive views of violence
7. Threatens with force or fear; extortion
8. Marked need to control and dominate others
9. Damages another child's property or clothing



10. Quick---tempered, impulsive, easily frustrated
  11. Takes pleasure in seeing a child (animal) in distress,
  12. Difficulty seeing situation from other's point of view.
  13. Refuses to accept responsibility
  14. Denies wrong doing when evidence shows guilt
  15. Blames the victim or says the child deserved it
  16. Good at talking way out of situations
  17. Shows little sympathy or concern for the victim
  18. Targets those who are weaker
  19. Intolerant of "differences"
- Michele Borba,  
*The Big Book Of Parenting Solutions*

**The best kind  
of prize is a  
surprise!**

## Happy Holidays!

Mrs. Cornette visited our Kindergarten class to teach us about Hanukkah. We learned about the menorah and how the oil lasted for 8 days. Thank you for coming to our class! Afterwards, we made menorahs to show our families what we learned.

Mrs. Lambertson's and Mrs. Roundy's Class





## Calendar of Events

Friday, December 21  
**The first day of Winter**

Monday, December 24  
**Start of winter break**

Monday, January 7  
**Winter break ends**

Tuesday, January 9  
**10:00 am 4th Grade  
 Parent coffee**

Thursday/Friday, January 9,10  
**Invention convention**

Wednesday, January 16  
**Parent partners:  
 DI/Learning profiles**

Thursday, January 17  
**1100, early release**

Monday, January 21  
**No school, Martin Luther  
 King's Birthday**

Wednesday, January 23 (updated)  
**5:00pm STEM Night**

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

Friday, January 25  
**Teacher Work Day—No  
 school for students**



## Naples Elementary Parent Teacher Association

Winter wonderland was a huge success! Thank you to all the Volunteers that lent a hand in it to being such a success.

Upcoming

**Events that are coming up with the PTA!!**

Events:  
 Spelling bee Will be January 31. The Children involved should have received their Study Material

The international festival will be held on February 22, 2013. Please sign up with Heather Harrington. We need people to represent where they are from. For More details please con-

### PTA CONTACT INFORMATION

**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  
 Jackie.washington24@yahoo.com



Dear Parents,

The Naples Elementary School is listed with the non-profit organization called at [www.iGive.com](http://www.iGive.com). The iGive organization is part of the many fundraisers at our school. We are asking Community Armed Forces and Civilian families to log into [www.iGive.com](http://www.iGive.com).

There's no extra cost to you when you shop via [www.iGive.com](http://www.iGive.com). It's an extra step with no extra fees. If you place an order, make sure you are logged into iGive so your Naples Elementary School is counted this holiday season.

Happy Holidays!  
Naples Elementary PTA.



## Holiday Gifts that Give Back

This holiday season, send a gift that means an automatic donation to **our cause!** When you shop at any of over 1,200 participating online stores through iGive, a portion of each purchase comes back to us in the form of a donation check.

It's free for you, free for us, and you pay the same (or less!) than you would by going directly to the store. Shopping online means no wasted gas and no more standing in long lines at the mall. And to all you smart shoppers: don't miss iGive's treasure-trove of coupons, sales, and free shipping.

Save money, save time, and send gifts that give twice. What could be better than that?

See for yourself at: [www.iGive.com](http://www.iGive.com)

Here are just a few of iGive's 1,200+ online stores, where a portion of each purchase benefits our cause:



**NES Vision Statement:**  
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.

# ONE DAY CHEER CAMP

*Calling all kindergarten to 8th graders!*

This event is hosted by NHS Wildcat Cheerleading - Email [kathryn.vitulli@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:kathryn.vitulli@eu.dodea.edu) or call 629-4499 for more information.

Pre-register now!

**Registration forms can be picked up by emailing**



**Cost:** \$25 for 1<sup>st</sup> child  
\$20 for 2<sup>nd</sup> sibling  
(Cost includes t-shirt and dinner)

**When:** Friday, Jan 11

Camp 3:00-5:00

Dinner 5:00-5:30





## 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 kindergartner 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  $3 \times 2$ ,  $10 - 4$  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!** Take in a sporting event, even if it's only on TV. Keep track of yards gained and lost from running versus passing plays of their favorite football team or the shooting percentage of their favorite basketball player. Work with them 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](#).



JANUARY 2013

**NEX Naples School Lunch Menu**

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
	<u>7</u> Baked chicken nuggets, Baked Potatoes, Salad, Fresh Fruit, Milk & Wheat Bread	<u>8</u> Pasta 4 cheese, Baby carrots, Salad, Fresh Fruit, Wheat Bread & Milk	<u>9</u> Baked Crunchy Fish Fillet, French Fries, Salad, Fresh Fruit, Milk & Wheat Bread	<u>10</u> Chicken Sandwich, Baked Potatoes, Salad, Fresh Fruit & Milk	<u>11</u> <i>Pizza Margherita w/t cheese, Salad &amp; Tomato Fresh Fruit &amp; Milk</i>
	<u>14</u> Turkey hot dog on Wheat Bread, Baked Potatoes, Salad, Fresh Fruit & Bread	<u>15</u> Baked chicken nuggets Baked Potatoes and Peas, Fresh Fruit, Milk & Wheat Bread	<u>16</u> Pasta 4 cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Salad, Fresh Fruit, Wheat Bread & Milk	<u>17</u> <b><u>NO LUNCH</u></b>	18 <i>Pizza Margherita w/t cheese, Salad &amp; Tomato, Fresh Fruit &amp; Milk</i>
Tickets are available at NEX Customer Services in Gricignano, the Capodichino and Gricignano NEX-MARTS	<u>21</u> <b><u>NO SCHOOL</u></b>	<u>22</u> Baked Crunchy Fish Fillet, French Fries, Salad, Fresh Fruit, Milk & Wheat Bread	<u>23</u> Tortellini cheese w/t meat sauce, Baby Carrots, Salad, Fresh Fruit & Bread	<u>24</u> <b><u>NO LUNCH</u></b>	<u>25</u> <b><u>NO LUNCH</u></b>
<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>	<u>28</u> Baked Chicken nuggets, Baked Potatoes and Peas, Fresh Fruit, Milk & Wheat Bread	<u>29</u> Pasta 4 cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Salad, Fresh Fruit, Wheat Bread & Milk	<u>30</u> Turkey hot dog on Wheat Bread, French fries, Salad, Fresh Fruit & Bread	<u>31</u> Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, Fresh Fruit, Wheat Bread & Milk	

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Link to school's ESL page:  
<http://esl.nes.mdso.eportalnow.net./index.html>

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Principal

Ms. Tiffiney Weddle  
Assistant Principal



Naples Elementary School:  
Home of the Dolphins!



# 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.