

LA DELFINA  
NAPLES ELEMENTARY

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## Upcoming Dates to Remember

September  
17, 2010

**17 September**  
**CSI Training**  
**NO SCHOOL**

**20 September**  
**PTA FundRaiser**  
**"Believe Kids" starts**

**21-24 September**  
**School Pictures**  
Front office has extra  
picture envelopes

**24 September**  
**Progress Reports**  
**go home**

**01 October**  
**CSI Training**  
**NO SCHOOL**

**11 October**  
**Columbus Day**  
**NO SCHOOL**

**14 October**  
**Vocabulary Hat Parade**

**15 October**  
**Full Day ELA Training**  
**NO SCHOOL**

Please note changes to the  
Calendar

### What to look for:

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**Office Hours**  
**0730—1600**  
**School Hours**  
**0745-1420**

## NAPLES ADMINISTRATION

Principal

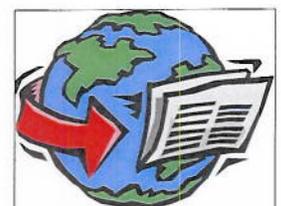
**Mona Morgan**

Assistant Principal

**Tiffiney Weddle**

Telephone

**DSN 629-4037**



# Techno Tips

Parents of students in Grades 4-6

Do you have Gradespeed accounts yet?

If not, check out the end of the La Delfina.

Please see the screen shot below of how to re-add your student to your account. It's quick and easy.



## Application for Access to New Students

Please add the information below for each new student you wish to apply for. All fields are required, and please enter the in approval. Please do not use nicknames, but rather the student's full legal name.

|                            |   |              |
|----------------------------|---|--------------|
| Student First Name:        | <input type="text"/>                    | *            |
| Student Last Name:         | <input type="text"/>                    | *            |
| Campus:                    | <input type="text" value="Select One"/> | *            |
| Date of Birth:             | <input type="text"/>                    | * MM/DD/YYYY |
| SMS Sponsor email address: | <input type="text"/>                    | *            |

Submit | Cancel

# From the Nurse

Dear Parents,

We want you to know that all your children's needs are important to us. Most children are fortunate to have little or no health problems, while others have conditions that must be guarded every day. Our goal is to provide a safe environment for all students in each of their individual circumstances. We are asking for your assistance in providing a safe learning environment for all of the students in your children's classes. Several students in various classes have severe allergies to peanuts and tree nuts. These student are not able to eat anything that contains nuts or tree nuts (like Nutella), or anything that may have been contaminated by peanuts or tree nuts (like M & M's). Many of these students' reactions are only triggered by ingestion, but for some, it is also being in contact with things like peanut butter, peanut shells, or someone's hands after they have eaten a peanut butter sandwich.

While peanut butter is a popular and convenient lunch food, it could literally become life threatening for these students. Though peanut products can be packed in your child's lunch, please let the teacher in the classroom know if your child has something that contains peanuts or other foods that may contain nuts. That way all students can enjoy eating lunch with their peers. For students with the most severe reactions, it may be necessary for those with peanut or nut products in their lunches to sit a safe distance from them. Though all students are encouraged to wash their hands after eating, it is especially important for those students with peanut or nut products in their lunch to wash their hands after eating. Once their hands have been washed, the danger of a reaction is over. We ask your cooperation in making the lunch room, classroom and playground a safe place for all our students. As we approach the Halloween Season, please be aware that many candies are contaminated. Please take the time to talk to your child about the importance of what is in their lunch, and washing their hands after eating. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to give the Health Office a call.

*Coleen Byrnes, RN, BSN*

*Kathryn Nelson, RN, BSN*

*School Nurse*

*Naples Elementary School*

*Naples, Italy*

*629-4058/ 081-811-4058*

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### Continuous School Improvement Goals

Goal One: By June 2012, all students will improve in reading comprehension skills through increase proficiency in vocabulary development and application in word usage toward synthesis of information in a variety of context across the curriculum, as measured by the selected system-wide and school-based assessments.

Goal Two: By June 2012, all students will improve in writing, by demonstrating the ability to apply organization to specific purpose, audience and context, in all curricular areas as measured by system-wide and school-based assessments.

## Announcements

Naples Elementary School would like to congratulate the following parents and teachers that are newly elected to the School Advisory Committee. They will be joining our returning members this year as school representatives.

Kelly Brenner  
Joe Wilkinson  
Jennifer Morris  
Christy Anthony  
Stacey Scott  
Pam Eisele

We appreciate your time and commitment to the school!

# Did you know?

Dear Parents,

This past week we have seen several students who have had injuries that would not have occurred had they been wearing appropriate footwear! PLEASE remind your children that flip flops are not to be worn here at the elementary school. In hopes to prevent injuries, please remember to adhere to the dress code. Children who have are not wearing appropriate footwear may have to call their parents to bring appropriate shoes to the school.

Also, please refer to your child's classroom calendar for the PE schedule. This way your child will be sure to have on tennis shoes for PE.

From the handbook:

The following items are prohibited at Naples Elementary School:

- Spaghetti straps or tops with less than 2 inch wide straps
- Clothing which promotes tobacco, alcohol, or drugs, sex, etc.
- Backless/strapless tops or dresses, bare midriffs
- Shorts or mini skirts that are shorter than the arm length of the student
- Clothing with holes or rips
- Hats, head bands, bandanas or any type of head covering
- Mesh or see-through blouses, shirts, skirts or shorts
- Bare feet, shower flip flops, roller skate shoes, heelies
- Chains, safety pins, spiked clothing, spiked necklaces, or bracelets

**Naples Elementary School**  
**"Home of the Dolphins"**  
**Calendar 2010/2011**

| Dates                            | Events   |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Friday, September 17             | --CSI Training – No School   |
| Monday-Thursday, September 21-24 | -- School Fall Pictures  |
| Friday, September 24             | --Progress Reports go home   |
| Friday, October 1                | --CSI Training--No School  |
| Monday, October 11               | --Columbus Day--No School  |
| Thursday, October 14             | --Vocabulary Hat Parade  |
| Friday, October 15               | -- English/Language Arts Training –<br>No School for Students              |
| Friday, October 15               | --General PTA Meeting  |
| Monday-Friday, October 25-29     | --Red Ribbon Week  |
| Friday, November 5               | --Teacher Work Day--No School  |
| Wednesday, November 10           | --Parent/Teacher Conferences-No School<br>Report cards will be handed out. |
| Thursday, November 11            | --Veteran's Day--No School   |
| Friday, November 12              | -- Parent/Teacher Conferences-No School<br>Report cards will be handed out |
| Friday, November 12              | --Fantastic 50' Dance & PTA General Meeting                                |
| Thursday-Friday, November 25-26  | --Thanksgiving Break--No school  |
| Tuesday-Thursday, December 7-9   | --Winter Wonderland  |
| Wednesday December 8             | --Progress Reports go home   |
| Monday-Friday, December 20-31    | -- Winter Break  |
| Monday, January 3                | --School Resume  |
| Monday, January 17               | --MLK, Jr. Day--No School  |
| Friday, January 28               | --Teacher Work Day--No School  |
| Wednesday, February 2            | -- Progress Reports go home  |
| Thursday, February 3             | --Parent Conferences--No School  |
| Friday, February 4               | --CSI Training--No School  |
| Monday, February 21              | --President's Day--No School   |
| Friday, February 25              | -- International Festival  |
| Wednesday, March 2               | --Dr. Seuss Day  |
| Monday-Friday, March 7-11        | --TerraNova Testing Week   |
| Friday, April 8                  | --Teacher Work Day--No School  |
| Monday-Friday, April 11-15       | --Spring Recess No School  |
| Friday, April 29                 | --Student Led Conferences  |
| Thursday, May 5                  | --CSI Early Release  |
| Monday, May 30                   | --Memorial Day--No School  |
| Thursday, June 16                | --Last Day for Students  |
| Friday, June 17                  | --Teacher Work Day--No School  |

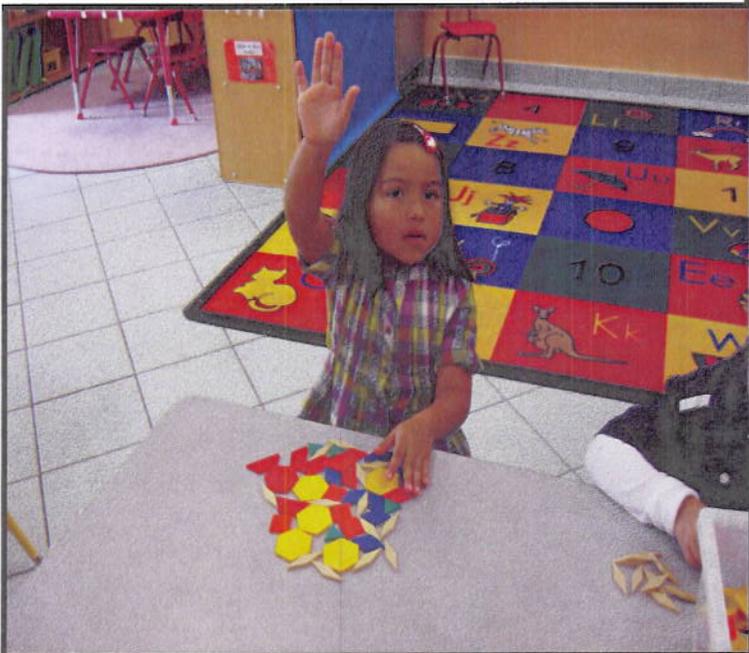
Dates that are still tentative which need confirmation from the DSO, school's sponsors or school complex coordination:

**ELA Training: Dec. 10 (Half-day)   ELA Training: Feb. 25 (Half-day)   Moo-Vin-Up: June Date TBD**

# Sure Start

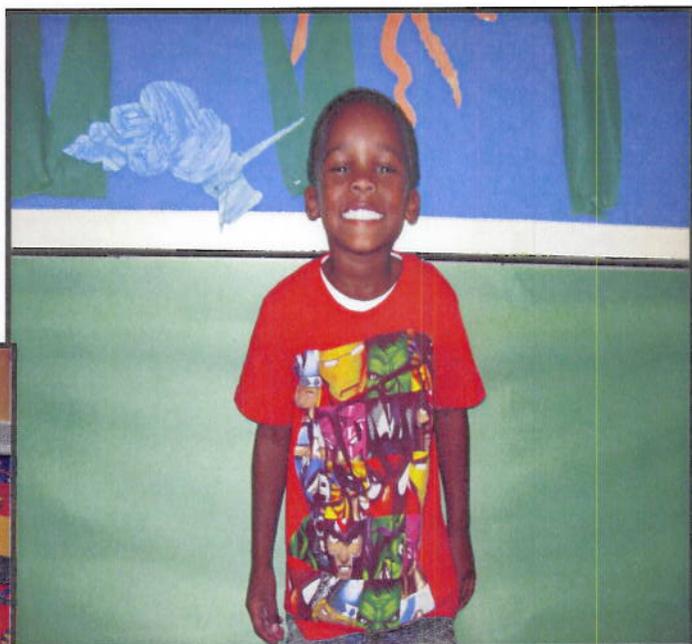
September 16th was the day 36 students started their journey into life long learning with the NES team!!!

*Laughter was heard in the classrooms and smiles were seen as the students left. Even a fire drill did not dampen their excitement.*



She is already answering questions on her first day of Sure Start.

She is ready to start her leap into the journey of learning.



He is so excited to get into the Sure Start classroom— he can't stop smiling!!!



He said, "Get a load of me. I am a Sure Start Kid"

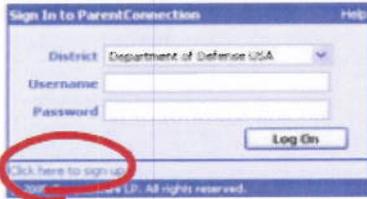
ONLY for parents of students  
in grades 4, 5, and 6 *How-to Guide*



# GradeSpeed

connecting DoDEA parents & students

1. Go to <http://dodea.gradespeed.net>
2. Click "Parent" in the list of choices.
3. Select the appropriate area from the dropdown and click the link in the lower left corner to sign up.



4. Fill in the blanks. You will use this username and password each time you log into GradeSpeed.

*Note: Make sure your email address is correct.*

5. Click Sign Up.
6. Click OK.



7. Click the "Add a Student" Link.
8. use the student's full legal name
9. Click OK.
10. Log off and wait a full work day for your account to be approved.

*Each parent can  
set up their own  
account.*

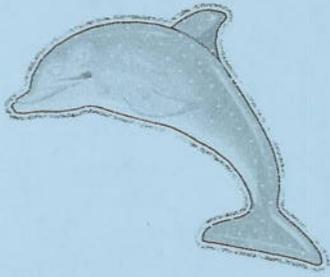
### After You Are Approved...

You can access the following features within your account by clicking the links found on the left of the screen.

- Grades** - click to view the current grade average in each class. Click the individual letter grade link to view the assignments associated with that grade. You may email the teacher from this screen by clicking the teacher's name.
- Attendance** - click to view your student's attendance info.
- Triggers** - click to set up automatic grade and attendance notifications.
- Calendar** - click to view school events.
- My Settings** - click to edit parent account information (name, email, address, password, etc.)

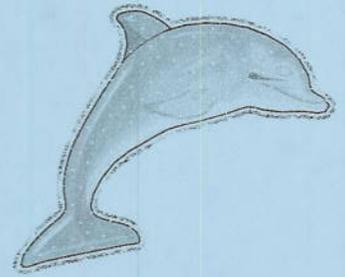
### Remember:

- *GradeSpeed* is not intended to replace face-to-face communication between parents and teachers in meetings and parent conferences.
- A teacher's primary job is to teach! While communication with parents enhances the educational experience, parents must be reasonable about expectations on the posting of grades and responsiveness.
- Be patient when waiting for an email response.
- While students may have concerns about how much information parents will have, the truth is children with parents who are involved in their education have a much greater chance to be successful.
  - Always keep your email address current.



# PTA NEWSLETTER

## September 15th



We want to thank each and every member of the PTA and NES community. You have given us nothing but support and patience during these first weeks of school. Our Open House went smoothly and it was nothing but fun. We couldn't have done it without you!

Here are some dates for upcoming PTA events:

**"Believe" Kids Fundraiser:**

Sept 20<sup>th</sup> – Packets will be sent home (May need to be rescheduled due to shipping delays)

**Fall Pictures:**

Sept 21<sup>st</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> 8:05 – 12:05  
(Class times are posted by Front Atrium)

### Volunteers!



....THANK YOU!

To all the wonderful ladies who volunteered to help us during Open House. It was great meeting all of you and I hope to work with you again. You are what the PTA is all about.

**Have some free time?**

We are currently in need of Scholastic volunteers. If you are interested in helping a classroom with Scholastic please email, Amy Patterson at, [mamelpatterson@hotmail.com](mailto:mamelpatterson@hotmail.com) or us at, [NES\\_PTA@YAHOO.COM](mailto:NES_PTA@YAHOO.COM), for more information.

**FUN THURSDAY @ NES**

Spirit Thursday



Don't forget to wear your Spirit Gear!!

Snow Cones



Bring your dollar and get a yummy treat!!  
(Weather permitting)

# PTA<sup>®</sup>



**JOIN TODAY!**

**Many Faces - One Vision**

QUESTIONS, EMAIL US,  
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HAVE SOME FREE TIME?!? CONTACT US.

