



PARENT NEWS

Dear Parents/Guardians:

EMAIL PROBLEM:

While switching to a new computer the school email list merged with another list. Nance Tovar has been sorting it out but some names may have been deleted. Please contact Rosanne Esplanda or email northernltnews@aol.com if you are having a problem.

HAILEY'S DREAM:

We were treated this morning to a drama performance given by grade three entitled Hailey's Dream. The play dealt with important African-American heroes throughout history. The students did a wonderful job and the information they shared about the African-American individuals was very informative. A special thank you to the parents who joined us for the performance.

BELLA SCOOTER:

Come into the school entrance to take a look at the Bella Scooter that is being raffled off the evening of Hollywood Nights—2010. Our dear friend, Vida Blue, arranged the donation of a Bella Scooter to use as a fundraiser! It is amazing! You need not be present to win. If you sell tickets for this raffle at \$5.00 per ticket, you will receive **100%** of the sale towards your fundraising fee. You can pick up from one to 100 tickets to sell by contacting Rosanne Esplanada in the school office. It is important that you write your child's name and grade clearly on the back of each ticket stub you turn into the office in order to get credit for your fundraising fee. Please stop in the office to pick up tickets or fill out the form below to have the tickets sent home with your child. All ticket stubs and money must be returned to the school office by Friday, March 5. **This is a great way to complete your mandatory fundraising fee amount for the school year.** Your mandatory fundraising fee and volunteer hours must be completed by June 1, 2010. Let's all sell at least five to ten tickets to make this a great success.

CONGRATULATIONS ANTHONIE PEARSON:

We are pleased to announce that Anthonie Pearson, grade eight, was accepted into Envision Academy High School. We are very proud of Anthonie and know that he will soar at Envision. We will be hearing from all the high schools the students applied to in March and will keep you informed as the students are contacted. This is an exciting time for each of them. Anthonie has started the acceptance process with this great news!



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SPRING FUNDRAISER AND COOKIE DOUGH SALE:

Our spring fundraiser and cookie dough sale will begin on this **Friday, February 26**. Please check your child's backpack for the order form and information. The sale will run through Friday, **March 12**. Orders must be turned in with check payable to Northern Light School by **Friday, March 12**. The order will be placed and delivered to Northern Light School for pick up on **Tuesday, March 30**, in time for spring break. Order your frozen cookie dough to make for your Passover dinner or Easter brunch.

TOOLS FOR PEACE:

We are developing the Tools for Peace workshop to take place the weekend of March 26, at Camp Arroyo. Those students in grades three through seven who have re-enrolled and paid their registration fee have received an invitation to attend the weekend. The letters were mailed to your homes as well as given to your child. Please be sure to sign this form and return it to the school office so that we can plan for the number of students who will attend. We have received many re-registration forms without the re-registration fee. Please note that registration must be completed including the payment of the re-registration fee in order for your child to attend this workshop. Please call Jennifer Diaz if you have any questions regarding re-registration.

HOLLYWOOD NIGHTS—2010:

Our annual fundraiser is just around the corner. If you plan to attend please contact Rosanne Esplanada to make reservations. This is an important evening for our school and at this point we have well over 150 individuals attending. The cost for the evening is \$100 per person. The evening is filled with delicious food, great wine and drinks, exciting live and silent auction items and excellent dancing music. Get into the spirit of Oscar weekend by getting out your gowns and tuxedos and walk our "red carpet."

GUYS AND DOLLS:

Our junior high drama performance will be "Guys and Dolls." Mr. Olivier and Jennifer Diaz have already begun working with our students. Parts have been cast and the students are dancing, singing and studying their lines. The performance will take place on Thursday, June 3, and Friday, June 4, at the Valley Performing Arts Center on the Holy Names University campus.

ROGERS FAMILY FOUNDATION:

If you have visited the pre-school this past week you may have noticed the new furniture and equipment. Thanks to a very generous grant from the Rogers Family Foundation, we have been able to purchase new items that will enrich the lives of our pre-school students. If you have not had a chance to see the new pre-school look, stop by for a quick visit.



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WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP:

The members of the Class of 2010 are scheduled to board a red eye flight out of San Francisco on April 18, to Dulles Airport in Washington, D.C. They are scheduled to tour from the time they arrive until when they leave Washington on April 22, to head back to San Francisco where they will land at 12:51 a.m. The students are still working to raise money for their trip and appreciate your continued support. Remember to support their bake sale tomorrow. Every little bit helps.

GRADE FOUR—COMPASSION IN ACTION:

Tomorrow, Thursday, February 25, the students in grade four will be heading to Geen Mun Senior Center in Chinatown, San Francisco. The trip coincides with their study of Chinese New Year and is part of their “Compassion-in-Action” field trip series. The students will volunteer serving lunch to the seniors at the Center. They will also eat and visit with them. We are proud of the work they are doing for others and in turn enriching their lives.

NATE THE GREAT:

The students in Kindergarten and grade one will be attending the performance of Nate the Great at the Chabot College Performing Arts Center in Hayward. They are scheduled to attend the March 22, performance. They will leave school at 9:00 a.m. for the 10:00 performance and return to school by 1:00 p.m. Drivers are needed to help transport and supervise the students. You do not have to have a student in Kindergarten or grade one to volunteer to help. Contact Rosanne Esplanada if you are available to help.

MANDATORY SUMMER SCHOOL REDUCED TUITION:

Mandatory summer school letters have been sent home with your child as well as by mail. If you have received a mandatory summer school letter it is important that you enroll your child as soon as possible. There are a limited number of sliding scale tuition slots available. If you qualified for sliding scale for the 2009–2010 school year and would like to take advantage of reduced tuition for the summer session, please contact Nance Tovar by email or phone as soon as possible.



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Reminder – IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ – PRIVATE SCHOOL AID SERVICE:

We are aware that we have included this information in all our recent newsletters and will continue to include it. Due to the economy, like all other non-profit organizations we have seen a drop in donations. Because of this we had to limit sliding scale giving this past year and expect it to be just as tight for the 2010–2011 school year. All families who qualified for a reduced tuition for the 2009–2010 school year are not guaranteed a space. Families must reapply for consideration for sliding scale tuition each year. If you benefited from sliding scale tuition this year and would like to be considered for the 2010–2011 school year, you must complete the application process. Please note that we are adhering to the March 31, 2010 deadline for returning families to submit their forms to PSAS. **Families who do not meet the deadline of March 31, 2010 will not be considered for reduced tuition.** Please contact Jennifer Diaz if you have questions regarding this policy.

Application forms for sliding scale reductions have arrived and are in the school office for you to pick up, fill out and return to the PSAS before the March 31, 2010 deadline. **No one will be awarded a reduced tuition without the completion of the application.**

Hollywood Nights—2010 Bella Scooter Raffle

I would like to sell # _____ tickets for the Bella Scooter raffle. Please send home the requested tickets with my child, _____. I understand that I will receive 100% credit for each ticket I sell at \$5.00 per chance. I also understand that all the ticket stubs and money must be returned to the school office by Friday, March 5. I will write my child’s name and grade on the back of each ticket stub I return. Please note, ticket stubs will not be accepted without money.

Date: _____ Parent/Guardian: _____