

Performing and Fine Arts **Star**

MARCH - APRIL, 2011

DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 2011

Landscape Beautification.....	Mar 5
P4A Meeting	Mar 8
Parent Class Meetings.....	Mar 8
End of Third Quarter	Mar 11
NO SCHOOL Staff Work Day.....	Mar 18
P4A Crab Feed	Mar 18
Once on This Island Opens.....	Mar 24

APRIL 2011

Landscape Beautification.....	Apr 2
STAR Testing Begins.....	Apr 5
P4A Meeting	Apr 12
Parent Class Meetings.....	Apr 12
Spring Music Concert I.....	Apr 15
SPRING BREAK	Apr 18-May 1



*Natomas Charter Performing and Fine Arts Academy
presents*

ONCE ON THIS ISLAND

Get ready to be swept away to a place where the sun sparkles off the ocean off the island called the "Jewel of the Antilles." "Once on This Island" is a story that proves that love can conquer all things, even death. A car crash in a storm brings Daniel and Ti Moune together, though society would prefer to keep them apart. Come and enjoy the story of Ti Moune as she goes on a journey that will change her life and lead her to the man she loves despite the obstacles.

BENVENUTI PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Mar 24-26, 2011 - 7:00pm
Mar 30, 2011 - 4:30pm
Mar 31-Apr 2, 2011 - 7:00pm

General Admission: \$12
Student/Senior: \$10

WWW.BENARTS.ORG

From the Coordinator

Spring is almost here! With that, comes the end of the third quarter. The third quarter ends on March 11, 2011. Please review Quarter 3 grades with your child. We only have one quarter left and we want all of our students to be academically successful. If you have any concerns about your student's progress, please don't hesitate to contact me or your child's teacher.

There are several upcoming important dates to be aware of during March and April. Our Middle School Musical "Honk" continues during the first and second weekend in March on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Don't miss out on the major middle school production of the year. March 18th is a teacher work day and a non-school day for students. However, you will definitely want to come out that night for P4A's annual Crab Feed at the Hellenic Center. Please see the PFAA web site for more information. Buy your tickets now for our spring musical "Once On This Island" opening in the Benvenuti Performing Arts Center on Thursday March 24th and running for two weekends. Tickets can be purchased at www.benarts.org.

You've been watching the countdown clock on the NCS website now it's finally here...STAR testing starts at NCS on Tuesday, April 5th. STAR testing (Standardized Testing and

Reporting) is California's way of measuring how much your student has learned in his or her academic year. It has tremendous importance for both the school and for your student. As a charter school, STAR scores are looked at as one important measure of success for the school. Your student can get an accurate picture of his or her academic progress as measured by the STAR by getting plenty of rest, eating a healthy breakfast, and doing his or her best on these important exams. Teachers will be reviewing test taking strategies and helpful hints for success on the STAR in coming weeks.

NCS Spring Break begins April 18th and runs through Sunday, May 1st. All of us at PFAA wish you and your family a wonderful spring break. Should you have any questions about our upcoming performances, school holidays, or STAR testing, please don't hesitate to contact me at (916) 928-5353, ext. 106.

Warmly,

Jammy Lee

Program Coordinator





2011 Yearbook Sales

The all-color 2011 PFAA yearbook will be on sale in the Amphitheatre at lunch during the week of:

February 28 to March 4

The price of the book for this sale is \$60. Purchases may be made with cash or by check (please make out to "PFAA Yearbook"). **Only a limited number of copies are available!**

After this sale, the price for any remaining copies will be \$70. For more information, contact Mr. Silveira at wsilveira@natomas.k12.ca.us.

PROM 2011

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW! THE SOONER YOU BUY, THE MORE YOU SAVE!

BEFORE MARCH 31

\$60 EACH

BEFORE APRIL 8

\$70 EACH

AT THE DOOR

\$80 EACH

BRING YOUR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO "P4A" TO THE AMPHITHEATER AT LUNCHTIME ON WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS!



English Department



Sixth Graders will be reading Rick Riordan's Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief. We will also be focusing on what makes a hero and the Greek myths that go along with the novel. Once we've finished reading the novel, students will write a compare and contrast essay using the novel and the recent film. Students will spend a great deal of time learning about Greek culture both in Language Arts as well as in their Social Studies class. Fourth quarter will be full of projects and writing assignments centering around the novel and the important themes discussed by Riordan. Enjoy!

Seventh Graders will be traveling the world (no passport necessary!) using Google Earth to tell place based stories. We will also use Google Earth to take a "Google Lit Trip" as we read Three Cups of Tea.

Eighth Graders are busy reflecting and revising as they prepare for their Portfolio Presentations. We will also be studying poetry and short stories.

Ninth Grade students are currently reading Amy Tan's novel, The Joy Luck Club, which explores the themes of cultural identity, communication barriers, and family relationships. Through their Literature Circles – which are conducted both in the classroom and on our class's Online Discussion Board or "wiki" - students are engaging in collaborative learning with their peers, as well as beginning to discover and comprehend the complexities of a novel on a more independent level.

Ninth Grade Honors English class is just finishing their study of William Golding's Lord of the Flies and their literature circle study of a banned book. Students will be using their banned book as a springboard to a persuasive writing unit in which they argue for the merits of keeping their book in the curriculum. This unit will end with a final presentation in which their literature circle presents their argument to the class, and we all decide how well they convinced us that their book should be allowed in schools. Finally, the students will be preparing to read Amy Tan's The Joy Luck Club by researching Chinese-American history in order to better understand the cultural background of the novel.

Tenth Grade English students are preparing to read All Quiet on the Western Front. This historical fiction novel is set in the trenches of World War 1. We will take our writing to the next level by focusing on developing more complex ideas about theme and characterization. In addition, the CAHSEE is looming near. Please make sure your tenth graders have plenty of rest and eat breakfast the day of the test.

Eleventh Grade English students are working on their final drafts of American Artist and should be preparing their presentations for the end of March. In the meantime, we have entered the Jazz Age and 1920s New York with our reading of F. Scott Fitzgerald's The Great Gatsby.

Math Department

We are excited to report on an endeavor we made this year to make mathematics relevant to our middle school students' lives by bringing in parent speakers to talk about how they use math in the course of their daily lives. We have had several parents come in and speak to our middle school math classes about how mathematics comes into play in their jobs. We have heard from parents who work in the areas of actuarial analysis, grant management, talent agency, pilot, environmental research, and doctor to name a few! The students have been interested to learn about the various ways they might use math in their futures, and to see how skills they are learning now are actually used in real-life careers. We are hoping to extend this program next year with more guest presenters from a variety of fields. So whether or not you have a student in one of our classes, if you have an interest in helping with a presentation, live or recorded, we would love to talk to you! To sign up, please contact:

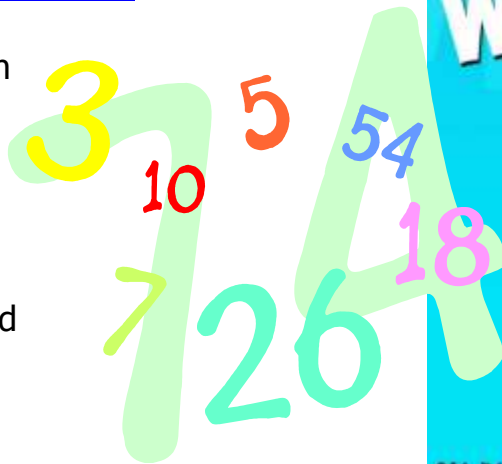
Alicia Carter

alcarter@natomas.k12.ca.us

Renee Barnett

rbarnett@natomas.k12.ca.us

Participants will earn parent hours! We'd love to hear from you and help our students learn more about how math is used in the work and world around us!



NATOMAS ARTS AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION PRESENTS:

THE SECOND ANNUAL NATOMAS DUCK PLUCK FESTIVAL

SUPPORTING ARTS AND SPORTS IN NATOMAS SCHOOLS

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2011
11 AM - 4 PM

4600 BLACKROCK DR
SPORTS FIELD BEHIND
NATOMAS CHARTER SCHOOL

- CARNIVAL (RAINFATE 5/21)
- FOOD
- PRIZES
- 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL

WIN \$10,000



916 565 6332 www.DuckPluck.com

SCIENCE



SIXTH GRADE - after wrapping up our study of volcanoes, the 6th graders have been studying heat and how it travels around us. Ask them about conduction, convection and radiation! It's all around us! The spring will have us looking at the vernal equinox and the sun's effects on the northern hemisphere as we get closer to the summer solstice. Now that we understand how the movement of tectonic plates builds up the Earth from within, we will look at how it is eroded on the surface from wind, water, ice and gravity. So, it's a great time to play with sand and water!

CHEMISTRY - students are studying chemical equations and the law of conservation of mass. Students cooked peanut brittle to illustrate characteristics of chemical reactions in which the mass of the reactants equals the mass of the products, also known as the Law of Conservation of Mass. Chemistry students are also working Stoichiometry problems in which they

worked with the mole and balanced chemical equations to find limiting reactants or products. Students will begin a unit on the chemistry of gases next.

PHYSICAL SCIENCE - students are studying electricity and magnetism. After learning to wire series and parallel circuits, they've move on to mapping magnetic fields and creating electromagnets.

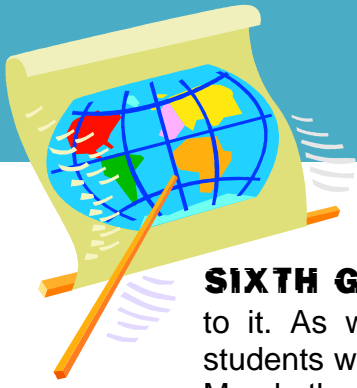
PHYSICS - students are also studying electric circuits. They're learning how to calculate current using Ohm's Law and how to measure voltage, resistance, and current with a multimeter. As ongoing project, they have to wire seventeen different electric circuits with electronic parts from a kit at home. These circuits beep, chirp, blink, buzz, and howl – but only when wired correctly.

ECONOMICS



For Economics students, the spring semester is in full swing. The students are discovering the concepts of supply and demand and trying to determine whether free competition or regulation should dominate our market. Seniors are also currently working on an essay based off of a monopolistic company of their choice. Students will soon be learning about the cycles of the market and participating in a Stock Market Simulation. They will be able to buy and sell stock to see who can make the most (or lose the least). Students will also be taking a look at the global economy and how different countries work with and against each other to meet the needs of their country.

SOCIAL STUDIES



SIXTH GRADE will begin their study of Greece! I know the students are looking forward to it. As we focus on how Greece became a foundation for Western Civilizations the students will be studying Greek Mythology in their Language Arts class. Towards the end of March the sixth grade students will be participating in a “Greek Week” that will include several cross-curricular activities including a Greek Olympics Event in PE.

SEVENTH GRADE will be studying Europe during the Middle Ages and the Renaissance during the months of March and April. These units will infuse many of the art forms we study on campus to help the students identify the themes of these periods in history. The students will begin to learn how to write Historical IDs during this unit in order to prepare them for their Social Studies 8 class.

EIGHTH GRADE is examining the economic and geographic differences between the northern and southern regions of the US during the 1800s. Our goal is to figure out why the two regions went to war with one another in the 1860s. Our study of the North will include an examination of various reform movements of the 19th century and will culminate in a Town Hall Meeting where students take on the role of various reformers and compete for a donation. In their study of the South students will be given contradictory primary source documents on the subject of slavery and will have to develop their own historical conclusions.

FRESHMAN World Geography students have just started their unit on Africa. During this unit each student will be given a country in Africa to research and they must create an informative poster about it and participate in a Mock Pan African Congress. During the congress, students will get a chance to debate and discuss the current issues in Africa today. After Africa the students will move into the Middle East unit; where they can learn about the new countries on ancient lands.

SOPHOMORE World History students recently completed their "Grand Jury Inquiry into the Causes of World War I". The debates were friendly but intense, and often spilled into the halls and other classrooms as the student "lawyers" continued to argue their cases. After four days of hearings, the student "Justices" returned their decisions on Tuesday, February 16. The results varied from class-to-class, but a few similarities emerged. In all four classes Austria-Hungary and Serbia were indicted and charged with starting the war. In all but one period, Germany was also indicted. Beyond fostering greater research skills, creating cogent arguments, and making formal presentations, the assignment was also designed to show students the hurdles that exist when seeking a consensus of opinion on events of the past (and, similarly, events of the present). The students received a first-hand lesson showing that it often depends on who is arguing the case, how well they are prepared, and who is listening.

JUNIORS are in the midst of the World War II Era. Their task is to discover what was the common “American Experience” of World War Two. During the unit we will be using a web site called “We Are California” created by the California Council for the Humanities. Parents and students are encouraged to look at the site and potentially contribute their stories of migration to California. Please see www.weareca.org. or Mr. Pollard for more information. Mr. Pollard will also be one of the teacher leaders of the One Voice Trip to Turkey over Spring Break. This will be a wonderful experience for our 10 student ambassadors and they will be sharing their experiences with the Charter Community in April.

Dance Department



Hello, Dance Families!

This is an exciting time of the year and one of the most anticipated! Each technique class is hard at work on their Spring Dance Celebration pieces. Participation is mandatory and is a large part of the student's final grade. As we approach the performance, there will be required afterschool rehearsals. The preliminary rehearsal and performance dates and times are as follows. At this time we do not know who is in the first or second half. All students are required to stay for the entire performance regardless of where they are in the show.

Some important dates and needs are as follows. Please support your school and fellow classmates by coming to our upcoming performances!

Spring Dance Celebration

Rehearsal Schedule & Performance Information

Wednesday, May 18th 4:00-7:00

Block and tech dances in first half of show

**This will not include students presenting their 8th grade portfolios. Once students finish presenting they must report to the theatre for rehearsal.*

Thursday, May 19th 1:00-4:00

Block and tech dances in second half of show

**This will not include students presenting their 8th grade portfolios. Once students finish presenting they must report to the theatre for rehearsal.*

Friday, May 20th	4:00-7:00
	Full Dress Rehearsal
Monday, May 23rd	4:00-7:00
	Full Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday, May 24th	4:00-7:00
	Full Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday, May 25th	4:30 Call time
	5:30 Performance
Thursday, May 26th	6:00 Call time
	7:00 Performance
Friday, May 27th	6:00 Call time
	7:00 Performance

This rehearsal schedule is subject to change. Ending times are approximate and students must stay until they are excused. Rehearsal days will be long. Be sure to bring food and bottled water to get through the day. Food will not be supplied. Students will be allowed to eat outside when not needed in the theatre.

Ideas For Parent Hours

Donations

- CDR's and slim or envelope cases
- Paper Towels
- Band Aids (all sizes)
- Clear Plastic Storage Bins 27 to 66 Qts
- Bottled Water
- Gift Cards (Walmart, Michaels, or Target)

Volunteer

Help us organize the costumes for the dance department. E-mail dlepage@natomas.k12.ca.us.

Thank you for all of your continued support!



Music Department

On Thursday, February 10th, we took 106 students to Anaheim to perform at **Disneyland**. This is the biggest field trip we have ever undertaken and it went extremely well! Our NCS Musicians were exceptional both on and off stage. They played/sang very well at the Carnation Plaza Stage just off Main Street, U.S.A. on Friday where our groups occupied five of the six performance times. Then on Saturday they participated in workshops that were specific to each group. Several of our ensembles even got to experience what it is like to record a soundtrack for a movie.

The Music Department would like to extend a great big **'Thank You' to our wonderful parent chaperones!** They pulled some very long hours with smiles on their faces, always ready to help us out. We would also like to thank our IMPS parents, especially Natalee Pecorelli, Linda Mattsson-Bozé, and Vickie Strother for all of their help on the planning part of this trip. And one final thank you to all of the P4A parents that donated snacks and drinks for the trip. Our students were very grateful to have these snacks on the buses!

Afterschool Beginning String Classes are reforming again. These classes will include violin, viola, cello, and bass. For more information or how to sign up, contact Mrs. Buck (pbuck@natomas.k12.ca.us).

March is a busy month for the **Vocal Ensemble**, our top vocal group at NCS. After a very successful performance and workshop in Disneyland this past month, they will soon be traveling to Sonora, where they will perform and observe workshops by Bobby McFerrin, Don Shelton and Barbara Morrison. They will also be performing for a benefit for All Stars Helping Kids, as well as competing in the Santa Cruz Jazz Festival. Stay tuned, to hear how each of these events goes!

Harpist, Carol Kihm will give a lecture/demonstration recital for the school on Friday March 25th in the black box after school at 4 p.m. This is a free performance/demonstration open to the entire school (and parents, siblings, etc.). Two of our NCS music students will also perform on harp (Kyra Pigford and Alexandra Hoeger).

The Spring Concerts are Friday, April 15th and May 13th at 7:00pm. Two different days, two different concerts. The first will feature: Concert Band, Chamber Orchestra, Beginning Woodwinds/Brass, and Intermediate Strings, the second: Show Band, Stage Band, Percussion Ensemble and Beginning Percussion.

Songwriters of the 70's, Vocal Concert is May 7, 2011 - 7:00pm. Mark your calendar; this is your one chance to see the vocal classes perform this spring. You don't want to miss it!

We hope you are able to come see these performances. We will need many hours to help chaperone these events. Each of these concerts is preceded by several evenings of rehearsals. We will need chaperones for each of these nights. If you would like to help out, please email our IMPS president Natalee Pecorelli, nataleepecorelli@aol.com.

The Music Department,

Pamela Buck, Cornelius Cata,

Jacosa Limintan and Matt Spiva

Ideas for parent hours

- Chaperone for concerts
- Food/snacks for rehearsals and performances
- Donations (gift card/s to Kline Music, Skip's Music, Guitar Center or Staples)

Visual Arts Department

PFAA visual art students have hit the university—well at least their paintings have. Ms. Markel's Painting II class has created a three-panel mural that will be permanently mounted in the UC Davis School of Education office.

The mural was unveiled on February 9th in the UC Davis Freeborn Hall, where award-winning author Joyce Carol Thomas was featured as part of the University's "Words Take Wing" lecture series. The students painted characters and symbols inspired by Thomas' books, including juicy-looking berries from her book, "The Blacker the Berry."

Although Thomas' books are based on African-American life, PFAA students expanded their focus to include a racial diversity of characters in one of the 4' x 4' panels. Another panel features lines of Thomas' poems snaking down the branches of a tree, where Pippi Longstocking hangs upside down and James and his giant peach are included as an important part of childhood literature. The last panel continues with favorites that focus on "The Wizard of Oz," with its emerald city, field of poppies and the yellow brick road, as well as "The Giving Tree" dropping an apple.

The painting and sculpture classes have been busy! The "Pop Heart Show and Pandora's Box" opened February 18 in the Natomas Charter Student Gallery featuring work by Ms. Markel's Painting I and II and Ms. Greninger's Sculpture classes. Ms. Markel's students had been studying Pop Artist Jim Dine's series of paintings focused on hearts and obviously found inspiration in his repeated, sensitive depictions of an icon of love.

Taylor Sambajan's "The Result of a Thousand Heartbreaks" poignantly uses shredded cotton in her mixed media painting to reveal a heart that turns into a black hole, a sad commentary for one who's not yet stepped into the tangled adult matters of the heart.

Ms. Greninger's students' work also reflected their study of sculptor Louise Nevelson, who created assemblages from wood and found objects. Their "Pandora's Box," a collaboration of boxes, picture frames and found objects is painted white to help unify the form. The most intriguing element of one box offers a view of a city from the air. The picture frame above it offers a view of the same city from the ground.

Don't miss "Once on This Island," the next student art reception on April 1 in the Benvenuti Gallery. This reception will be a closing for the musical production also titled "Once on This Island" that opens March 24.

The PFAA Visual Arts Booster Club met for the first time on January 31 to discuss how to better support the art department. A wish list of equipment and supplies was distributed as well as information on projects and maintenance that require additional help. For more information, contact the Visual Arts Booster Club Chairperson, Beverly Schmidkunz Boido at boido@att.net.



Pandora's Box



STUDENT SERVICES

MARCH 2011

MARCH 2: Deadline for FAFSA priority filing for 12th graders. www.fafsa.ed.gov

MARCH 3: 6pm in the MPR. Results seminar for students (and their parents) who took the Mock SAT/ACT exam on February 26.

MARCH 4: Regular registration deadline for the April 9th ACT test. Register online: www.actstudent.org.

MARCH 12: SAT test date. Regular registration deadline is February 11: www.collegeboard.com

Scholarship season is at full force! 11th and 12th graders should apply for scholarships now! See the counselor's Scholarship Binder in the Media Center. Also visit www.fastweb.com and www.zinch.com

MARCH 12 - MAY 1: Kaplan SAT Preparation course. Saturday and Sunday mornings. \$499 or free for students who are eligible for free/reduced lunch and apply for the scholarship with Ms. Ruedas. Register online www.kaptest.com/college.

MARCH 19: "College Making It Happen Conference" for 6th through 9th grade students. Free opportunity to prepare for college. Register early! www.csus.edu/cmih.

MARCH 19: "Cesar Chavez Youth Conference" for 6th through 12th grade students. Free conference with college preparation, career exploration, and financial aid workshops for students and parents. www.hear2000.org/ Application deadlines for summer "Chicano/Latino Youth Leadership Project Conference" and the "African/American Youth Leadership Project Conference". Only for 10th and 11th grade students. Begin the extensive application process early! www.clylp.org and www.calresearch.org.
Spring Break College Tour - its time for 10th and 11th grade students to explore different colleges and universities by visiting them! Register early at www.seizethedaytours.com.

APRIL 2011

APRIL 1: Deadline for all PFAA high school students who repeat classes through approved outside programs to have official transcripts with final grades submitted to the counselor.

APRIL 1: Deadline for 10th, 11th, and 12th graders to apply for community college to receive Priority 1 registration for Summer and Fall semester classes. www.losrios.edu

APRIL 8: Regular registration deadline for the May 7th SAT test. Register online: www.collegeboard.com

APRIL 9: ACT test date. Regular registration deadline is March 4: www.actstudent.org

APRIL 4: 10th and 11th grade students should meet with the counselor to prepare advanced education packets for summer and fall community college classes. Space is limited and enrollment is not guaranteed. www.losrios.edu College Tour - 10th and 11th grade students should explore different colleges and universities by visiting them! Spring break is the perfect time to do so. Visit www.seizethedaytours.com

For more important updates and resources, visit
www.ss.natomascharterschoo.org/content/important-dates

EARN PARENT HOURS BY SELLING CRAB FEED TICKETS!

HURRY BEFORE WE SELL OUT! EARN TWO PARENT HOURS FOR EVERY TICKET SOLD UP TO 5 TICKETS (10 HOURS) THEN 1 HOUR FOR EVERY TICKET SOLD UP TO 10 TICKETS (10 HOURS). THIS IS THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF HOURS ALLOWED FOR MONETARY VALUE, THE REMAINING 10 HOURS MUST BE EARNED WITH LABOR HOURS.

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO SELL TICKETS FOR PARENT HOURS:

1. ORDER FROM THE P4A WEBSITE:

WWW.NCSP4A.ORG/CRABFEED

CLICK ON THE "PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE" LINK, THERE IS ONLY A \$1 CHARGE FOR THE ENTIRE ORDER! HAVE THEM FILL IN YOUR STUDENT'S NAME UNDER THE STUDENT SECTION, AND YOU COMPLETE A PARENT HOUR FORM LISTING THE PURCHASER'S NAME UNDER THE SIGNATURE PORTION AND IT WILL BE CONFIRMED THROUGH OUR PAYSCHOOLS REPORT!

2. ORDER FROM OUR TICKET SALES TEAM:

TO COORDINATE TICKET CHECK-OUT, SEND AN E-MAIL TO

BREANNA: BREANNAJO1205@GMAIL.COM OR

SONIA: MATEOMARI2007@YAHOO.COM

OR CALL OUR CRAB FEED HOTLINE @ 916.674.2099. YOU MAY DROP OFF PAYMENTS AND A COMPLETED PARENT HOURS FORM, IN AN ENVELOPE LABELED "TICKETS" TO BE PLACED IN THE CRAB FEED FOLDER AT THE NCS FRONT OFFICE. TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR UP THE FOLLOWING DAY.

you can help our school earn extra cash through

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

- Check for products you already buy
- Clip the Box Tops coupon before you throw away the package
- Turn the coupons in to school (there is a box in the Admin Office)
- We will receive a check from General Mills twice a year and earn 10¢ per Box Top

Participating Brands



Go to www.boxtops4education.com for a complete list of products

QUESTIONS? Contact Cheryl Igel: cigel@natomas.k12.ca.us



PARENTS FOR THE ARTS 10TH ANNUAL

CRAB FEED AND LIVE AUCTION



Friday, March 18, 2011, 5:30

David Sobon, our Live Auctioneer said, "This was the Best Crab I've ever had!"

**LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE
MUST BE 21+**

\$45 each
Advance Tickets

\$55 each
At the Door General Seating

\$40 each
Groups of 10 or more

\$400
Reserved table of 8
2 bottles of wine
wing span of raffle tickets

Happy Hour: Free Beer & Wine from 5:30 to 6:30 pm!

Location: Hellenic Center: 614 Alhambra, Sacramento

Dinner: The Best Crab Feed Dinner in Town!
Appetizers, Salad, Pasta, Rolls and All you can eat HOT fresh cracked Dungeness Crab
Dessert and Coffee included!

Dayment Methods: Visa and MC online through Pay Schools
for only \$1 convenience fee.

To pay by Check or Cash please Contact: CrabFeedP4A@gmail.com or (916) 674-2099

Sample Auction Items: Wine Maker's Dinner, Behind the Scenes of a fireworks show,
Tandem Skydive, VIP Wine Tour, Weekend at Tahoe Lakefront Home, Queen for a year package



<http://ncsp4a.org/crabfeed> or

Facebook Events: Parents for the Arts 10th Annual Crab Feed & Live Auction

LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION DAY IS GOING GREEN!

This fall and winter we have been composting our fallen leaves into a pile. This is saving our landfill of plastic bags! At the same time we are working on our goal to have aged compost which can be used throughout our campus! This is called "black gold", which is used for amendment and mulching. Please help us to achieve our goal by reading the following:

Landscape Beautification Day is requesting a couple of people with carpentry skills. We have started a huge compost area that requires some organization. We would like to put three or more compost bins together using pallets. We have the pallets and the design, now we just need a couple of volunteer workers. It would be helpful for you to bring your own tools. The building of the bins will take place on Saturday, March 5, between 9am -1pm.

DONATION REQUEST: Pitchforks (2-3) for our compost piles.

NEED TO BORROW: A chipper/shredder for the next landscape day (March 5, 9:00-1:00).



2011 SCHEDULE

March 5 th	9:00AM – 1:00PM
April 2 nd	8:00AM – 12:00 Noon
May 7 th	8:00AM – 12:00 Noon
June 4 th	8:00AM – 12:00 Noon

- Safety regulations require us to limit participation to ages 18 and older. Please leave anyone under 18 at home
- This is labor-intensive, so volunteers should be in good health
- Bring your own gloves and tools for landscape maintenance
- Please pick-up a signed parent hour form when you check-out. Fill out the form and return to the office during regular office hours.
- Thank you for doing your part to keep our campus beautiful!

Always remember to sign in and out in the Multipurpose Room!

Contact Alexia Gottwalt with any questions at alexia40@aol.com or call (916) 359-5158

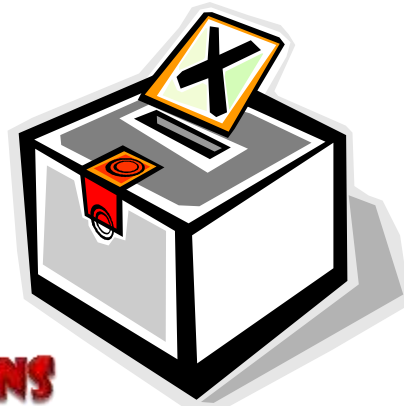
THANK YOU SO MUCH! I ALWAYS APPRECIATE OUR PARENT VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS!

P4A BOARD ELECTIONS

Each year Parents for the Arts (P4A) holds its annual elections for our 5 Board Positions. If you have an interest in being more involved at PFAA with the school, teachers and student activities, this is your opportunity! Please review the P4A bylaws, policies and download board member applications at our website: www.ncsp4a.org.

APPLICATIONS DUE:
ELECTIONS HELD:

March 25
April 12
(at the P4A Meeting)



P4A BOARD POSITIONS

PRESIDENT: Coordinates the work of P4A officers, parent class representatives, chairs and committees in order that P4A Objectives may be promoted, presides at all meetings of P4A and the Executive Board, and functions as a member ex-officio of all committees.

VICE PRESIDENT: Acts as aide to the President, acts as a sub for the President in case of absence, coordinate speakers for the P4A meetings, and coordinates all communication between P4A membership and PFAA staff.

TREASURER: Keeps the P4A books of account, receives documentation from the Financial Secretary of all monies for P4A, pays the bills as authorized by the Executive Board, secures two signatures on all checks, keeps an accurate record of receipts and disbursements in a ledger, keeps membership informed of expenditures etc. and gives an annual financial report to P4A, presides over the Budget Committee

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Collects deposits in the format defined by the Executive Board, conduct all necessary financial correspondence of P4A upon authorization of the President, Treasurer, Executive Board or P4A.

RECORDS SECRETARY: Keeps accurate minutes of the proceedings of all meetings of P4A and the Executive Board in a bound book, is prepared to refer to minutes of previous meetings, prepares a list of all unfinished business for the use of the President, records all expenditures in the minutes, keeps a current copy of the bylaws and standing rules, conducts all necessary correspondence of P4A when authorized by the President, Executive Board or P4A, and sends out notices of Executive Board meetings.

**SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO THE P4A ELECTION COMMITTEE
NO LATER THAN MARCH 25, 2011. IF YOU DROP THEM IN THE OFFICE PLEASE ASK THE
OFFICE STAFF TO PUT THEM IN THE P4A MAILBOX.**



Roster

EXECUTIVE BOARD

POSITION	NAME	DAYTIME	OTHER	E-MAIL
President	Linda Mattsson-Boze	928-0380	204-3185	danmb@jps.net
Vice President	Tammie Bissa-Kingsley	925-1917	952-0269	teb2@surewest.net
Treasurer	Cris Funkhouser	992-0149	203-0315	crisf@sbcglobal.net
Financial Secretary	Judy Salas	567-7357	201-6839	jsalas@hsmllaw.com
Records Secretary	Alisa Shubb	263-9903	263-9903	alisaandmike@yahoo.com
Ombudsman	Scott McDonald	929-8763	929-8763	scott@scottmcdonald.org

PARENT CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

POSITION	NAME	DAYTIME	OTHER	EMAIL
6 th Class of 2017	Nichole Wright	289-5371		nichole.wright@cdph.ca.gov
7 th Class of 2016	Marybeth Moore	214-1518		wjmbmoore@sbcglobal.net
8 th Class of 2015	Toni Alexander	928-9959	813-1512	alexanderst@sbcglobal.net
	Natalie Cruz	541-5601	648-1519	kpthfaith@comcast.net
	Cheryl Crawford	601-9196		cheryl.auntry@yahoo.com
9 th Class of 2014	Alisa Shubb	263-9903	263-9903	alisaandmike@yahoo.com
	Mooniek Seebregts	812-8012		coaching@freeandaware.com
10 th Class of 2013	Yvonne Longstreth	955-5458		six_enuf@yahoo.com
11 th Class of 2012	Debbie Pate-Newberry	928-0449	955-3206	debbie@commsbydesign.com
	Cris Funkhouser	992-0149	203-0315	crisf@sbcglobal.net
12 th Class of 2011	Judy Salas	567-7357	201-6839	jsalas@hsmllaw.com
	Joanne Wenzel	524-6370	524-6370	jwseverson@sbcglobal.net

BOOSTER CLUBS

POSITION	NAME	DAYTIME	OTHER	EMAIL
IMPS	Natalee Pecorelli	470-7437		natalepecorelli@aol.com
Drama Mama's & Papa's	Stacey Clapsaddle	502-4415		stacey@cooperis.net
Visual Arts	Beverly Schmidkunz Boido	731-8282		boido@macnexus.org

CHAIRS

POSITION	NAME	DAYTIME	OTHER	EMAIL
Carpool	Susie Lindner	606-5998		susielindner@gmail.com
Hospitality	Robin Jackson	419-5363		Robin.Jackson2@va.gov
BBQ & Showcase	Joanne Wenzel	524-6370	524-6370	jwseverson@sbcglobal.net
	Julie Anchor	428-4540		julieanchor@yahoo.com
Crab Feed	Tammie Bissa-Kingsley	925-1917	952-0269	teb2@surewest.net
Newsletter	Tamara Sortman	359-4646	879-4646	tsortman@surewest.net
E-Mail	Debbie Candito			fyp4a@gmail.com
Concessions	Mari Riddle	833-7832		marisriddle@gmail.com

PARENT HOURS

STUDENT'S Last Name	E-MAIL
Student's last names beginning with A - E	aepfaaparenthours@yahoo.com
Student's last names beginning with F - J	fjpfaparenthours@yahoo.com
Student's last names beginning with K-O	kopfaparenthours@yahoo.com
Student's last names beginning with P - S	pspfaaparenthours@yahoo.com
Student's last names beginning with T - Z	tzpfaparenthours@yahoo.com

Parents for the Arts

2010-2011 Executive Board

PRESIDENT

Linda Mattsson-Boze
danmb@jps.net

VICE PRESIDENT

Tammie Bissa-Kingsley
teb2@surewest.net

TREASURER

Cris Funkhouser
crisf@sbcglobal.net

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Judy Salas
jsalas@hsmlaw.com

RECORDS SECRETARY

Alisa Shubb
alisaandmike@yahoo.com

OMBUDSMAN

Scott McDonald
scott@scottmcdonald.org

Wondering where to find the 2010-2011 Survival Guide? Can't find a Parent Participation Form? Need to find the PaySchools website? You can find it ALL and more from the Parents for the Arts Website.

www.ncsp4a.org

Parents for the Arts hold their monthly meetings at 7:00PM on the second Tuesday of the month in the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) at Natomas Charter School.

April 12th

**is our Annual
Election
Meeting!**



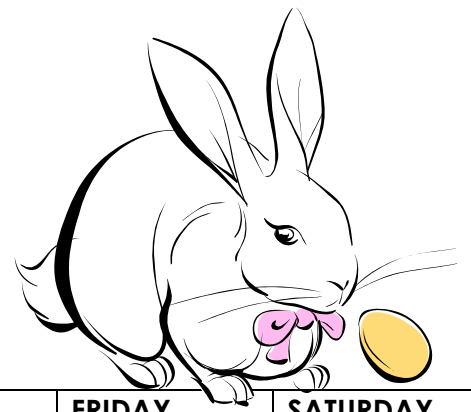
If you aren't receiving our broadcast e-mails from PFAA and the P4A, you may need to update your contact information in PTO Manager. Simply go to p4a.ptomanager.com and log in to make sure we have your current information and that you haven't accidentally checked the "Don't Contact Me" box on your profile.



MARCH 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5 <i>Landscape Day</i> 9:00AM
6	7	8 P4A MEETING MPR @ 7:00PM Parent Class Meetings 8:00PM	9	10	11 END OF THIRD QUARTER	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 NO SCHOOL Teacher Work Day	19
20	21	22	23	24 Once on This Island <i>Opening Night</i> 7:00PM	25 Once on This Island 7:00PM P4A Board Applications Due!	26 Once on This Island 7:00PM
27	28	29	30 Once on This Island <i>Student Rush</i> 4:30PM	31 Once on This Island 7:00PM		

APRIL 2011



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Once on This Island 7:00PM	2 Landscape Day 8:00AM Once on This Island Opening Night 7:00PM
3	4	5 STAR TESTING BEGINS	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 P4A MEETING MPR @ 7:00PM* Election Meeting! Parent Class Meetings 8:00PM	13	14	15 Spring Music Celebration I 7:00PM	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	SPRING BREAK!				30

"Spring Music Concerts"
Part I - April 15, 2011
Part II - May 13, 2011

"Once On This Island"
March 24-26, 30-31, 2011
April 1-2, 2011



**DON'T MISS OUR UPCOMING
STUDENT PERFORMANCES!**

*event performing
at center*



Natomas Charter School
Performing & Fine Arts Academy
4600 Blackrock Drive
Sacramento, CA 95835