

Namaqua Wildcat News



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Important Dates

- **SAAC Meeting**
April 13th
- **NPCE Meeting**
April 14th
- **Papa Murphy's**
Pizza Night
April 16th
- **Teacher**
Appreciation
Luncheon
April 17th
- **Earth Day**
April 22nd



The first [Earth Day](#) was celebrated on April 22, 1970, and has been celebrated each year following on April 22nd. Some people celebrate Earth Week, which begins on April 16th. The original purpose of Earth Day was to inspire people to think and act more environmentally.

NPCE Committee Elections

We are at that time of year again. The end of one school year and the need to start planning for the next. The NPCE is looking for wonderful parents who would like to be involved in their child or children's school. The committee meets once a month to plan activities, come up with ideas for fundraising and the fun part, to spend the money on great things for the children's education. As a board member/volunteer you'll meet other involved parents, make friends, understand

why teachers do what they do and even get educated yourself! If you would like more information, or want to join our team please contact any one of us on the board!

The open positions for the 2009-2010 school year are Co-Secretary (writes the newsletter), two volunteer coordinators, (one to keep the volunteer hours and one to help recruit and call volunteers), and a Technology Administrator (one who keeps our website updated). We will be voting at our

next meeting, April 14th so let us know that YOU want to be involved!

Please either contact Gina Thollot at 613-9651 or email your interest to npce@comcast.net.

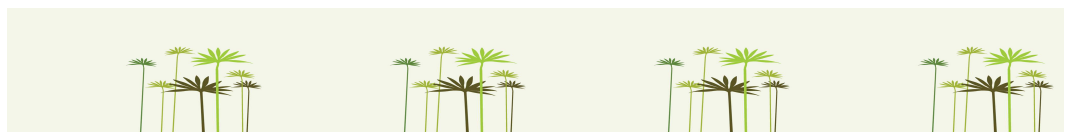


Class Pictures Rescheduled

Please note that due to the snow days on March 26th & 27th, the Class/Group Pictures have been rescheduled for Monday, April 13th.

Email Absences

Did you know you could email your student's absence? Email Cathy Phillips, Staff Assistant at phillipsc@thompson.k12.co.us



Principal's Corner

It has been a busy month at Namaqua Elementary. We are almost finished with our CSAP testing for the year and I am impressed with the hard work I am seeing from the students. Testing can be stressful, but the teachers are doing an amazing job of creating classroom environments where students have an attitude to achieve and work to do their personal best. I see students coming to school excited, determined, and prepared to demonstrate the great learning that has taken place this year. The Namaqua staff appreciates all of the efforts from our parent community in helping to ensure that the students are mentally, emotionally, and physically taken care of during these stressful days.

As many of you have read in

the newspaper, our school district has had to deal with a significant budget shortfall. As a result, there have been many changes and cuts at the district office as well as the school level. In addition to lower enrollment projections for next year, Namaqua will lose additional FTE (full time equivalency). The district is withholding 4% of our budget for full-time teachers. This means that we have had to make some changes and will head into next year with some larger class sizes. As always, the teachers at Namaqua will face these changes with a positive attitude and will continue to create a learning environment that will ensure student growth for all. Over the next few months, we will begin working on placement of students for next year. We take this

task seriously and work hard to create balanced classrooms where students can all be successful. Although we cannot ensure that all students will get the teacher they want, we make sure that each class list is created so that we can provide the optimum learning environment. Once the class lists are set, we will not switch students to other classrooms. We will not accept specific teacher requests, but we do have a form in the office that allows you to give us information regarding your child and their learning style. Thank you for trusting the wonderful teachers at Namaqua with creating the best learning environment for all students.



Thank you to all of the wonderful parent volunteers that helped make Career Day a successful event!

**CAREER
DAY
THANK
YOU!**

Chris Lawton	Joni Horst	Cozette Seaver
Lisa Phelps	Yvette Caldron	Tammy Lees
Melanie Kolb	Catherine Brubaker	Phoebe Hawley
Becky Brian	Cande Barrieault	Kym Rose
Jo Campbell	Nancy Mahoney	Mike Mahoney

Thank you also to all that so kindly prepared and shared dishes for the luncheon and a special thank you to Anita McComas for all of her assistance before & during the event.



ROARcast

Paws

Lunch with Principal= 98
 Classroom Popcorn party= 8
 Classroom lunch with Principal=9

Paws-a-gram

Send a motivational message to your child. With CSAP approaching, this would be a great time to send a Paws-a-Gram. Order at the front office for fifty cents.



Blue Slips

Students are getting more and more blue slips and it's great! Students are earning a trip to the principal's office and a positive phone call home with news of their excellent ROAR behavior.

PBS Thinking

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WORDS

- POSITIVE
- JOY
- HONESTY
- CARING
- RESPECT
- ROAR
- COMMITMENT
- HAPPINESS
- ATTITUDE
- IMPROVEMENT
- FEELINGS
- SUPPORT
- BEHAVIOR
- RESPONSIBILITY
- ONTASK
- TRUST

NPCE EVENTS

April 17th
Teacher Appreciation
Luncheon

May 1st
Spring Carnival

EARTH DAY

GET ACTIVE WITH YOUR KIDS!

- ◆ **RECYCLE** - Demonstrate the creative side of ordinary objects. Make a recycled flower pot. Cut-off the bottom of a 2 liter soda bottle, decorate it, and plant seeds. Tour each part of the house and talk about which products are recyclable or able to be reused.
- ◆ **PLANT A TREE OR ENJOY NATURE** - Planting trees is an effective way to reduce greenhouse gases. Trees absorb carbon dioxide and create oxygen for us to breath. On Earth Day, venture to a park, fly a kite, ride a bicycle, or clean-up trash at a local stream or nature setting.
- ◆ **CREATE YOUR OWN EARTH DAY POSTER** - Create an environmental slogan and decorate a poster. Hang the poster in a spot that will serve as a constant reminder of your pledge.



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