

N A M A Q U A E L E M E N T A R Y S C H O O L

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Corner by Donald Benke

Dear Wildcat Families,

We have had a great April at Namaqua! It was wonderful seeing everyone at our Art show and Career Day! Our 4th and 5th grade Battle of the Books teams were 1st and 2nd place at our district finals. One of our Odyssey of the Mind teams made it to the World competition in Iowa. We had three students place at the District Chess Tournament. I want to express gratitude to our family community! Our staff truly appreciates all the dedication and time you put into making our school great.

Namaqua is very honored to have such thoughtful, generous, and considerate volunteers. We would be unable to have such an amazing school without the help of our volunteers putting in countless hours to help students and teachers. We had the opportunity to thank our many volunteers this month during our volunteer breakfast, teacher appreciation lunch and Career Day. We look forward to seeing everyone at our School Carnival on May 16th.

We received our school budget for next year and our student population is expected to drop a little bit. Due to the budget we are unable to retain two teachers that have been vital to Namaqua's success this year, Mr. Steffen and Mr. Wakeman. We wish you the best and thanks for all you have done for our students!

There will be a few teacher transitions to different grade levels and we are all excited to have the opportunity to work with your students next year. We will be announcing teachers and class lists on August 15th. The class lists will be posted on the front windows by 4:00 PM. We will not know what our exact class sizes will be until we have all our registration numbers. Our new student registration will be August 6th and August 7th.

This has been an incredible year for me and it would not be possible without my staff, students, and parent support. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!

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Thank you Career Day volunteers!

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| * Chris Lawton | * Kelly Mandsager | * Linda Ingram |
| * Becky Brian | * Sally Leidig | * Arielle Barr |
| * Judy Sturts | * Christie Osborn | * Tammy Roehrich |
| * Chad Roehrich | * Brandi Kruetzer | * Michele Mandeville |
| * Nicole Whitenight | * Ann Houckes | * Barb Sax |
| * Lizaida Spoon | | |



And all the wonderful volunteers who provided items for the hospitality luncheon!



- May 5**
SAAC Meeting @ 3:45 PM
- May 13**
NPCE Meeting @ 9:00 AM
- May 16**
Carnival @ 5:00-8:00 PM
- May 26**
No School - Memorial Day
- May 28**
Field Day
- May 30**
Last Day of School
Noon Dismissal



- Students who received PAW-sitive Recognition with a phone call home from Mr. Beuke!**
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| * Kyla Smith | * Michael Chevront | * April Barnes |
| * Taylor Bottoms | * Jeremy Anderson | * Tatum Sharp |
| * Emme Thompson | * Daphne Juergensen | * Madison Vasquez |
| * Delaney McNally | * Abbie McCrimmon | * Reese Rogich |
| * Mark Gramberg | * McKenna Crews | * Matthew Penrod |
| * Addison Hart | * Connor Roehrich | * Leah Lessman |
| * Emma Liakas | * Amelia Solt | * Ava Pitcaithley |
| * Jordan Brian | * Lacey Voth | * Clementine Bowlus |
| * Kaitlyn Wood | * Thea Farrell | * Owen Hallagan |
| * Shelby Sprague | * Ashley Alps | * Ryan John |
| * Justin Scussel | * Jacob Bierman | * Luke Sutter |
| | * Davin Larsen | * Bryanna Campbell |
| | * Alex Conn | * Kevin Leidig |



Note from the Health Office:
The school district cannot take responsibility for medications at school over the summer, and by policy, we cannot send medications home with a student.

That leaves three options for these medications:

1. You can come by the school now and pick up all the medications your child will be unable to use before the last day of school leaving us with just the right number of doses.
2. You can come and pick up the medications prior to or on the last day of school before 11:00 AM. **Wednesday May 28th (field day) is a great time to stop in and pick up medications.** The last day is a half-day and generally no medications will be given that day.
3. Leave medications at school and we will dispose of them at the end of the school day the last day of school.

If you have questions, please contact Tresa Giroux or Janet Scragg in the health office at (970) 613-6610. Thank you!



Congratulations to Mrs. Perry's 1st grade class for winning April's Box Top Contest!



Thank to our You Career Day speakers!

WE APPRECIATE YOU SPENDING THE DAY WITH US ON FRIDAY, APRIL 18!

- * Jon Kreutzer (Air Traffic Controller, Department of Transportation/Federal Aviation Admin.)
- * Benito Avitia (Police Officer, Loveland Police Department)
- * Heather Young (Park Ranger, Larimer County Department of Natural Resources)
- * Rackel Ward (Dog Trainer, Rocky Mountain American Eskimos)
- * Loveland Fire Rescue Department (Fireman)
- * Thompson Valley Emergency Medical Service (EMT)
- * Dr. Craig Seager (Orthodontist, Dr. Mark Crane & Dr. Craig Seager Orthodontics)
- * Stephanie Jackson (Criminalist, Loveland Police Department)
- * AJ Jones (Dog Trainer, Paws for Life Dog Training)
- * Jenni Leinweber (Dance Instructor, Loveland Dance Academy)
- * Doug Rutledge (Engineer, KL&A, Inc., Structural Engineers & Builders)
- * Jerry & Colleen Biscione (Horse Trainer, Jerico Farms)
- * Jeremy Nobl (Electrical Lineman, City of Loveland)
- * Brenda Rundback & David Priest (Film Maker, Shadow Play Films)
- * Colorado Ice Indoor Football (Professional Athlete)
- * Dr. Lance Zimney (Chiropractor, Golds Gym)
- * Sean Rutledge (Attorney, Sean Rutledge Law)
- * Sharolyn Eitenbichler (Tae Kwon Do, Oriental Moo-Doo School of Colorado)
- * Deidre Sewell and Damon McCausland (Scientist, Little Shop of Physics)
- * Eva Matthews (Animal Careers, Larimer Humane Society)
- * Dr. Matthew Jones (Veterinarian, Loveland Veterinary Clinic)
- * Connie Gray (Landscape Designer, High Plains Environmental Center (HPEC))
- * Kevin Hayden (Pilot, United Airlines)
- * Wendy Woo (Musician, The Wendy Woo Band)
- * Joan Feldman (Nurse, McKee Hospital)
- * Stasia John (Author)
- * Loveland Fire Rescue Department (Fireman)



We are currently accepting nominations for positions on next year's Namaqua Parent Committee for Education (NPCE) board.

The purpose of the NPCE is to promote a positive community spirit and help provide resources to ensure a quality educational experience for all Namaqua students. If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining the NPCE board, please contact Alyson Walker at walkersx4@live.com. Elections will be held on May 13 at 9:00 a.m. at the next NPCE meeting. All parents and guardians of Namaqua students are welcome to attend any meeting. Hope to see you there! There will also be a nomination box on the glass case in the front hallway.

The following is a list of positions and a brief description:

President: Presides over all meetings, general supervision of all committee activities and acts as a liaison with the school principal and teachers.

Vice President: Performs president's duties in the event the president is unable.

Secretary: Keeps monthly meeting minutes.

Treasurer: Handles all committee authorized collection and disbursements of money.

Volunteer Coordinator: Recruiting and organizing of volunteers, tracks volunteer hours, and acts as liaison between Namaqua and the district vital office.



The Namaqua Battle of the Books teams placed first and second in the city tournament which they had set as their goal!

Way to go teams!

Many thanks to volunteer coach Jody McNally.

Kindergartners can purchase from the ROAR store!

Parents can have their students put five or more paws in a zip locked bag with their name on it and bring it to school on the day they have Guidance Class. I will help them place an order. They will receive their order the following week at Guidance Class. Thank you! ~ Mrs. Rowan

Namaqua Parent Committee for Education (NPCE)

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In the district chess tournament on April 26th, Namaqua students did very well. In the K-2 age group, Chris Alden placed 1st and Kailey Sellers was 3rd. In the 3-5 age group, Justin Brubaker earned a 3rd place.

Great job!

Namaqua Spring



**It's Spring Carnival time!
This year's carnival is Friday, May
16th from 5-8 p.m.**

If you've been to the Namaqua Spring Carnival in the past, you know it's an event of epic proportions and it takes a lot of man power to run! We need a minimum of 68 volunteers to make the carnival happen, covering everything from baking cupcakes for the cake walk to running the ticket redemption center and helping with games. If you have an hour to spare that evening, we'd love it if you could help us out!

If interested, please contact Brandi Kreutzer, Volunteer Coordinator, at (970) 402-5800 or Wendy Woo, Spring Carnival Chair, at (303) 506-9999.

This year we're hoping our 5th graders will join us in running the games. We've had a few do it in the past and they've really enjoyed it, so we're opening it up to any 5th grader who's interested. If you're a 5th grade parent, feel free to sign your student up for a shift. You don't have to be present for them to work. If you have younger kiddos, you're free to bring them with you and have them help you work your shift. Most kids love being a helper, especially when they can meet and mingle with their classmates!

Hope to see you there!

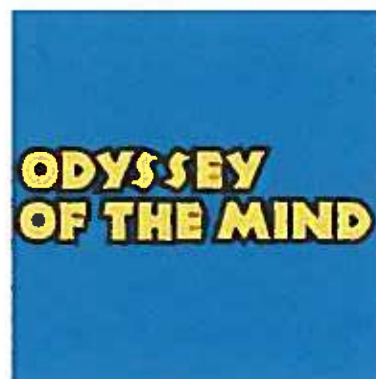
Hello Namaqua Families,

I wanted to personally let you know that I recently changed my name and decided to recognize a degree I have held for nearly ten years. So in the gym you will see the same smiling face with a new name ... Ms. Fertitta will now be Dr. Hennessy. See you at Field Day!

Dawn Hennessy

P-12 Curriculum Specialist for Physical Education and Comprehensive Health

Odyssey of the Mind Team is Going to the World Finals



After six months of practice for 3 to 5 hours a week, the Namaqua Seeing is Believing Odyssey

Team has been invited to attend the 35th annual World Finals in Ames, Iowa at the end of May. They competed in Regionals and State, and will now be competing against approximately 100 teams in their age division from around the world. The team consists of Avalon Hart, Robin Bilodeau, Ashley Campbell, Brooke Wagner, Mallory Phillips, and Natalia Brizuela-Wahlin.

Who participates in Odyssey of the Mind?

"Millions of students from kindergarten through college have participated in the Odyssey of the Mind. Since the Odyssey of the Mind eliminates the fear of criticism, even shy students are afforded the opportunity to open up and express themselves. Students learn to work in teams. Each year, five new competitive problems are presented for the teams to solve. These long-term problems are solved over weeks and months. Some of the problems are more technical in nature, while others are artistic or performance based. Each long-term problem rewards "Style" in the solution. This helps teach students that they should not simply try to solve problems but take the next step of enhancing their solutions. The teams are invited to participate in competition and present their solution with other teams. At the competition, the teams are given an on-the-spot "spontaneous" problem to solve. The combination of long-term problem-solving, Style, and spontaneous problem-solving produces a confident, able student." -Odyssey of the Mind web site: http://www.odyssevoftthemind.com/learn_more.php

The team would like to thank all who have supported our fundraisers, concessions at chess club and the Smencils. We will be at the Carnival as well to earn the remaining money we need to participate at Worlds. We definitely want to thank all who have donated as we help represent Namaqua, Thompson School District and Team Colorado!

Physical Education



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM NEWS

THANK YOU!

- **Andrea Walker**, Wellness Specialist at the Thompson School District, for including us in receiving a portion of the Healthy Schools Successful Students grant from RMC Health. Thanks to her, we received **\$750** toward educational components in the classroom.
- We've had a few **individual donations**. Thank you for your generosity!
- **Arkins Park Stone** for flagstone seating and landscape boulders
- **Connie Gray**, HPEC, for her guidance and time with the continued design of the classroom.
- Thanks to our **Student Council** for raising **\$68.02!** We will use a portion of the funds for a native Gambel Oak tree in their honor. You all rock; and so does the student body!

KING SOOPERS GIFT CARDS

PLEASE continue to use your King Soopers Gift Cards! Thanks to you, half of this project has been funded just by taking that extra step to use them in grocery and gas purchases. **USE THEM OVER THE SUMMER!** We still need to fund the rest of the project. We have raised \$6,000 of the \$10,000 we need to complete this project. Your participation with the gift cards makes a **HUGE IMPACT!** Thanks!

NAMAQUA OUTDOORS

- Thanks to the NPCE for helping to bring the Rocky Mountain Raptor Program to our school for a school-wide assembly on **Friday, May 9th from 10-11.**
- Our last activity will be **Thursday, May 22nd from 3:45-5:15(ish).** We will be making container gardens with Loveland Youth Gardeners.

PLANTING DAY FOR THE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM IS SCHEDULED FOR **FRIDAY, MAY 16TH** DURING THE SCHOOL DAY. **WE NEED PARENTS TO HELP!** CONTACT MICHELE:
mbmandeville@comcast.net or (720) 270-3145. THANK YOU!!

Namaqua CARNIVAL

Friday May 16
5-8pm · 2014

games close at 7:30pm

Games

Bounce House

DJ and Dancing

Balloons

Face Painting

Cake Walk

Popcorn

And more...

\$5 for a wrist band to Unlimited Games with Bigger Prizes

Ablaze Food Truck will serve pizza and hotdogs meals
Kona Ice will provide flavored Icee's

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of food, drinks and Icee's will
go directly back to the school.

**We Need Volunteers t help run the Carnival. If you are interested
please contact Wendy Woo at woo@wendywoo.com 303-506-9999**