

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Fall Field Trips!
- TDap Booster Requirement
- The Bookmobile Returns to Redding
- Vendor List Update and Information

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We're back and we're bigger!



NDA Staff: Back row left to right, Bill Bratcher, Jesse Underwood, Amber Good, Stephanie Peek, Bridgit Shoffner, Debbie Hymas, Kelly McGarva, Annette Littier, Forrest Frasier, Jolene Lader, Tony Cervantes. Front row: Laura VanAcker, Debbie Grigsby, Ann Weaver, Marcy Worch, Rebecca Underwood, Lisa Bernal, Ruth Ann Criner. Missing: Jody Nelson, Melanie Stack

It is hard to believe that summer is coming to an end. The first day of school for NDA is August 29th. We hope everyone had a fun summer and a chance to spend quality time with their family.

Our office has been busy enrolling new families, hiring new teachers, and getting everyone's curriculum ready for the start of the year. Tony and the bookmobile are back in

Redding at Sports Authority each Thursday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. He has missed you all so stop by and say hello.

As mentioned below, we are sponsoring a back to school day at Waterworks Park on September 1, 2011 starting at 1:00 PM to kick off the school year. We will pay for tickets for NDA students. Read below for more details.

Our staff had a training session in August and we took the picture to the left. We are growing in strength and numbers. We added four new teachers in the Redding area and we will introduce them in newsletters to come.

Thanks to all who have been telling other families about our school. We are serving wonderful new students and look forward to an amazing year. Our current enrollment is 250.

This summer added some new vendors and the list is posted on the website under Resources. We still allow \$100 per student per month. It can be a combination of several vendors or just one option. The parents are responsible for contacting the vendors to determine if they fit the student's needs. After picking the vendor, the parent will let their NDA Teacher know who they will be using. Vendors are a great opportunity for your children to learn and have some fun. We have more information on the back of the newsletter.

I hope to have an opportunity to meet everyone and to see you soon..

Laura VanAcker, Executive Director

Redding Water Works Park Kick Off

We will be doing our school-year kick off again at the Redding Water Works Park:

Thursday, September 1, 2011

1:00 PM— 6:00 PM

151 North Boulder Drive
Redding, CA 96003

This is a great way for your children to meet other New Day Academy

students, as well as to get them excited for the new academic year.

If you would like to attend this event, please call Kelly at 530-233-3861 to sign up.

Once you get to the park, Laura, our Executive Director, will be out front to purchase the passes.

Then we will have a designated New Day Academy "river tent" inside

where families can introduce themselves to one another. Look for the New Day Academy school banner!



September Field Trip ~ Chinese Acrobats



Our first field trip for the year will be to see the National Acrobats of China perform at the Cascade Theatre in Redding, CA, on **September 17th at 7:00 PM**

Spots are limited, and tickets will be given at a first-come / first-serve basis until there are no more spots available.

Once spots are filled, we

will start a waiting list. Any family who cannot attend but has signed up for tickets will be responsible for reimbursing the school for the full amount of the tickets requested, unless we can find another family to take those tickets.

Last year we had a problem with families signing up but not showing for the event

after we had paid for the tickets. We hope this new policy will help avoid that issue.

We are also looking into new opportunities for free field trips, in which everyone can participate without having to worry about signing up for tickets, etc. If you've got suggestions, we'd love to hear them! Call Kelly, field trip coordinator, at 530-233-3861



November: Coleman Fish Hatchery

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

November 1st, 2011

10:00 AM

24441 I Coleman Fish Hatchery Road,

Anderson, CA 96007

New Day Academy is scheduled to have a field trip to the Coleman National Fish Hatchery Complex, located in Anderson, CA.

During the visit to the hatchery, our group will enjoy viewing large adult salmon, fish spawning, egg incubation, and over 1 million juvenile fish.

We also have the option to do an interpretive trail walk past several large ponds and other interesting areas along Battle Creek. Along the two mile (one way) interpretive trail, students will observe native

plants and potentially witness fish in the creek, as well as other wildlife. The trail walk will be optional after the tour, but expect an additional hour if you decide to do both.

Although this field trip is free, we still need to get a head-count with student / parent ratio. Please call Kelly to sign up, 530-233-3861



Image courtesy of Portland District, US Army Corps Of Engineers

October: McArthur Driscoll Strawberry Ranch

We went to the Driscoll ranch in Red Bluff this last spring, and it was so much fun! This year we are going to go to another Driscoll Strawberry Ranch in McArthur, CA to see the strawberries being harvested. They also have a small pumpkin patch during this time of year.

For families who did not get to attend the last trip, or for those who did and want to see another side of the operation, please call Kelly at 530-233-3861 to sign up!

Although this is a free field trip, we still need to get a head count and student / parent ratio.

This field trip will take place in October, although the exact date will not be set until late September due to weather constraints. Most likely the tour will be held on a Tuesday during the second or third week of October.



Tdap Booster: Immunization Requirement



All incoming 7th graders through 12th graders are required by law to get a Tdap booster shot before being enrolled for school this year. Proof of the booster shot must be mailed to New Day Academy at:

214 West 1st Street
Alturas, CA 66101

Attention: Registrar

If you do not immunize your children, a current signed waiver form must be mailed to us instead. We originally thought families could request a Personal Beliefs Exemption Form directly from their county's Public Health, but instead we had to request all the forms and will then mail them out to families when requested.

Nobody likes getting shots, or filling

out paperwork, but it is mandatory for this year, and families will be called if immunization / waiver requirements have not been met by the beginning of school: August 29th.

Please contact New Day Academy at 530-233-3861

If you need a waiver form, and we will mail it to you promptly.

Call your local public health center regarding immunization clinics.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!

“Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.”

Malcolm Forbes

Has anything changed?!

We are happy to report that NDA did not have to make any major changes to what we offer our families despite more state cuts to our funding. The Board and staff agreed it was a priority to allow \$100 per month per student for vendors so that policy is intact. The new vendor list is posted on our site

and continues to expand. We are still committed to covering core curriculum needs, books associated with college classes, tutoring, field trips, and to doing the most we can for our students.

As we start the year our focus is to provide every student their core curriculum. We did

find a need to put a limit on art supplies. Families can request a maximum of \$80 per student at this time. We believe that is a generous amount and should accommodate student needs. If you have questions or want to talk about this change, feel free to call Laura @ 233-3861.

Tony and the Bookmobile are back on the Road

Tony is traveling to Redding each Thursday with the bookmobile again. He will be at Sports Authority each Thursday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

If you need to reserve books through the library please try to have the requests in by Monday. He needs time to pull the books.

This time of the year is very busy

while we try to get everyone's curriculum in their hands. For now we have to limit holds to 5 per student. We hope we will be able to bump it back up after the start of school rush.

If you need to learn how to use our library feel free to call the office to talk to Tony or your teacher.



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Check out our new vendor list!

Our vendor list has grown this summer. It includes opportunities for art, music, dance, martial arts, writing, Spanish, and more. It is posted on our website:

www.newdayacademy.net under the Resources Tab-Vendor List. Each student can use up to \$100 per month toward vendors of choice. The \$100 can be for one vendor or a combination of two options.

The process to sign up for vendors is as follows:

1. Parent and student go over the list and decide who they would like to use.
2. Parents/students contact the

vendors to find out about availability, times, location, etc...

3. Once you have agreed on which vendor(s) to use, you will let your NDA Teacher know what you have decided.
4. The NDA Teacher must put your request in to our ordering system before student attends any lessons or activities.
5. If a student exceeds the \$100 limit, the family is responsible for paying the difference to the vendor.
6. Turtle Bay family membership and some other academic courses will not be applied to the \$100 limit.



DON'T SEE YOUR VENDOR ON THE LIST?

Don't panic! Most likely your vendor has not turned their paperwork in to us for the year. Once their application is fully submitted, they will be added to the list.