

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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Off to a great start...

September was a busy month. We hope everyone is enjoying their curriculum and had a great first meeting with their teachers. We are getting good reports. October has a lot of great field trip opportunities so be sure to open the news letter and see what's available.

We have been going over our high school student's STAR scores to complete the drawing for awards. Our students did a wonderful job this year and we appreciate their dedication to the task. The results are posted on page 3.

We are pleased to announce that we hired a library assistant to help Tony in Alturas. Robert Fendler will join our office team in mid October. You may get to meet Robert as if he brings the bookmobile to Redding for us.

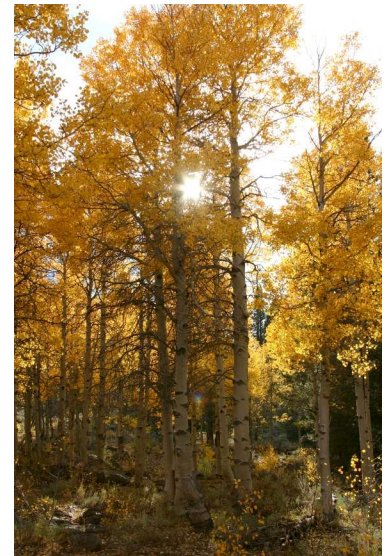
NDA teachers will be asking parents and high school students to participate with a WASC self study committee. These com-

mittees will look at our organization, curriculum, instruction, assessment, accountability, school culture and support. The committees will meet one time a month for 4-5 months, Meetings should last 2-3 hours. If you are interested in participating please let your NDA Teacher know or contact me at 233-3861. It is a wonderful opportunity to help our school be the best it can be.

This year students are required to take the Scantron Test by Ed Performance. We need to have the first round of testing done by the end of October. If you are having difficulty with that test please contact your teacher. It is important that we have the data produced by this test to help us know how to meet your children's needs.

I hope you get to enjoy some of the beauty autumn has to offer.

Laura VanAcker, Director



NEW! NDA now has an annual school subscription to:

TheHappyScientist.com.

This is a great science resource, and it is now available to you for free. Just go to the above web address and type in the following user ID and password, then get started!

School username: newday

School Password: newday

Field Trip Trivia Winner: Tyler Whittaker

Way to go **Tyler Whittaker**, a 5th grader with New Day Academy! You were the first to answer the following Fall field trip trivia question:

What was built in the 1940's in Shasta County that made it necessary for the Coleman

Fish Hatchery to open in 1942 due to loss of spawning grounds?

The Answer!

The Shasta Dam

Tyler won a Chinook Salmon Development Kit and Coloring Book.

New Day students who also answered the trivia correctly are:

Mlnea Olsson, 4th Grade

and

Stephen Lockwood, 3rd Grade

Way to go guys!

McArthur Driscoll Strawberries Ranch & MORE



DID YOU KNOW? In medieval times, strawberries were served at important functions to bring peace & prosperity.



"You don't take a photograph, you MAKE it."
 ~ Ansel Adams
 Check out his photographs for inspiration!



Pumpkin carving is it's own art form!

We have a **new** date for our field trip to the Driscoll Strawberries Ranch in McArthur.

Please meet at McArthur Farm Supply at **9:30 AM on Thurs., October 20th.**

Wear warm attire, comfortable shoes that can get muddy, and bring a picnic lunch to eat after the field trip.

Coming from Redding, McArthur Farm Supply is on the north side off Hwy 299 in McArthur. We will go to the ranch together. Look for Kelly

in her New Day Academy sweatshirt and cap!

HAWES HISTORIC FARM

The following week, on Friday, October 21st, New Day Academy has a field trip at Hawes Historic Farm in Anderson, CA. Note: this field trip does cost money, and it is \$5 per person. But that \$5 buys you lots of cool experiences and pumpkin to take home and carve. Anyone wanting to go on this field trip must meet Kelly outside of the farm at

10:45 AM sharp, as our field trip begins promptly at 11:00. If you're not there in time, you will miss out : (, so give yourself plenty of time to arrive!

The farm is located at **21923 Dersch Rd., Anderson 96007**. They have a map and directions on their website too. Looking forward to seeing you all there!



FALL Photography Contest

Here are some more specifics about our Fall Photography Contest.

Students may submit up to 3 original photos in our Fall Contest. Photos can be any size, and any color. Please put a sticky note on the back of each photo with the student's name and grade, and whether or not they would like the originals returned to them, or if the school can keep them for

display in our Alturas office.

The only requirement is that the photos represent the season of Fall, and student's may interpret this theme in their own way. Autumn can mean something different to each of us! If your student would like to include an "explanation" of their submissions, they are more than welcome to, although this is not mandatory. The deadline for submissions is

the last day before Thanksgiving break, which is:

NOVEMBER 22ND, 2011.

Submissions must be original artwork. To submit, mail to 214 West First Street, Alturas, CA, 96101, Attention Kelly. We also suggest putting fragile on the envelope. Or give to Tony at the bookmobile, or your teacher to deliver.

Pumpkin Carving Contest

Planning on carving a pumpkin this year? Then take a picture of it and enter it in our school's first Pumpkin Carving contest!

We have 3 categories you can enter your pumpkin in:

SCARY FUNNY STRANGE

A prize will be given to first place in each category. If your student is also taking art, consider this a great art project.

Remember though, this is a contest for students, so the pumpkin has to be carved / designed by the student themselves. The best part is there are no rules other than that.

Use whatever materials you want to make your pumpkin the absolute best in its category.

Pictures of your pumpkin must be submitted by November 2nd. No limit to how many pumpkins you can submit, as long as they are student created.

STAR Test Award Recipients



The high school STAR test is especially difficult. In order to encourage 9-11th grade students to do their best, we announced that awards would be given for above average performance. Students who scored proficient or above are being honored with a letter and gift certificate to be mailed before the end of October. We hope younger students will look ahead and be excited about the same

opportunities when they are in high school. We aren't able to post the names publicly but are excited about the following results:

We gave awards to 4 students who earned a score proficient or above four times, 3 students who scored proficient or above three times, 4 students who earned proficient or above two times, and 5 students who scored proficient or above one time.

We had some elementary and middle school students who did exceptionally well. We had 16 students grades 2-8 earn two scores in the advanced category and 17 students who earned one Advanced score.

Again, a huge thanks to the students who did their best and to everyone who worked to prepare their children for the test. We are proud of our parents as well as the students.

Book Club starting for students grades 8-12 in the Redding Area



High school students in the Redding area have expressed interest in starting a book club, where students would read a book in common and meet together to discuss it in a social setting.

If you are in grades 8-12 and that sounds like fun please call the office so we can send you more information and the plans develop. Call 233-3861 and ask for Kelly.

College Options Financial Aid Night Presentations

If you have a senior (or even a junior at NDA), it is important that you find the time to attend one of these presentations in or near your area. The information presented will help you with figuring out and applying for financial aid to help your student with their post-secondary plans.

If your student plans on attending a Technical or Specialty School, a

community college or a four-year college, it will be to your benefit to attend with your student.

These presentations are free and are located at the following sites. All presentations begin at 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact College Options at <http://www.collegeoptions.org/> or at (530) 245-1845.

Nov. 2 @ Burney H.S. (also video-conferencing to Fall River H.S.)

Nov. 9 @U Prep (Redding)

Nov. 29 @ Foothill H.S. (Palo Cedro)

Nov. 30 @ Enterprise H.S.

Dec. 5 @ Shasta H.S. (Redding)

Dec.13 @ West Valley H.S. (Cottonwood)

Dec. 15 @ Shasta College Downtown Campus 1504 Market St. Room 8220 for a Special Presentation for Private, Charter and Christian Schools.

Mark Your Calendars

Thank you to everyone who came to the National Acrobats of China Performance at the Cascade Theatre. Not a single ticket was wasted! Please give yourself a pat on the back.

One field trip down, so many more to come. Mark your calendars!

1. **October 20th, 9:30 Driscoll Ranch, McArthur, CA**
2. **October 21st, 10:45, Hawes Historic Farm, Anderson, CA**
3. **October 25th, 7:00 PM, Ashland Shakespeare Festival**

4. **November 1st, 10:00 AM, Coleman Fish Hatchery**
5. **December 1st, 1:00 PM, Shasta Dam Tour**

***Remember, you must call or email to sign up for field trips.**



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A Message From Our Counselor: Bob Eaton

Juniors and seniors planning to go to a four year college, need to take the SAT or ACT. These tests are important to school entrance. Students sign up on line using the information below:

ACT

Contact: act.org or (319) 337-1270.
 Fees: \$34; with Writing \$49.50; Late fee \$21.
 New Day Academy School
 Code: 052944

| <u>ACT Test Center</u> | <u>Center Code</u> | <u>Test Dates</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Modoc High | 171380 | Oct 22, April 14 |
| Lassen High | 199430 | Oct 22 |
| Central Valley High | 209440 | Oct 22, Dec 10, Feb 11, April 14, June 9 |

| <u>Test Dates</u> | <u>Reg. Deadline</u> | <u>Late Reg</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 22 Oct. | 16 Sept. | 17-30 Sept. |
| 10 Dec. | 04 Nov. | 05-18 Nov. |
| 11 Feb. | 01 Jan. | 14-20 Jan. |
| 14 April | 09 March | 10-23 March |
| 09 June | 04 May | 05-18 May |

SAT

Contact: collegeboard.org or (866) 630-9305.
 Fees: \$49 (includes Writing Test); Late fee \$26.
 New Day Academy School
 Code: 052944

| <u>SAT Test Center</u> | <u>Center Code</u> | <u>Test Dates</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|---|
| Warner High | 05106 | Oct 1, Dec 3, May 5 |
| Lassen High | 05823 | Oct 1, Nov 5, March 10 |
| Central Valley High | 05728 | Oct 1, Nov 11, Dec 3, Jan 28, March 10, May 5, June 2 |

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| 01 Oct. | 09 Sept. | 21 Sept. |
| 05 Nov. | 07 Oct. | 21 Oct. |
| 03 Dec | 08 Nov. | 20 Nov. |
| 28 Jan. | 30 Dec. | 13 Jan. |