

SUNRISE RECORD

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Time for Thanks...

November is a month for giving thanks. Our staff and Board of Directors would like to thank you for doing such a wonderful job home schooling your children and for choosing us as your educational partner.

I'm sure everyone is excited about Thanksgiving break. Our students have November 23-25th off to enjoy time with family. Our office will be open Wednesday the 23rd but we will be closed the 24th -25th.

We are into the third learning period and the end of the semester, January 13th, is on the horizon. A goal this year is to have all students grades 3-11 complete the Ed Performance Scantron test in the first and second semester. This test is an excellent tool to help us better serve your students by identifying student skill levels, needs, and strengths. If you haven't tested your stu-

dents, please talk to your NDA teacher about getting that done as soon as possible.

We have a wonderful opportunity to have student photos done with a Redding photographer, and NDA parent, Katie Watkins. More information can be found on page 3.

Amber Good, one of our Shasta County teachers is organizing a Scholastic Book Fair in Redding, just in time for Christmas, December 7-9th. See page 2 for details on that fun event.

We have some students who have submitted fall photos for our contest but we would love to have more. We have extended the due date to November 30th. The photos can be submitted as a print or by email if they are digital. We hope we have some photos that we can use to decorate our office so get out there and make some magic



with your cameras!

This year we are working on our Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation renewal. This includes a self-study with a visit from the accreditation committee in October 2012. An effective WASC self-study review is a powerful tool for schools to improve the quality of education and more effectively serve staff and students. It is important that we have parents and students participate in the self-study. If you are interested in helping with this very important project, please talk to your teacher or call me at 233-3861.

I hope you have a wonderful month and Thanksgiving.

Sincerely, Laura VanAcker

NDA Mission Statement



New Day Academy's mission is to provide an effective and innovative personalized learning program that honors parental choice. We support our students with a wealth of educational resources, a commitment to excellence, and a desire to nurture the unique nature of every child.

A mission statement is critical to an organization's success as it guides and directs all decisions, goals and objectives. Last year, our staff, with help from our Board of Directors, parents and students, developed our mission statement. We think it is important that everyone involved with

our school knows what our mission is, and we hope that it expresses why you have partnered with us to educate your children. If you have comments or questions about our mission, feel free to contact our staff, Director, Laura VanAcker, or Board Members.



Give the Gift of Reading!

New Day Scholastic Book Fair Fundraiser

Come participate in New Day Academy's first ever Book Fair! Tony Cervantes, our librarian, and NDA teacher Amber Good, have been preparing for this since last spring. Book fairs are a great way to get kids excited about reading. "Give the gift of reading" this upcoming holiday season! Not to mention their will be cookies, cocoa, and crafts!

Check out the Book Fair website at:

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/publish/newday>

IMPORTANT DATES:

Dec. 7th 2-4 PM

Teacher Sneak Peak

Dec. 8th 10—2 PM

Cookies, Cocoa, Crafts

& the Bookmobile!

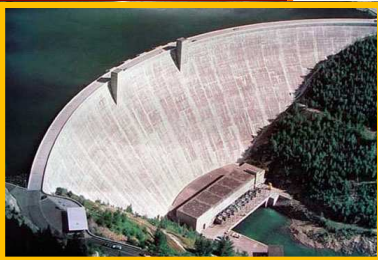
Dec. 9th 10—2 PM

Cookies, Cocoa, & Crafts

The Book Fair will be held all three days at the **Northern Valley Catholic Social Service's Conference Room B** at:

**2400 Washington Ave
Redding, CA 96001**

Please call Tony at 530-233-3861 for any questions or additional information about the book fair. We look forward to seeing you there!



Can you see the similarities?
Shasta (above) Hoover (below)



Shasta Dam Tour

Our Shasta Dam Field Trip Tour is next month on

**Friday
December 2nd,
@ 1:00 PM.**

If you are planning on going and have yet to sign up, please email Kelly at Kelly.mcgarva@newdayacademy.net or call the

office ONE WEEK PRIOR to the date of the field trip. Please come a quarter to one so we have plenty of time to get our group organized.

Some info on the Shasta Dam:

"The Shasta Dam is a curved gravity concrete dam on the Sacramento River above Redding, California near Shasta Lake City, built between 1938

and 1945. Like another curved gravity dam (Hoover Dam), it was a continuous pour concrete project, and in its day, ranked as one of the great civil engineering feats of the world."

The dam is 543 feet wide and 3,460 feet long. That's almost 2 football fields wide and over 11 football fields long!



Meet Robert Fendler!

Robert Fendler, a New Day Academy parent, is now our library assistant. He will be helping Tony with checking holds, pulling books, driving the bookmobile on Thursdays, and filling in when Tony is gone.

Robert Fendler and his family just recently moved from Red-

ding, CA to Alturas, CA in order to take the position as pastor at the Rivers of Life Church in Alturas.

Before living in Redding, they lived in Hawaii for fifteen years. It snowed his first month living in Modoc County! A tough break-in to our weather.

Robert and his wife, Janelle, have 4 children, and their 2 oldest are enrolled with New Day.

We are grateful to have Robert as a part of the NDA office staff. Welcome to the family, Robert!

UC and CSU Application Deadlines

Students who would like to apply to the CSU or UC system need to complete their application and send it to the schools of their choice by the deadline of:

November 30th

The website for the CSU's is:

www.csumentor.edu

and for the UC's, it is:

www.ucop.edu/pathways.

Seniors interested in attending one of the community colleges in January, should log on to:

www.cccco.edu

in order to fill out an application and proceed with the application process. This too needs to be done in **November**, as registration will take place during the first week of January.

Students at New Day who are interested in taking a concurrent community college class also need to fill out an application, take the assessment tests, and get a concurrent enrollment form signed before registering in January.

Private college admissions in California vary, so go to:

www.naicu.edu,

a website for information regarding your school of choice.

If you have any questions, please contact Bob Eaton, our NDA Counselor at :

beaton61@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you!



Student Photo Session with Katie Watkins

Katie Watkins is a parent with New Day Academy, but she is also an accomplished photographer! She started Katie Watkins Photography in 2005, doing home school pictures for the students in her area. She had formal training in photography starting in 1999 and has pursued photography with a passion since then! Along with school pictures, she also does weddings, fami-

lies, seniors, children and newborns in a studio setting or on location using natural light.

Katie has set up dates for NDA families to have photos done before the holiday season.

DEC. 1st ALL DAY

DEC 2nd 1—5 PM

Call Katie at 530-410-7174 for pricing and to set up a 15 minute

block for 1 to 4 children, or a 30 min. block for 5 or more.

You can also email her at

Katie@kati Watkinsphotography.com

To view samples of Katie's work, check out her website, www.KatieWatkinsPhotography.com, under "School Portraits."

"I love photography and have found it to be my way of unwinding after a busy day of home schooling my children!"

~ Katie Watkins, Photographer and Home School Parent



Advisory Counsel Updates

New Day Academy has an Advisory Council that meets a minimum of four times per year to discuss and give recommendations to the Board of Directors and the Executive Director. The committee is made up of 4 parents, 2 students, 2 teachers, and the Director.

This year we are seeking one high school student to join the voting

body. If you know someone that might be interested, please let us know. Meetings are open to anyone interested in participating, and discussion can include people not on the voting body.

Our next meeting is:

December 5th at 6:30 PM at the YMCA on Court Street.

Come see what we are all about!

If you are interested in participating and have questions call the office at:

233-3861.



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Some of our winning pumpkins!



Pumpkin Carving Contest Winners

We have our winners for the New Day Academy First Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest.

In the Scary category,

Asleigh Dickman won 1st Place with her creepy “spider” pumpkin.

In the Funny category,

Tyler Whittaker won 1st Place with his

“grinning” pumpkin.

In the Strange category,

Stephen Lockwood won 1st Place with his “antlered pumpkin-eating” pumpkin.

In the Unique category,

Felicity Jones won 1st Place with

her “real-life lizard” pumpkin.

And lastly, in the Artistic category,

Kaitlyn Dickman’s “butterflies in nature” pumpkin won 1st Place.

Pictures of our winning pumpkins will be posted within a week on our New Day Academy website.