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News and announcements from our schools and departments

Week of Feb. 1, 2010

This Week's Highlights

- Witter Ranch Elementary has advanced to the next phase in the California Distinguished Schools selection process and now will receive a site visit. Congratulations to the staff, students, parents and community.
- The Board of Trustees will hold a special planning meeting Wednesday on the search for a new superintendent. See below for details.
- The School Closure Criteria Evaluation Committee meets Wednesday to rate the eight elementary schools using the adopted closure criteria. See below for details.

The Week at a Glance

Tuesday

- Natomas High PTSA meeting, 6 p.m. in the Career Center.

Wednesday

- School Closure Criteria Evaluation Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m. at Natomas High.
- Special Board meeting, Superintendent's search planning meeting, 6 p.m. at the Education Center.
- Leroy F. Greene Middle free Parents in Action! workshops (PTA "Healthy Lifestyles" grant), 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday in February; English and Spanish classes, child care and meals available. See school website for more information.
- Natomas Middle and Inderkum High parents are working a fund-raiser concession stand at the Kings game.

Thursday

- Superintendent's Parent Advisory Council, 9 a.m. at the Education Center.
- Leroy F. Greene Middle PTA meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the school library.

Friday

- Java Stops Here with Bannon Creek Elementary Principal Linda Wilkinson, 8 a.m. in Room K-3.
- Sacramento Kings Teacher Appreciation Group Night honoring Teachers of the Year including NUSD's Jennifer Carlson, 7 p.m. at Arco Arena.

Saturday

- Natomas High Sports Boosters 6th Annual Crab Feed, doors open at 6 p.m. in the main gym. Call 359.1390 for tickets.

Around the District

Leroy F. Greene Middle — Student Council President Valentina Carrillo is a winner in the second-round written test of the California Central Valley Spelling Bee held Jan. 23. She and the other top scorers now move on to the oral contest March 3 at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center.

Natomas Park Elementary — The school's Spirit Team organized a coin drive for students and staff, giving \$1,700 to the American Red Cross for Haitian relief efforts. "We are very pleased with the outpouring of support," Principal Brent Johnson said.

Two Rivers Elementary — First-grade student Danaliz Franco emptied her piggy bank of the \$91 she had been saving up for a new American Girl doll and brought the coins in for the American Red Cross donation drive for victims of the Haiti earthquake. Teacher Shirley Finster is hoping this quiet deed will generate some public recognition for her student: "I think these stories are what inspire others to follow suit — and give Danaliz the kudos she deserves for such spontaneous and heartfelt generosity."

Save the Date

- **Feb. 8**, Lincoln's Birthday observed, no school.
- **Feb. 10**, Board of Trustees regular meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Education Center.
- **Feb. 15**, Washington's Birthday observed, no school.
- **Feb. 20**, Natomas Chamber of Commerce Community Leadership Awards, 5:30 p.m. at Benvenuti Performing Arts Center
- **Feb. 24**, Board of Trustees workshop on school closure, 6 p.m. at the Education Center.

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