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News and announcements from our schools and departments

May 17-23, 2010

This Week's Highlights

- The announcement on the appointment of new Superintendent Bobbie Plough who starts July 19 is posted on the district website at www.natomas.k12.ca.us.
- Natomas High football player Jakori Ford was named the “most inspirational player” at last weekend’s Nike Football Combine in Oakland for dedicating his efforts to his late junior varsity coach Salvador Heredia-Arriaga who was murdered in March. “He always wanted to win a league championship and we really want to get it for him,” Ford said of his late 26-year-old coach. “He was more than a coach to me. (He) was almost like a big brother.” You can read more at <http://rise.espn.go.com/football/articles/2010/05/17-oakland-superlatives.aspx>.
- A Disaster Drill Earthquake Exercise will be held Wednesday at the modified traditional schools. See below for details.
- A Board workshop with the Educational Services Department will be held Wednesday. See below for details.

The Week at a Glance

Monday

- Classified Employee Appreciation Week celebrated this week.
- Leroy F. Greene Middle “Spirit Week” today through Friday with different themes each day.
- Natomas Middle PTO meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the school, with school tours for incoming Leroy F. Greene Middle families at 5:30 p.m.
- Inderkum High Safe & Sober Grad Night meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Round Table Pizza on Arena Blvd. Tickets are on sale all week at lunch.

Tuesday

- Heron “High Flyer Lunch” with principals and PTSA.
- H. Allen Hight Elementary PTA meeting, 6 p.m. in the school library.

Wednesday

- Disaster Drill Earthquake Exercise at the modified traditional schools to test crisis response of school/district emergency teams, 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- Heron School Site Council meeting, 5 p.m. at the school.
- “Gold Rush or Bust” play by Melanie Intiso’s fourth-grade class, 8:15 a.m. and 6 p.m. in the Bannon Creek Elementary multi-purpose room.
- Board workshop—Educational Services, 6 p.m. at the Education Center.

Thursday

- Bannon Creek Elementary Multi-Cultural Day.
- Open Houses: American Lakes Elementary, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; H. Allen Hight Elementary, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and Witter Ranch Elementary Tracks C & D, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Natomas Middle School Spring Concert, 7 p.m. at the school.

Friday

- Heron School Spirit Day and “Donuts With Dad.”
- H. Allen Hight Elementary assembly and “Breakfast Bike Give-Away.”
- Natomas Middle end-of-year field trip to Six Flags, 9:15 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Bannon Creek Elementary “Spring Into Fitness” fair, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the school.

Saturday

- Natomas Rose Garden Silent Art Auction and Reception to support the all-volunteer rose garden, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Natomas Rose Garden, 2921 Truxel Road.

Around the District

Bannon Creek Elementary — “We had our highest attendance for Open House ever,” Principal Linda Wilkinson said. “At least 400 parents and students combined attended. Also, we had 65 parents attend GATE Visitation Day.”

Leroy F. Greene Middle — Aaliyah Parker, Jr. Miss Natomas Pageant winner, spoke to the School Site Council last week about her community service experience. Also at that meeting, SSC Vice President Ashley Pineda and student members Aidan Freeman Butalla and Valentina Carrillo expressed appreciation to the school’s teachers for their assistance this year.

Natomas Middle — Leroy F. Greene Middle students visited their new school last week in preparation for the move next fall. “Kudos to Rose Penrose and her Leadership students for doing an outstanding job of organizing the event and being positive leaders,” Principal Carla Najera-Kunsemiller said. “Also, a huge thank you to LFG and NMS teachers for being active participants in assisting us during the tours and activities. Without their help, it would not have been a success.”

North Natomas Transportation Management Association — Natomas schools are off to a great start for May Is Bike Month, with 10 schools competing against one another. “The school with the most logged trips will win the Million Mile perpetual trophy. Keep up the good work and keep riding!” said Kim Read, communications and program manager.

Save the Date

- **May 24**, Discovery High graduation, 7 p.m. in the quad
- **May 25**, Inderkum High graduation, 6:30 p.m. in the stadium (tickets needed for entrance, with each graduate given 10 tickets on May 24)
- **May 26**, Natomas High graduation, 6 p.m. in the stadium
- **May 27**, Heron School eighth-grade promotion ceremony
- **May 27**, 2009-10 school year ends for modified traditional schools
- **June 1**, NSF Fundraiser for NUSD music programs, see www.natomasfoundation.org for ticket information.
- **June 3**, Natomas Park Elementary Open House for Tracks B, C and D, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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