

# Natomas E-News

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Week of Dec. 14, 2009

## This Week's Highlights

- The second of two community budget forums will be held Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Inderkum High.
- The NUSD Budget Crisis/Budget Recovery Plan that is the focus of the community budget forums is posted on the district website at [www.natomas.k12.ca.us](http://www.natomas.k12.ca.us), along with a link for offering comments on our budget crisis and a Frequently Asked Questions information sheet.
- Information on shortening the 2009-10 school year by five days and the ratification vote by the Natomas Teachers Association to take five furlough days this school year and six next school year has been posted on the district website.

## The Week at a Glance

### Monday

- Heron School PTSA Holiday Craft Night, 6:30 p.m. at the school.
- Natomas High Athletic Booster Club planning meeting for the Crab Feed, 6 p.m. at Round Table.
- Natomas School Readiness graduation for the first class of the Parent Institute for Quality Education class, 6 p.m. at American Lakes Elementary.
- Inderkum High PTSA meeting, 6:30 p.m. in Room A109.

### Tuesday

- Superintendent General Davie Jr. addresses Kiwanis Club of Natomas, noon at Straw Hat Pizza.
- Budget Advisory Committee, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room at the Education Center.
- Natomas Park Elementary DELAC meeting, 5:30 p.m. in the school library.
- H. Allen Hight Elementary PTA meeting, 6 p.m. at Mountain Mike's Pizza.
- Inderkum High PTSA Safe & Sober Grad Night committee meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Round Table Pizza.

### Wednesday

- Heron School Site Council meeting, 5 p.m. at the school.
- Community budget forum, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Inderkum High.

### Thursday

- H. Allen Hight Elementary 1st Annual Arts & Crafts Fair, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the multipurpose room.
- Leroy F. Greene Middle Talent Show to benefit the Drama Department, 6:30 p.m. at the school.
- Inderkum High Youth Advisory Committee "meet and greet," 6 p.m. at Straw Hat Pizza to benefit Safe & Sober Grad Night.
- Winter production by Jefferson Elementary fifth-grade students of Jenna Pal-Freeman, 6:45 p.m. in the cafeteria to benefit the Westminster Woods field trip.

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- Open House for future Fire Station No. 43, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Witter Ranch Elementary.

## Friday

- Natomas Park Elementary PTA staff luncheon at the school.
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## Around the District

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**Discovery High** — The Discovery High School Leadership Club picked “Holiday Mail for Heroes” sponsored by the American Red Cross as their service project this quarter. Students wrote personal messages of thanks for the service and sacrifices of the troops and veterans in each card. “We bundled them and sent them to the Red Cross for delivery. Some cards will go to active duty and some will go to VA hospitals and other veteran groups,” Rocket Dogs advisor Connie Parsons said.

**Homeless Services** — The NUSD Homeless Services Program would like to thank the following for their generous holiday donations: Midtown Lions Club, The River Church, Bill White, Monica Jones and BWOPA, and Kendall House and The Spirit Got Game.

**Inderkum High** — Congratulations to the United Freethinkers Club for their incredible “Coats and Toys” drive for those in need. The club, with atheist and agnostic members, was able to gather more than 400 toys and articles of clothing. This charitable contribution will be given to Loaves and Fishes and the St. John’s Women’s Shelter.

**Jefferson Elementary** — Congratulations to librarian Kathy Morgan for completing her degree in Library Sciences.

**Natomas Charter** — Leading Edge alumnus have teamed up with staff to offer a mentoring program for current students. Alumni students return one day a week to work one-on-one with an assigned student.

**Natomas Middle** — The Peer Mentor Lunch Club, facilitated by school psychologists Francesca Corti and Danielle Christy, started Dec. 3 and was fun for all involved. A group of elementary students at H. Allen Hight have been paired up with Natomas Middle student mentors and will meet on a weekly basis at H. Allen Hight Elementary. Goals of the club are to encourage positive relationships for both students, strengthen friendship and problem-solving skills, and provide elementary students help with academic work as needed. NMS student mentor Jorden Johnson said, “I liked peer mentor lunch club because I made new friends and I got to help my mentee.”

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## Save the Date

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- **Jan. 9**, North Natomas Library Grand Opening/Open House, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 4660 Via Ingoglia.
- **Jan. 12**, Board of Trustees special meeting on budget, 6 p.m. at the Education Center.
- **Jan. 13**, Board of Trustees regular meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Education Center.
- **Jan. 19**, Board of Trustees special meeting, 6 p.m. at the Education Center.
- **Jan. 27**, Board of Trustees workshop and adoption of Budget Recovery Plan, 6 p.m. at the Education Center.
- **Feb. 5**, Sacramento Kings Teacher Appreciation Group Night honoring Teachers of the Year including NUSD’s Jennifer Carlson, 7 p.m. at Arco Arena, contact Brenda Monson at [bmonson@natomas.k12.ca.us](mailto:bmonson@natomas.k12.ca.us) for ticket information.
- **Feb. 6**, Natomas High Sixth Annual Crab Feed, doors open at 6 p.m.

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