



NESKOWIN VALLEY SCHOOL ¹ VOICE



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Friday Community School (Jan 8th – Feb 5th)

February	Thurs 4	No Conferences –Full Day of School
	Fri 12	Biography Ball
	Mon 15	President’s Day –No School
	Mon 22	Staff Development Day –No School

Gather’rounds are every Wednesday 11:30-11:50am unless noted differently.
Morning Music is every Monday 8:30-8:45am, or Tuesday on weeks when there is no school on Monday.
You are welcome to join us!!

HEAD OF SCHOOL Notes

Because many of you will be discussing your children and what happens in the classroom today at conferences, this issue of the *Voice* won’t include commentary from individual teachers. They have been very busy in the last few weeks writing reports, and nobody objected when I let them off the *Voice*-writing hook for today! I know you will be pleased at the depth and breadth of your child’s written report—these are among the best I’ve read in my years of editing NVS conference reports. It is such a pleasure to read about your children and how they’ve grown intellectually, emotionally, socially, artistically, and in so many other ways in the last several months. You may notice the presence of other voices in the report besides that of your child’s main teacher. In our weekly staff meetings this year we have been focusing on every child in the school in turn, so that all the staff can contribute observations and get to know the children even better. It has been remarkably beneficial for students and staff alike.

I hope you were able to fill out the pair of evaluations available at conferences, one on NVS and one on my performance as Head of School. If you weren’t able to do that but want to, please email Kaileen right away and she can send you the forms electronically. The Board and I value your feedback very much—thanks to all of you who contributed!

Friday is the last day of the first session of Friday Community School. If you are around, watch for class presentations being held throughout the day. You will see wonderful artwork, writing, experiments, reports, slide shows, readings and puppets, all outcomes of the elective classes students have taken for the last five weeks. The second session of FCS starts February 19; schedules and sign-up forms will be available Friday.

The last session of FCS isn’t until May—we are reserving late March and April for spring play preparation. Drama Teacher Sue Parks-Hilden promises to reveal the title of the play on February 11. She has another exciting revelation about a helper she has enlisted to bring students together to help with the set. By the way, the date of the play has shifted to **April 30**, because we have a repeat performance at **Eden Hall** on **May 1**, the following night.

I hope you enjoyed informative, meaningful and helpful conferences today. If you would like to discuss things further with your child’s teacher or me in the next few weeks, please call for an appointment.

Have a great week,

Julie

PARENT ASSOCIATION Notes

This Friday will be the start of a morning PA meeting. Please join us at 8:40am in Julie's office. Topics of discussion include Valentine cookie decorating and the Spring Vacation Raffle.

Check out the new PA bulletin board in the hallway! Thanks to Tara Will and KJ for setting it up last week. There is a calendar and information for any of the upcoming events.

Next week we will be decorating Valentine cookies for the NVS students and filling out personal cards. Please fill out a slip (hanging on the PA board) if you would like to add your own personal message to your child or children. And join us for the decorating-cookies and frosting will be provided. We need your artistic ability!



Valentine cookie decorating will be next Thursday, Feb. 11th at 6:30pm at NVS.

EXPLORERS CLASS Notes

I just wanted to let everyone know that **next Wednesday, February 10th, we'll be going on a field trip to the Cloverdale Post Office.** We'll leave NVS around 9:00, and will be at the post office 20 minutes or so. When we're done at the post office we'll have hot chocolate at the coffee shop across the street. We'd love it if you can join us; just let me know. Thanks! Jenny

COMMUNITY News

Corrina invites you to "Plant trees at Tamara Quays" on Saturday, February 6 at 10:00am.

Event: Plant trees at Tamara Quays
Start Time: Saturday, February 6 at 10:00am
End Time: Saturday, February 6 at 1:00pm
Where: Tamara Quays, near Otis

Please join the Salmon Drift Creek Watershed Council and several high school Natural Resource Crews next Saturday, February 6th to plant trees at Tamara Quays. We will be planting mostly willow stakes, spruce, hemlock, and cedar trees. The site is muddy and the trees can be prickly, so dress accordingly. Please bring planting shovels, gloves, and planting augers if you have them. We will have extra shovels and gloves as well. We will be planting from 10AM to around 3PM. Tamara Quays is located on Fraser Road off of highway 101 between the junction with hwy 18 and the Salmon River near Otis. For photos of Tamara Quays, see <http://salmondrift.org/tqphotos.php>. Call me for more information at 541-921-7394.