



Weekly Newsletter of:

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**KEEP IN MIND:**

School Resumes  
Monday, January 9, 2012

Enrollment Begins/Sibling Enrollment  
Monday, January 9, 2012

Performance Series Testing  
Monday, January 9—  
Friday, January 27, 2012

3rd Grade Swimming Begins  
Tuesday, January 10, 2012

5th Grade Camp/Play Meeting  
Wednesday, January 11, 2012  
6:00 p.m. in the Café

7th Grade Swimming Begins  
Thursday, January 12, 2012

Taupe & Tan Meeting  
Thursday, January 19, 2012  
6:30 p.m. in the Café

No School  
Monday, January 16, 2012

1/2 Day Dismissal  
Thursday, January 19, 2012  
Kindergarten: 11:30 a.m.  
Grades 1-5: 11:45 a.m.  
Grades 6-8: 12:00 p.m.

Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Thursday, January 19, 2012  
3:00-7:00 p.m.

End of Second Quarter for Grades 3-8 &  
End of 1st Quarter for Kindergarten  
Friday, January 20, 2012

Parent Film Night  
Friday, January 20, 2012  
6:30 p.m. in the Café

AIMSWEB Testing Begins  
Monday, January 23, 2012

Curriculum Night  
"Taking the Learning Home"  
Thursday, January 26, 2012  
6:00-7:30 p.m.

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# Monday Morning Memos

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## A Word From Our Principal...

January 9, 2012

Greetings Nataki Families,

Happy 2012! I imagine that everyone had a restful, peaceful break. It's so nice to see everyone rejuvenated full of energy and excitement. Let that same enthusiasm and joyfulness carry us throughout the rest of the year.

With that said, be prepared to participate in our monthly activities that we have planned for you. Be sure to mark your calendar for the following:

- **5th Grade Parent & Student Play/Camp Meeting**, Wednesday, 1/11/12, 6:00 p.m. in Café
- **½ Day of School & Parent Teacher Conferences**, Thursday, 1/19/12, 3:00-7:00 p.m.
- **6th Grade Camp Meeting**, Thursday, 1/19/12, 6:00 p.m. in Café
- **Taupe & Tan Parent Meeting**, Thursday, 1/19/12, 6:30 p.m. in Café
- **Parent Film Night**, "Life is Beautiful" Friday, 1/20/12, 6:30 p.m. in the Café
- **Family Curriculum Night "Taking the Learning Home"**, Thursday, 1/26/12, 6:00 p.m.
- **Open House for Prospective Parents & Students**, Sunday, 1/29/12, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

I look forward to seeing everyone soon at our upcoming events. Continue to read the Monday Morning Memos and check the school website at [www.ntsdschoolhouse.com](http://www.ntsdschoolhouse.com) to stay up to date with our current events.

In addition, winter Performance Series testing began for third through eighth grade students today. During the month of January, please ensure that your child gets plenty of rest and eats a hearty breakfast in the morning before school. Students perform better when they are well rested and have eaten a well balanced meal. Be sure to ask your student about the test and encourage them to perform their best. The purpose of this assessment is to determine their academic growth from the fall to the winter, so that we are better able to meet their learning needs. They will take the test again during the spring in May. Thank you for your support and motivation.

Lastly, may you continuously apply the Seven Principles of the Psychology of the Norm 1) Introspection, 2) Broad-based knowledge, 3) Curiosity, 4) Tradition & innovation, 5) SELF-centered, 6) Trust, and 7) Victor. As you recall, these principles are the cornerstone of the school's existence.

Warm wishes,

Melita Smith

Mrs. Melita Smith

## Office News



### Re-enrollment for the 2012-2013 School Year

The class with 100% re-enrollment forms turned in first will win a **FREE dress day and a pizza party!** For your convenience, re-enrollment forms are listed on pages 3 & 4 and can be returned to the Main Office or emailed to Mrs. King, Administrative Assistant at [aking@ntsdschoolhouse.com](mailto:aking@ntsdschoolhouse.com) or to Mrs. Anderson, Pupil Accountant at [clanderson@ntsdschoolhouse.com](mailto:clanderson@ntsdschoolhouse.com).

### A Very Special Thank You!

Thanks a million to all the staff, student and parents that participated in some way to make the 2011 Kwanzaa Bazaar a HUGE success!

### Book Mobile

The book mobile will be here Friday, January 27, 2012 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. The books checked out from the December Book Mobile could be returned on that day or taken directly to one of the Detroit Public Library Branches. If you would like to volunteer to escort the students from the class and call them down, please contact Mrs. Ostrowski at [jostrowski@ntsdschoolhouse.com](mailto:jostrowski@ntsdschoolhouse.com) or 313-531-3720 ext. 57.

### Computer Lab Open

The Computer Lab is open M-F from 8:00-8:25 a.m., 12:00-12:25 p.m. and 3:30-4:00 p.m. for students to complete their **Glory Math** assignments or work on other computer related homework.

### Performance Series Testing

Students in grades 2-8 will be taking the Performance Series Test in Reading and Mathematics from January 9th-January 25th. The Performance Series test is a computer adaptive test whose results are used by teachers to individualize instruction based on student need. You will receive copies of your child's score with the second academic report card.

**Ashanti:** January 17, 19, 20, 24  
**Ibo:** January 17, 19, 20, 23  
**Kikuyu:** January 17, 20, 23, 24  
**Bantu:** January 18, 19, 20, 25  
**Ogoni:** January 17, 18, 19, 20  
**Mombasa:** January 17, 18, 23, 24

**Yoruba:** January 9, 10, 12, 13  
**Watusi:** January 9, 10, 11, 12  
**Zulu:** January 9, 10, 11, 13  
**Dogon:** January 10, 11, 12, 13  
**Jabo:** January 9, 11, 12  
**Swazi:** January 9, 10, 11, 12



