



Weekly Newsletter of:

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**KEEP IN MIND:**

AIMSWEB Testing Begins  
Monday, January 23, 2012

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

6th Grade Camp Balance Due  
Tuesday, January 24, 2012

Grades K & 3-8 Report Cards Mailed  
Friday, January 27, 2012

Open House for Prospective Families  
Sunday, January 29, 2012  
1:00-3:00 p.m.

Bug Week  
Monday, January 30—  
Friday, February 3, 2012

6th Grade Camp  
Wednesday, February 1—  
Friday, February 3, 2012

Count Day  
Wednesday, February 8, 2012

Mid-Winter Break  
Monday, February 20—  
Friday, February 24, 2012

School Resumes  
Monday, February 27, 2012

End of Marking Period for 1st & 2nd Grades  
Friday, March 9, 2012

Progress Reports Send for Grades 3-8  
Friday, March 9, 2012

1/2 Day of School Dismissal  
Thursday, March 15, 2012  
Kindergarten: 11:30 a.m.  
Grades 1-5: 11:45 a.m.  
Grades 6-8: 12:00 p.m.

Parent Teacher Conferences  
Thursday, March 15, 2012  
3:00-7:00 p.m.

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# Monday Morning Memos

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## A Word From Our Principal...

January 23, 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:

- **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.
- **Ads Due for Annual 5th Grade Theatrical Production,** Friday, 1/3/12 4:00 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.ntsds.com](http://www.ntsds.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

## A Word From Our Founder

Jeannette Wheatley, longtime Nataki Talibah Schoolhouse of Detroit friend and board member, passed away on Saturday, January 14, 2012 after a long illness. Those parents who attended Cass Technical High School may have known her as the principal of Cass Tech for many years. We were fortunate to have Mrs. Wheatley on our school board for 17 years. She was instrumental in our conversion from a private school to a public school academy.

## Office News



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

**ALL Enrollment and Sibling Forms are due by THIS Friday, January 27, 2012.** 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 4 & 5 and can be returned to the Main Office or emailed to Mrs. Anderson, Pupil Accountant at [clanderson@ntsds.com](mailto:clanderson@ntsds.com).

### Parent Carpool

Are there any families living in the Grandmont/Rosedale area who could provide transportation home from school? A middle school parent is looking for transportation for her child. Please contact the Main Office at 313-531-3720 if you are available to provide transportation or might be able to recommend services.

### 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@ntsds.com](mailto:jostrowski@ntsds.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 are 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 24  
**Kikuyu:** January 23, 24  
**Mombasa:** January 23, 24



**Ibo:** January 23  
**Bantu:** January 25  
**Shona:** January 23, 24

## **January continued**

- 23<sup>rd</sup> AIMSWEB Testing Begins
- 26<sup>th</sup> Curriculum Night 6:00-7:30
- 27<sup>th</sup> K & 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Report Cards Mailed  
Sibling Enrollment Ends

## **February**

- 1<sup>st</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp Begins
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp Ends
- 8<sup>th</sup> Count Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> Mid-Winter Break Begins
- 27<sup>th</sup> School Resumes

## **March**

- 9<sup>th</sup> End of Marking Period for 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Progress Reports Sent
- 15<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher Conferences 3:00-7:00 p.m. ½ Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL Professional Development for Teachers
- 17<sup>th</sup> Opens House 10:00-12:00 p.m.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> ½ Day School Play
- 30<sup>th</sup> Marking Period Ends for 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade

## **April**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Social Studies Fair Grades 3-8
- 5<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Report Cards Mailed
- 6<sup>th</sup> Begin Spring Break
- 16<sup>th</sup> School Resumes
- 19<sup>th</sup> Geography Bee
- 20<sup>th</sup> Parent Film Night
- 27<sup>th</sup> Enrollment Ends
- 30<sup>th</sup> Performance Series Begins Grades 2-8

## **May**

- 7<sup>th</sup> Performance Series Begins
- 18<sup>th</sup> Performance Series Ends  
Progress Reports Sent
- 24<sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL Professional Development for Teachers
- 25<sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL Professional Development for Teachers
- 28<sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL Memorial Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> Science Fair

## **June**

- 8<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Marking Period Ends
- 13<sup>th</sup> Field Day K-6/Canoe Trip-7<sup>th</sup> grade
- 15<sup>th</sup> Last Day of School ½ Day

