



Weekly Newsletter of:

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KEEP IN MIND:

Mobile Dentist
 Thursday, December 8—
 Friday, December 9, 2011

Rescheduled 6th Grade Camp Meeting
 Wednesday, December 14, 2011
 6:00 p.m. in the Café

1st Deadline for Playbook Ads
 Friday, December 16, 2011
 * Please turn into the Main Office. *

Annual Kwanzaa Program/Dinner
 Friday, December 16, 2011
 6:30 p.m. Program & Auction
 7:00-9:00 p.m. Dinner
 9:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. Dancing

Kwanzaa Bazaar
 Monday, December 19, 2011—
 Friday, December 23, 2011

Kuumba Celebration
 Wednesday, December 21, 2011
 9:45 a.m. in the Gym

1st Grade Japanese Parade
 Thursday, December 22, 2011
 1:30 p.m. in the Café

Winter Break
 Monday, December 26, 2011—
 Friday, January 6, 2012

School Resumes
 Monday, January 9, 2011

Enrollment Begins/Sibling Enrollment
 Monday, January 9, 2011

Performance Series Testing Begins
 Monday, January 9, 2011
 Grades 2-8

5th Grade Camp/Play Meeting
 Wednesday, January 11, 2011
 6:00 p.m. in the Café

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Monday Morning Memos

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A Word From Our Principal...

December 5, 2011

Greetings Nataki Families,

It's the last month of this year! As this year ends and a new one begins, be sure to take some time and reflect on this year's accomplishments, as well as areas in your life where you would like to grow in as we welcome 2012. In your analysis of self, family, and community, might you consider thinking about the seven principles of Kwanzaa, since we acknowledge the cultural holiday from December 26 to January 1. How will you incorporate ujima (collective work and responsibility) in your life by infusing kuumba (creativity) to figure out ujamaa (cooperative economics) during the school year? What is your nia (purpose) and how will your imani (faith) guide you throughout the New Year?

I get so excited during this part of the school year because so many events unite us as a school community. Our 33rd Annual Kwanzaa dinner will be held off site this year at Youthville. We are honored to have our dance and music performers entertain us from 6:30-7:00 p.m., and the dinner/program will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. After dinner, it will be time to put on your dancing shoes until midnight! If you would like your ancestor's picture to be a part of the slide presentation, send the school a photograph courtesy of Mr. Jackson, to kjackson@ntsdl.com. Please RSVP today! Be sure to invite your friends, family, and co-workers to this spectacular occasion.

Office News

School Lunch

Please be sure you are utilizing the lunch order forms to order lunches in advance. Please order your lunches at least 10 days before the new month. Lunch order forms can be found on the back of your menu for December. December lunch menus can be found in the kiosk. Lunch orders for the month of December can be done today! **Paying for lunches on a daily basis will not be continued unless it is an emergency.**

Library on Wheels

Due to a scheduling conflict, the Library on Wheels date for December has changed to **Tuesday, December 20th**. All books that were checked out in November are due on this date. Please remember to bring your books to return and your library card on this day. Any books not returned on that day need to be returned by December 23, 2011 directly to the Detroit Public Library to avoid any fines.

School Dress Code

The uniform for each school of thought can be found on display outside of the Main Office. If a family is waiting for their items to be shipped to their home or to the store, written documentation in the form of a receipt or email confirmation needs to be brought to the Main Office. If a student is in violation of their dress code, disciplinary actions will take place.

The Kwanzaa Bazaar will begin on Monday, December 12. During the bazaar, you have an opportunity to purchase hand-made items made by Nataki students such as a kinaras, mkekas, unity cups, jewelry, etc.

Thank you to the parents that recently attended the Kwanzaa workshop. We are honored to have our founder, Mrs. N'Namdi each year share her wisdom about Kwanzaa. There was excellent singing during the Kwanzaa song. You may even sing it with your children since they've known it since Kindergarten. Thank you for your commitment to upholding the school's traditions by being present at school events. Through ujima our school will continue to thrive. Those of you who were absent, I entrust that you will support the upcoming events that the school has planned for you throughout the rest of the month and entire school year.

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

