



New Frontiers Charter School

April 2017 Parent Communication Newsletter

Building Mind, Character, and Community

A note from the Principal

Mr. Ruben Pesina

We are done with the first round of testing for our 4th, 5th, 7th, and 8th grade students. We know that the students did their best and that their teachers did everything possible to prepare them. As we approach the end of the school year, we have many activities planned, as well as another round of state standardized testing for our 3rd-8th graders. Please see the schedule on the back for the days that your child may be testing, so you can prepare ahead of time by not scheduling vacations or appointments.

Attendance during these last few weeks of school is crucial as teachers will be reviewing skills learned and challenging our students to achieve success on the grade level material they have learned thus far. Please help us in encouraging your child to be at school every day and to arrive on time. To help with attendance, we offer all students a free breakfast option. We have noticed that many students are not taking advantage of this in the mornings and then experiencing tiredness during the school day. We hope that you will join us in our efforts of encouraging all students to get a healthy start by eating breakfast each morning.

Our Middle School students are continuing to focus on preparing for Frank L. Madla Early College High School. Offering our students opportunities to go beyond the classroom is a part of our preparation. Recently, our 8th grade students were invited to attend a special reenactment of the Hamilton versus Jefferson Debate held at Alamo Heights High School. The students and I had a great trip and they were able to better articulate about the events based off of this presentation. We will continue finding more opportunities for this type of learning in the future.

We will continue with the monthly themes and this month have chosen to focus on Math. Our theme is "April Showers bring Math Flowers!" Our first event is next Monday, April 10th, when we invite all students and staff to wear their rain attire (rain boots and rain coats). Look for fun activities and dress up days that will hopefully help our students "blossom" into mathematicians. Enjoy the upcoming holidays for this month and as always please let me know if you have any ideas or suggestions to improve our school.



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Event Highlights

Family Engagement Activities

We hope your child enjoyed some of the fun motivational activities during the month of March. We had great participation for all of our dress-up days.

It was so nice to see over 150 parents on campus for our third round of Student Led Conferences. Continue the communication with your child's teacher as the school year comes to an end.

The Victory Celebration for the 3rd Nine Weeks was also a success. Thank you to the parents and visitors who came to celebrate our student's successes.

Check out photos from these events on the NFCS Facebook page.

5th Grade Popcorn Fundraiser

Starts Monday, April 3rd

Only \$2.00



Dress Code Reminder:

This year we have added an additional day for students to dress out of their uniform. On Wednesdays students may wear jeans and a school spirit t-shirt. College t-shirts and jeans may be worn on Fridays. All other days, unless special incentive days, students must be in their uniforms. Our school uniform includes: khaki pants, free of holes, and maroon/navy polos.

Spurs shirts can not be worn in place of a school spirit or college day t-shirt.

Upcoming Events

NJHS Fundraiser

Monday, April 3rd – Friday, April 7th
Afterschool at the Pavilion

5th Grade Popcorn Fundraiser

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Afterschool at the Pavilion

Holiday (No School)

Friday, April 14th and Monday, April 17th

Food Bank Food Drive

Thursday, April 27th 10:00 – Noon

Family and Community Involvement Meeting

Wednesday, April 12th

4:00-4:30 p.m.

Science Lab

Aim for Success Presentation: Avoiding Sexual Activity

Preview for 7th and 8th Grade Parents

Thursday, April 20th

6:00 p.m.

Science Lab

Aim for Success Presentation: Avoiding Sexual Activity

For 7th and 8th Grade students

Friday, April 21st

2:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Battle of the Flower Holiday (No School)

April 28th

Board Meeting

Wed, April 26th @ 4:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 1st – 5th

STAAR TESTING DATES:

STAAR 3rd, 4th, 6th, & 7th Grade Math

STAAR 5th & 8th Grade Math Retest

Monday, May 8th

STAAR 3rd, 4th, 6th, & 7th Grade Reading

STAAR 5th & 8th Grade Reading Retest

Tuesday, May 9th

STAAR 5th & 8th Grade Science

Wednesday, May 10

STAAR 5th & 8th Grade Social Studies

Thursday, May 11

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