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THURSDAY NEWS, NVA WEEKLY COMMUNICATION

HAPPY NEW YEAR! AND WELCOME BACK...

Second semester at NVA holds many activities and opportunities for our NVA families. This is a great time to refresh our commitments to our children, their learning and to our own self-care and professional development. Please stay in touch with your child(ren)'s teacher and stay up to date with school news via this weekly newsletter or the NVA website, www.nvanm.org.

Lottery Applications, 2018-2019 school year – lottery applications for next school year are available on the website, or hard copy in the front office.

Letter of Intent to return – These are going out today and the return date for letters of intent to return is Friday, February 23. This may seem like a long way off, but it is imperative that you turn one in if you intend to return. We had several long-time families who lost their spot last year and had to re-enter the lottery to gain it back. Sometimes successful and sometimes not. Don't take any chances and help us with great record keeping so we know our numbers. There are many decisions that are based on accurate numbers – it is very important. Thank you.

Upcoming Events ~

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| Monday, January 15, | NO SCHOOL | Martin Luther King Jr |
| Thursday, January 18, | Regular Governing Council mtg, | 4:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, January 30, | 100 th Day Celebration | Rainbows and sparkles, with uniform pants |
| Wednesday, January 31 | School Choice Open House | 5 – 6:30 p.m. Prospective Families |

Strange little happening – before the break a **check for \$100** for our NYC travelers was lost on campus. If anyone happened to pick it up, please return it to school. I know it is a long shot. Thanks!

Invention Convention and Science Night – typically held in January at NVA, has been moved to Thursday night, March 1. This will include our science fair participants, invention convention students and the Family Egg Drop. There will also be Project-based Learning activities set up for kids to explore and learn. Join us from 5:30 until 7 in the cafeteria.

Early pick-up – we make every effort to accommodate our families with regard to early pick up at school. But please remember that every minute that a student is out of the classroom is the potential for lost instructional time. 10 minutes or so, every once in a while, really isn't a concern, but students who are consistently picked up early can lose up to 5 hours a month *or more* of instructional time. It matters. Here are some things to remember;

- We will no longer make “early release appointments”. When you arrive at the school, we will call your child out of class.
- You may be asked to provide a medical appointment note or other verification of time out of school for our state reporting. Especially if this is a recurring event.
- Please plan enough time to make your appointment. Sometimes students are with their class in another room or attending an event or in transition and it may take a few minutes to round them up.
- In the event of an emergency (like an injured student on campus) our front office staff have assigned duties. You must remember that priorities may change during unforeseen circumstances or emergencies and your patience is greatly appreciated. Our students are our number 1 concern.

If you have questions, concerns, ideas or kudos, please feel free to contact us.

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Please see the Letter of Intent to Return contained within this email, or access it on NVA's website.