Dear Parents,

As our first round of open enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year is coming to a close, we greatly appreciate all of you who completed your intent to return or withdrawal information between Jan. 18 - Jan. 31. This is such an incredible help to our office staff who will begin the lottery process for the vacant spots for next year. It is important that all siblings, especially those coming into kindergarten, are now included in the lottery. Although we only have a few spots available, we do increase our numbers in 8th grade, therefore if you have friends and family interested in this specific grade or kindergarten please let them know their chances are quite high that they may be accepted if they register on our website as soon as possible. If you need assistance with the lottery registration or have questions, please contact Celeste Grover in the main office 801-302-9579. We are happy to assist.

Sincerely,
Tana Archer, M. Ed.
Director
North Star Academy

Congratulations Becky Doane for liking NSA’s January 4th post on Facebook. You are the winner of our $25 Target gift card!

Want to be your own boss?
Be an Entrepreneur!

North Star Academy is starting a new club focusing on key components of starting and growing your own business, and hopefully making some money along the way. If you’ve always wanted to be a business owner, or if you’re just curious about everything it takes, this club is for you!

When: The first session is Thursday, February 16th from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Where: NSA Library
Who: 7th, 8th, and 9th graders
Fee: $10

Permission slips are in the office and are due with your fee by Friday, February 10th. Contact Mrs. Edmand with questions, medmand@north-staracademy.com

NSA WILL PROMOTE THE SCHOOL-WIDE ENRICHMENT MODEL (SEM)
TURNING IDEAS INTO ACTION
2920 WEST 14000 SOUTH BLUFFDALE, UT 84065  801.302.9579

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Students Of The Month

Drew B. 9th
Elyssia M. 6th
Alyssa R. 3rd

Parent-Teacher Conferences
FEBRUARY 23-24

Sign up sheets for Elementary students will be done on-line this quarter. Watch for an email from the office on February 6th. Sign up quick to secure your time slot. Please contact the office if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you!

North Star Academy exists to ENGAGE and INSPIRE students to achieve their highest potential through a SAFE, CHALLENGING, and INDIVIDUALIZED learning environment.
North Star Annual Service Project

This year for North Star Academy’s annual service project we are collecting items for Project Night-Night and the Road Home from January 30-February 3. Project Night-night is a program that donates care packages to homeless children. The Road Home is a local shelter that provides emergency shelter and a variety of programs that help individuals and families step out of homelessness & back into our community. Each item brought in is worth a certain amount of points, which will be tallied. If we reach our goal students will earn a pajama day! As a school, we are aiming to achieve 2017 points to celebrate the New Year and make a difference in our community. Please send your children to school with donation items from the following list:

- Small stuffed animals: 5 points
- Picture books: 5 points
- Pillows: 20 points (new)
- Blankets: 15 points
- Coats: 15 points
- Gloves: 5 points
- Hats: 5 points
- Towels: 15 points
- Diapers: 15 points
- Hygiene items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap): 5 points

Thank you for your help and support in bettering our community!

One of the core components of geography is learning how to depict our three-dimensional, geoidal world on a two-dimensional plane. Learning how to read latitude and longitude lines and how to make a map are skills that help students not only spatially organize the world around them, but also help them figure out their place in the world.

These pictures show groups creating a map of Russia on the classroom floor. Students were split into groups and then given an element to depict on the map, either borders, cities, mountains, rivers/lakes, or climate zones. They then had to figure out how to show it on the classroom floor in a manner that would coordinate with what all the other groups were doing. They quickly learned that not much could be done until the borders were complete, so they all pitched in to get that done, and then focused on the other areas. It sparked the discussion about early explorers’ missions to map coastlines. Additional information isn’t relevant until there is a framework, or border, in which that information can exist.

Map skills help us understand and effectively exist and interact in the world around us. This was a great Type 2 activity that helped make that concept real for my students.

RESPECT - Treat others the way you want to be treated (golden rule) Be tolerant of differences. Use good manners. Take a break when you are angry with someone. Be considerate of the feelings of others.

The students have now learned all 7 Habits to being a “Leader of ourselves.” It would be helpful if parents were “talking about the habits at home” and helping the students apply these habits in different settings. Check out the “Leader In Me” website for family activities and computer games the kids can play during their “screen” time at home.

theleaderinme.org/parents

SEM - 2D Geography Maps & Charter on the Hill

Last Thursday, January 26, 2017 was “Charter Day on the Hill”. It was quite a busy day for the 6th, 8th, and 9th grade SBO officers at North Star Academy. It was a day for us to represent NSA and all that our school stands for. With a blue and gold adorned table displaying our school’s unique curriculum and common goals, we walked around the Capitol Building’s rotunda interested in what other charter school’s in Utah wanted to share about their schools. Other schools emphasized areas like: fitness, science and technology, military training, and the performing arts. When we turned back to look at what we’re the most of proud of at NSA things like clusters, differentiation, after school clubs, music and theater, athletic programs, rigorous Saxon math, the Core Knowledge Sequence, Leader in Me, the PTO, and so much more fully into view. Our school is #1!

We were lucky enough to take a tour of the Utah State Capitol Building, led by the BYU intern of House Representative Dan McKay. She led us up the granite staircases, passed the arches and mural filled ceilings and was even able to sneak us into part of a Senate session and the governor’s office. To top it all off, at the very end of the day, we danced our heart’s out to the “School Choice” official song by Justin Timberlake, just a perfect end to the day. Go Bears!
Turn ideas into action: Service Opportunity.

Our students have provided over 1000 service hours 2nd quarter, here is an opportunity for parents:

Service opportunity for anyone 16 and older! Our own Chaden Jenson has had a difficult time finding blood matches for him this past week. This is a huge process because he has a rare blood type A- and has had antibody reactions from all the products he received during surgery. They say blood transfusions are going to be very common and frequent through the next stages of treatment because they keep the bone marrow low to destroy the cancer cells.

Service Request: Donate blood
He needs blood and is going to need it frequently. Anyone with A & B and O- blood types who can donate are encouraged to go to their closest ARUP and donate whenever you are able over the next 6-8 months. It may not directly benefit Chaden, but there is a high likelihood it will and it would be amazing if somehow we found a match for him. We are going to have a great need for blood in the months ahead.

Blood Drive!

The Family Fun Career night was a huge success. Over 25 parents and community members attended and had booths. Students were able to participate in a hands on activity at every booth and ask questions and participate in career related activities. Popcorn, prizes and even a goat was there to add to the fun. Some of the booths included:

- 3-D Printing
- Agriculture
- Artist
- Author
- Child Care/Parent
- Cosmetology
- Data Analyst
- Dentist
- Fashion Jewelry
- Fitness
- General Contractor
- Humanitarian
- Law Enforcement
- Marketing
- Military/Fire fighter
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapist
- Photography
- Police
- Realtor
- Sales
- Software Engineer

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN EARN CASH FOR NORTH STAR as you shop for Back To School items????
HERE'S HOW:
Bring your donations to school each week.
A few reminders:
Please do not staple box tops on to your paper, tape works great! (Papers are found in the office on the wall). You can also turn them in in a bag. Write your name and teachers name on the bag with a sharpie. Also, please be certain that your box tops are not expired as they cannot be used. You also can continue to turn box tops into your teacher, BE CERTAIN your name is on them to get credit!
2ND ANNUAL FRUITAPALOOZA POSTER CONTEST

GO FRUIT-o-CRAZY!
CREATE A POSTER THAT PROMOTES FRUIT IN A CLEVER & UNIQUE WAY.

WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED FOR EACH AGE GROUP:

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**1ST PLACE**
- IPAD MINI & 1ST PLACE PLAQUE
- $1,000 FOR YOUR SCHOOL
- 5 CASES OF DOLE® FRUIT BOWLS®
- 5 CASES OF DOLE® FRUITOCRACY®

**2ND PLACE**
- 2ND PLACE PLAQUE
- $500 FOR YOUR SCHOOL
- 5 CASES OF DOLE® FRUIT BOWLS®
- 5 CASES OF DOLE® FRUITOCRACY®

**3RD PLACE**
- 3RD PLACE PLAQUE
- 5 CASES OF DOLE® FRUIT BOWLS®
- 5 CASES OF DOLE® FRUITOCRACY®

**ENTER FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!!**
Submit your artwork to the office by Monday, February 20th. Artwork must be 8.5"x11"
**Please see official rules at http://www.dolefoodservice.com/schoolcontest**
We are continuing to track our service hours and are proud of our progress. We have over 1000 service hours so far this year! We know many great things are happening and would like to encourage parents to return a ticket, located below, to your children's teachers with any service hours you and your students have performed in their community. We will add these ticket forms to the newsletter monthly. NSA is turning ideas into action and bettering their classroom, home, and community.