

Good Evening Coyote Family...

This is Natomas Park Elementary School Principal, Scott Pitts, with the weekly Coyote Connect...

Happy New Year, and Welcome Back, Coyote Family! As we begin 2017, let's commit to being present in class each and every day! We line up for class at 7:40am in the cafeteria on rainy days, and classes begin at 7:45am. *Remember, good attendance is a key to success in school!*

Dress Up Days for this week:

Monday is **Coyote Spirit Day**,

Wednesday is **College Day**, and

Friday is **School Spirit Day!**

Catch the Spirit, and Dress for Success!

Walking Wednesdays will continue throughout the school year... rain or shine! We invite each student to join us in walking or biking to school.

As a reminder, this year, **all students in 1st grade will be automatically tested at our school site for our GATE Program eligibility.** An opt-out form for parents or guardians who do NOT want their first-grade student to participate in the GATE testing is available online on our district website, and hard copies are available at school sites.

We are currently accepting **GATE referrals for 2nd through 5th grade students** via an on-line application also available on our NUSD website ([click here](#)) and in a hard copy currently available at our school site.

* The final date to submit a referral for 2nd through 5th-grade students is January 20, 2017. GATE Testing will begin in February & March.

We urge all families to provide feedback for **Natomas Unified's The Next 5 strategic planning process** to benefit all schools. The District will hold its first district-wide meeting to gather input at **6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, at Inderkum High School**. Our school also will host a feedback session on at our **PTA Meeting on Thursday, January 12, at 6pm** in the school library. Please come to one or both of those meetings. If you can't attend, feedback can be provided beginning tomorrow through a survey on our district website at natomasunified.org. Thank you very much.

Did you know the **H in HOWL stands for Have Respect?**
As members of our Coyote Family, let's be sure to always *Have Respect: for Ourselves, for Others, for the School, and for our Future!*

Please arrive early, drive safely, and be respectful of our neighbors each school day. It is imperative that our students are in class on time, ready to learn and succeed!
Remember, College and Career Success Starts Here!

Please check our website for information regarding our campus, and we can't wait to see you at school!
Have a good evening, and Go Coyotes!
HOWL... .It's the Coyote Way!!!