Good Evening Coyote Family...

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

* *Please see links at the end of message.*

Congratulations to **our 4th and 5th Grade Coyote Basketball Teams** for completing successful seasons, including an undefeated season for our 4th Grade Girls’s Team!.. Thank you all for having a great time playing, showing great sportsmanship, and representing our Coyote Family well!

**Soccer sing ups** are taking place now for our 4th and 5th graders, and our Soccer Season will begin in March! Go Coyotes!

Thank you to everyone who has submitted input to help chart our path over the Next Five Years!

You can still **find The Next 5 strategic planning survey** on our NUSD website, [natomasunified.org](http://natomasunified.org/), or from the link included in this announcement. If you haven’t done so yet, please be sure to fill out a survey and have you voice heard! Thank you.

**With our Focus on HOWL… It’s the Coyote Way…** please ask your student to teach you our positive behavior expectations of H.O.W.L.

H is for Have Respect

O is for Offer Kindness

W is for Make Wise Decisions

L is for Be a Life Long Learner…

**Dress Up Days for this week**:

*Monday* is **Coyote Spirit Day**,

Tuesday is a **Red, White, and Pink** for Valentine’s Day,

*Wednesday* is **College Day**, and

*Friday* is **“Retro Day” for School Spirit**!

Catch the Spirit, and Dress for Success!

**Monday, we will not have school** as we celebrate **Presidents’ Day** and President Lincoln’s achievements.

Classes will resume on Tuesday.

As a reminder, **classes begin at 7:45am**. Even though we keep our gates open until 8am to get tardy students in class as quickly as possible, **students are marked late after 7:45am.** Please be sure to get our Coyotes in class on time!

**GATE Testing** will take place this week for our 2nd through 5th Grade students who signed up in January.

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

**Wednesday** we will have a **Fire Drill** to practice keeping all of our Coyotes safe!

**Thursday** is our annual **NPE Science Fair**, beginning at 8am. Parents are welcome to come and see individual projects by 4th and 5th grade students, as well as other volunteer and class projects from all grades. Come and Celebrate our Coyotes being Life Long Learners!

**School Site Council** will also meet **Thursday, February 16**, at 2:15pm.

**Friday**, we will have **a Coyote Assembly** to watch selected Science Fair Presentations by 4th and 5th Grade Students.

Mark your Calendars for our annual **Winter Family Dance** on **Friday, February 24th, from 5:30 to 8:00 pm.** The entire family is invited to join your coyote in the multi-purpose room to dance the night away! Tickets will be on sale before and after school daily, beginning this Friday! We hope you will join us for the Winter Family Dance!

**Yearbooks** are on sale now! A Presale price of $17 will run through Feb. 28th, and after February 28th, the price for yearbooks will go up to $20. Please look for a link on our website, as well as on this email, to purchase through Excel Photography.

This week in the **Construction** of our new building housing 10 state-of the art classrooms, power will be connected for the fire panel, and we will see the fence of the construction area extend slightly, along with the foundation beginning to be set with dry weather. We’re excited to see our building rise for opening in the **Fall of 2017!**

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!!!**

**Links**

The Next 5

<https://natomasunified.org/thenext5/>

Yearbook Orders through Feb 28

<http://www.excelphotographers.com/>