



Namaqua Elementary School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

3/6-Movie Night
6pm

3/9-PTA/SAC Meeting
4:15-6:30pm

3/16-3/20-No School
Spring Break

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PTA/SAC MEETING

Join us Monday, 3/9 for the November PTA and SAC Meeting. PTA meeting will be from 4:15-5:15pm. SAC Meeting is from 5:30-6:30pm. Dinner will be served in-between the meetings. If you can't make it for both, no problem, just come to whichever you can! PTA and SAC are great ways to get involved in your school, come make your voice heard!

We will have elections to select new board members for PTA. Here are the members running for the upcoming board.

President: Jennifer Manning
Vice President: Jason Brill
Treasurer: Cynthia Starr
Secretary: Suzanne Pangrac
Volunteer Coordinator: April Berquist

COLORADO BALLET

A huge thank you to the Colorado Ballet for their awesome assembly! We were able to bring them to Namaqua because of funds raised in the fall!

MOVIE NIGHT



Join us Friday, March 6th at 6pm for Namaqua Movie Night. We will be showing Mr. Peabody and Sherman. Please enter through the main doors instead of the gym doors. Popcorn and juice boxes will be provided. We are asking for donations to start a Namaqua closet for personal care items for families who need them.

- *Shampoo and Conditioner
- *Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
- *Soap/Bodywash
- *Deodorant
- *Feminine Hygiene Products

This is not a drop off event and please remember ROAR behavior!

ATTENDANCE WINNERS!

The attendance winner for February was Ms. Pirtle's 4th grade class!

READING CHALLENGE

Congrats 2nd grade for winning the January monthly reading challenge. They are undefeated in the reading challenge! Look for March log forms and start logging!

PRINCIPAL CORNER

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that it is already March. It was great to see so many families meeting with teachers to discuss the progress their students have made so far this year. We are frequently asked, "How can I help my child with their reading skills?" Teachers handed out a resource specific to their grade level giving parents questions to ask their student as they read with them. These questions can be used for any fiction text that the student is reading.

It is that time of year that we begin to think about state testing, CMAS. As a school, our 3rd-5th grade students will be testing in math and literacy. Our 4th graders will also take a social studies test while our 5th graders are taking a science test. You can go to the following website to see what CMAS looks like for your student.

<https://download.pearsonaccessnext.com/co/co-practicetest.html?links=1>

Our testing window is April 6th - 17th. We will be testing each morning during this window.

CMAS schedule:

3rd grade	4/7, 4/8, 4/9, 4/14, 4/15, 4/16	First thing in the morning
4th grade	4/6, 4/7, 4/9, 4/10, 4/13, 4/14, 4/15, 4/16, 4/17	First thing in the morning (4/15 is in the afternoon)
5th grade	4/6, 4/7, 4/8, 4/9, 4/10, 4/13, 4/14, 4/15, 4/16	After specials @ 9:45

It is important for students to be present and on time for the days of testing. A great breakfast and good night sleep is also helpful for students to do their best.

Safe Routes to School wants you to be safe when getting your kids to and from school.

- DO NOT PARK in the Bus Lane, between busses, or in the HUG & GO Zone.
- BE AWARE of the children crossing near and around the school. Stop at the designated areas.
- NO U-Turns in front of the school - children are crossing in these areas - please use the parking lots to turn around.

HUG & GO PROCEDURES

- BE COURTEOUS to other drivers as they enter and exit the Hug & Go Zone in the back parking lot and Parking areas.
- Pull through in the Hug & Go Zone.
- Let your child out quickly and continue on. We want traffic to move quickly and safely - please watch for other cars going around you- be patient as cars move through.

Sincerely,

Angie Geraghy

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

RYAN WILLIAMS

1. **What do you do for Namaqua?**

Physical Education Teacher

2. **How long have you been at Namaqua?**

This is my 4th year

3. **If you could learn to do anything, what would it be?**

I would love to learn how to surf

4. **If you could be any fictional character, who would you choose?**

Peter Pan. A kid always having fun on adventures

5. **What is something you learned in the last week?**

Always learning the importance of listening and patience

6. **What's your favorite indoor/outdoor activity?**

Right now my favorite indoor/outdoor activity is watching my three kids involved in their activities. When they are done who knows with all the extra time I will have:)

7. **What three traits define you?**

Loyal, Stubborn, Caring

8. **What would you do (for a career) if you weren't doing this?**

I think working in the National Parks in some way would be a cool job

9. **What is your favorite part about your job?**

Watching the students grow in their skills and working together while having fun playing different activities. The students here are great and love to be active which makes my job all that much more rewarding and fun.

KEITH KENDALL

1. **What do you do for Namaqua?**

The day custodian

2. **How long have you been at Namaqua?**

2 years

3. **If you could learn to do anything, what would it be?**

Play the Harp

4. **If you could be any fictional character, who would you choose?**

Batman

5. **What is something you learned in the last week?**

Did you know that Nepal has the world's only non-quadrilateral flag

6. **What's your favorite indoor/outdoor activity?**

Golf

7. **What three traits define you?**

Adventurous, helpful and just plain silly!

8. **What would you do (for a career) if you weren't doing this?**

World golf traveler

9. **What is your favorite part about your job?**

The Kids!

Don't forget to turn in your 5210+ logs! They must be turned in by Wednesday, March 4th and make sure to practice these habits every day!

