

Bathroom guidelines

12/12/13

1) **Specific bathrooms. Bathrooms will be “labeled” so there is no question.**

- (1) “Blue playground” bathrooms will only be used by Pre-K, Kinder, 1st and 2nd grade
- (2) West playground bathrooms will only be used by 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade
- (3) East middle school building bathrooms will only be used by 6th, 7th, and 8th grade
- (4) Cafeteria bathrooms should be used by students that are in the cafeteria/gym at the time, so PE classes and lunchtime with the supervision of adults on duty.

2) **Exceptions**

- (1) Students that have special circumstances, that don't feel well, or want to check in with an adult, may come to the front where a log will be maintained to keep track of student's whereabouts. If you need help understanding exactly what these exceptions are for your classroom, please don't hesitate to come and talk with me. This does not have to be complicated, but I understand it may be a bit confusing. Clarification welcome.

3) **Classroom teacher responsibilities**

- a) **All students head to the bathroom at the end of each recess.**
- b) **MS students will be allowed and encouraged to have restroom breaks after 1st (8:45 a.m.) and 3rd (10:35 a.m.) periods.**
- c) **Students *may* go to their designated restroom during class under the following circumstances -**
 - i) **Buddy system for students 3rd and below. Buddy system needs to be part of your class jobs, and not an option of who a student chooses. Buddy means to walk with and to walk back. So gender should not be an issue. It needs to be “de-personalized” and utilized for safety only.**
 - ii) **4th and 5th grade students sign out for bathroom privileges.**
 - (1) **May use a “bathroom ticket”**
 - (a) **only 3 per week (recommended – this is teacher discretion).**
 - (b) **unused tickets at the end of the week can be redeemed for a token or ticket or warm-fuzzy or whatever you are using as an incentive program in your room.**
 - iii) **Middle School students must use agenda as bathroom pass. (There are some agendas in the office and you may also copy a couple agenda pages**
 - (1) **An incentive program is being looked into for middle school students.**

Last note – staff members with children on campus. To preserve the integrity of the procedures we are trying to establish, have your children use the designated bathrooms for students, or the nurse office bathroom, not the Teacher's lounge bathrooms, during school hours.

PARENTS!



12/12/13

Movie Night, this Friday 6:30 pm in the cafeteria. Come in from the cold and enjoy an old favorite "Home Alone". The yearbook club will be selling popcorn during the movie. We will have mats on the floor for the kids but you are welcome to bring camping chairs or a pillow.

T-shirt Contest: PTO is looking for a new t-shirt design to help NVA celebrate its 10 year anniversary. All designs must have something in the theme that refers to our 10 year anniversary, the rest is up to you! All submissions are due January 14th. They can be turned in to the front office or to your teacher.

Report cards will go home next week. It is important that students attend every day through Wednesday, December 18. Lunch will be served and students will be dismissed at 1:00.

- Grades are aligned with the language that the state and the Standards Based Assessments use. Grades will be
 - **A - Advanced** – students performing well beyond grade level standards.
 - **P - Proficient** – students performing grade-level work with consistency.
 - **NP - Nearing Proficient** – students with a conceptual introduction, but inconsistent in application.
 - **E - Emergent** – students not yet able to understand a concept which has been introduced.
- Report cards will also provide absence and tardy information as they have in the past.

By second semester, report cards will be generated through the Powerschool system.

The Parent Resource computer is set up in the front lobby for parents to use. Feel free to come in and log-in to Powerschool (6th – 8th) or check out resources you may need. Check with front office staff if you need assistance.

Tomorrow is the last day to bring in non-perishable food for the Storehouse and pet supplies for Lucky Paws. Students have done a great job helping these important community entities. Thank you!

Please check out the new bathroom procedures that will be implemented at NVA. If you have concerns, please call or email me, smcconnell@nvanm.org. This allows us to utilize our school campus in the manner that is was intended, and take back some of the lost instructional time that occurs with the numerous bathroom requests. Thank you for your support!

Students return to school after the break on Tuesday, January 7 at the regular time, 7:45 a.m. Enjoy the break, stay warm, read, celebrate, love one another, count your blessings, and be safe.

 NVA administration

Children's Choice is Here for You!



North Valley Academy has early release on Wednesday, December 18, 2013

We will be **OPEN** from 12:45 pm- 6:00 pm at North Valley Academy

There is **no school** on Thursday December 19th and Friday December 20th . We will be open from **7:00 am – 6:00 pm** at North Valley Academy.

We will be **OPEN** for the remainder of Winter Break at Bandelier Elementary from **7:00 am – 6:00 pm**

Call 505-974-8069 or check us out in the cafeteria for more information.