

# Wildcat Newsletter

The Parents & Students Newsletter

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## From Our Assistant Principal

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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ September 22-23: School Pictures
- ◆ September 26: No School, Teacher Work Day.
- ◆ September 27: Volleyball @ Naples vs. American School of Florence
- ◆ October 4: Football vs. Ansbach
- ◆ October 15: PSAT's
- ◆ October 18: Football vs. Aviano, Volleyball vs. Vicenza & Sigonella **HOME COMING!**
- ◆ October 22: Hispanic American Assembly

Dear Parents & Guardians,

My transition to the Naples High School community continues to be a delightful experience. Your students have graciously welcomed me and I am looking forward to a very successful school year. My last DoDDs duty station was at the Grafenwoehr Training Area in Grafenwoehr, Germany. I am a proud Army brat and DoDDs student in my early school years, consequently I am well aware of the needs of our military families.

I look forward to continue meeting our parents and the many contributors to our Wildcat

### Dear Parents

The School Advisory Counsel will have their first meeting for the year. The meeting will take place on Monday, September 22, 2008 in the media center. All invited.

Gradespeed: I am happy to

**Student Performance Goal 1:** All students will improve their critical thinking across the curriculum.

**Student Performance Goal 2:** All students will improve effective communication skills across the curriculum

Community. Please stop by and visit with me at your convenience. Best wishes to another successful school year! Go Wildcats!

Sincerely,

Dr. Diaz



report that we have over 195 parents using gradespeed. If you are still having connection issues please contact Mr. Collins.



**Two students put their heads together to design their "Constitution Day" vocabulary posters**

## Middle School News

The 7th and 8th Grade Language Arts students in Mrs. Collins's classes are working this week on "Constitution Day" vocabulary activities. The students learned various things about the U. S. Constitution such as it has 7 Articles and 27 Amendments and that it was signed on September 17, 1787. The students used vocabulary words such as courage, respect, consideration, perseverance, responsibility, justice and integrity to make vocabulary posters to be displayed after their in-class

presentations for all to view.

### ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOLERS!

If you are interested in running for middle school student council you need to see Mrs. Zimmerman for a lunch pass before Tuesday. The interest meeting will be held during middle school lunch at 11:00 on Tuesday, September 23. Elections, campaigning, and speeches will be addressed.

"Shoot for the moon.  
Even if you miss,  
you'll land among the stars."

-Les Brown

## NHS DIRECTORY

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## From The Counseling Department

After school academic tutoring for high school language arts will start Thursday, October 2 in the library from 2:30 to 5:30. Students must report to tutoring by 2:35. Late bus passes are available, but students must remain with me in the library from 2:35 to 5:30.

Students may get help with not only their language arts classes, but also other classes as well. In addition, I can help students with scholarship applications, college applications, SAT/ACT registration, and college essays.

Thank you,

Ms. Riggs

## YearBook

Yearbooks will be on sale during HS and MS lunch on Tuesday and Thursday for \$60.00. Prices will soon increase to \$70--get yours

today! Please make checks payable to NHS-SAF. Contact Ms. Masterman for more information.

## Nurse's News

### *What is the Teen Clinic and how do I get an Appointment?*

*Every other Tuesday, a team consisting of LCDR Domotorffy, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and a teen clinic nurse- LT Brennan, come to NHS to see students by appointment only. The services offered range from physicals exams and health maintenance, management of acute and chronic illnesses and patient education regarding common teen health issues. You can schedule a sports physical or get medication prescriptions.*

*For example, if you have asthma and need an annual appointment to renew your inhaler, sign up in room 108.*

*To make a teen clinic appointment come to the health office during a break, lunch, or after school and see Nurse Kyte or Mrs. O'Brien.*

*On the day of your appointment, you MUST pick up a PASS in the Health Office prior to your first class in the morning. If you do NOT pick up your PASS in the morning, your appointment may be given away to a student who needs a last minute appointment.*



## PTSA & Booster Club

The annual Asian Auction will be held November 8, 2008. The PTSA and Booster Club sponsor this event as a fundraiser for our school. The event is not possible without volunteers like **YOU!**

Volunteers are needed for Friday, November 7 and Saturday, November 8. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Ms. Timmons.

## Our Community

The Naples Overseas Spouses Club (NOSC) has a new website! Please check out [www.naplesoverseasspousesclub.com](http://www.naplesoverseasspousesclub.com) for upcoming events and information. We also run the Forgotten Treasures Thrift Store

on the Support Site and are always looking for volunteers to help in the store either during open hours or for sorting while we are closed. There are volunteer incentives. Check us out!

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**We're on the Web!**

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## Hispanic American Month

Naples High School will have our Hispanic American assembly on October 22, 2008.

National Hispanic Heritage Month is observed each year from September 15-October 15. It honors the histories, cultures and contributions of the approximately 45.5 million American citizens who trace their ancestry to Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and the Spanish-speaking countries of Central and South America. The observance started in 1968 by President Lyndon Johnson. In 1988 President Ronald Reagan expanded the observance to cover a 30-day period.

This is a time to recognize the many cultures and become educated about the rich heritage, art and traditions of Hispanic Americans. This year's theme is "Getting Involved: Our Families, Our Community, Our Nation." National Hispanic Heritage Month is the perfect time to learn more about the history and heritage of Hispanic Americans.

Did you know that many American places have been named after Spanish words? This is not surprising given the number of Spanish explorers who came to America. The name of California derives from a mythical land described in a popular Spanish novel from around 1500, *Las sergas de Esplandián* by Garcia Ordóñez de Montalvo. Nevada comes from the Spanish word for "snow covered." Colorado gets its name from the Spanish word meaning "reddish." Montana means "mountain" in Spanish and Florida derives from the Spanish word for "flowery." Many American cities have Spanish names as well. San Antonio (St.

Anthony), San Francisco (St. Francis) and of course, Los Angeles (The Angels) to name a few.

We are thankful for these Americans and their contributions to our great society. America is especially grateful to the many Hispanic Americans who have courageously answered the call to defend freedom as members of our Armed Forces. In fact, there are currently over 1.1 million Hispanic American veterans.

I encourage you to take advantage of the following resources to further appreciate National Hispanic Heritage Month:

- Learn about the heroic sacrifices made by Hispanic Americans in the service of America: [http://www.homeofheroes.com/e-books/mohE\\_hispanic/index.html](http://www.homeofheroes.com/e-books/mohE_hispanic/index.html)
- Cook some traditional dishes to explore new tastes and honor the Hispanic American heritage: [http://www.dmoz.org/Home/Cooking/World\\_Cuisines/Latin\\_American/](http://www.dmoz.org/Home/Cooking/World_Cuisines/Latin_American/)
- Sit down with your children and do a project about Hispanic Americans: <http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/hispanic/index.htm>

Visit the various web-sites that can teach you the contributions of Hispanic Americans: [http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/educators/resource\\_library/hispanic\\_resources.html](http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/educators/resource_library/hispanic_resources.html)