

The Noble Newsletter



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Happy 2010!

Welcome back to Noble, Tracks B, C, and D! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and that you are ready for an exciting new year of learning and growing.

The Million Word Challenge

We hope that you will support our efforts to motivate students to read for pleasure by helping your child complete The Million Word Challenge. Just make sure your child reads every day and turns in a reading log to his/her teacher. All students who meet the challenge will win a special prize and will also be eligible for a raffle in which we will give away a \$50 certificate to purchase books at *La Feria del Libro* in the spring.

Rainy Days Are School Days

Now that winter is here, I would like to remind parents that students are expected to come to school **every day and on time**, unless they are sick. Please make sure that your child comes to school ready to learn each and every day with jackets, sweaters, and long pants (and umbrellas on rainy days). If your child must miss a day of school because of illness, please call the office or send a note with your child.

Student Sweaters and Jackets

Every day, students leave perfectly good articles of clothing on the playground. To help you save the cost of buying new clothes, **please write your child's name** on the tags of jackets and sweaters and talk to him/her about being responsible for their belongings.

School Uniform Policy

As a convenience to parents, school uniforms, t-shirts, sweaters, etc. are for sale every Thursday (8:00-10:30 AM) inside the main entrance to the school on Noble Avenue.

Is Your Emergency Card Up-to-Date?

Always keep your Emergency Card up-to-date with phone numbers (including cell phones) of adults who can take your child home in case of an emergency. If any information changes, just drop by the Main Office or give a note to your child's teacher and we will be happy to give you a new card.

Parents in Control Classes to Begin

On January 21st, our school counselor, Margie Mulder, will begin a new series of her Parents in Control workshop every Thursday morning in the Parent Center. All parents are invited to this fantastic class, which will give you effective ways of getting your children to do what you ask them to do... the first time you ask! Hope to see you there!

Saturday School

We are happy to announce that Saturday School will begin again for students on Tracks B and D on January 23rd. If your child is invited to the program, he/she must come to each of the 8 Saturday classes. We understand that you may have other family obligations, but Saturday School is designed to help students who are at risk of not meeting grade-level standards, so **attendance is necessary**. Please call our Intervention Coordinator, Seth Avery, if you have any questions.

Safety Valet Program

Thank You to our wonderful parent volunteers who have been working every morning on Chase Street, greeting our students at their cars and helping to assure a safe flow of traffic. Way to go, Safety Valet Volunteers! If you are interested in being a volunteer, please call Maritza Monterrosa, our Parent Center director.

School Safety Reminders

Parents, I highly recommend that children always walk to and from school with an adult, but here are some important safety rules that you should review with them:

- ✓ Avoid walking alone and never talk to strangers.
- ✓ If a stranger approaches or attempts to take you into a car, scream, "No!" and run for help.
- ✓ Be careful when waiting for parents, even inside the school gates.
- ✓ Parents and students should maintain good communication about pick-up/drop-off times and locations.

Reminder: Students are **NOT** allowed to wait in front of the school for family members to pick them up. They must wait on the playground.

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