

NPA Families,

The Navigator Pointe Academy Board of Governors unanimously passed the following board resolution at their monthly meeting held January 19, 2012.

Board Resolution 1.19.12

The Navigator Pointe Academy Board is committed to improving student learning through the implementation of the curricular programs and instructional timeline outlined in our charter. As a result, every minute of the instructional day is important to maximize teaching and learning at NPA. The Board supports the following practices to ensure the integrity of the chartered curricular programs and instructional minutes:

- The Core Knowledge Curriculum emphasizes a cross-cultural and diverse education for students. The Fine Arts, History, and Literature course objectives include opportunities to integrate the recognition and observation of a variety of religious, secular and ethnic holidays into the daily curriculum and instruction at NPA. The curriculum does not include classroom/school holiday parties/activities that are generally observed by traditional public schools, such as Halloween, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, etc. Families are encouraged to observe traditional holidays at home as they choose.
- NPA celebrates learning year round through culminating events that showcase learning through performance, demonstration and presentation in various subjects, classes, or school-wide events. Examples include Science Fairs, Choir and Theater productions, Greek Festivals, Multi-cultural Events, Inventions, Product Design, Poetry Fairs, Debates, and Service Learning.
- The annual music-culminating event scheduled on the last day before winter break will include time at the end of the event for students to share good will/good cheer with friends. The School administration will develop guidelines.
- **Birthday Recognition**
 - K-6th Grades**
 - **GOAL: ACKNOWLEDGE EACH CHILD ON HIS/HER BIRTHDAY.**
 - Classmates sing Happy Birthday during the lunch break or at the end of the day.
 - Students receive a Happy Birthday pencil from the homeroom teacher.
 - Students do not bring any items to share with other students.
 - 7th-9th Grades**
 - **GOAL: GIVE STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO THEIR PEERS.**
 - Students may decorate the exterior locker of the birthday student. Décor must be safe, non-distracting, and appropriate. Other students may sign the greeting throughout the day. The décor is to be removed at the end of the day.
 - Classmates sing Happy Birthday during the lunch break.
 - Students do not bring any items to share with other students.
- An optional family directory that includes personal identification information will be compiled annually beginning with the 2012-2013 school year to assist families in making connections with one another.

Thank you for your continuing support. Navigator Pointe Academy Board of Governors