



# Connections

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## Calendar of Events

Thurs Jan 28	MIDTERMS GO HOME
Wed Feb 3	2-hour late start
Feb 12, 15	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>

### LONG TERM CALENDAR PLANNING.....

3<sup>rd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be taking MCA tests from April 13<sup>th</sup> through April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please plan your vacations around these dates!

### COINS FOR HAITI

Thanks to the caring and generosity of our students, we raised \$672.43 during a three-day coin drive for victims of the Haiti earthquake. What a great student body we have, showing empathy and generosity towards others in need. We will donate the money to Doctors Without Borders. Way to go!!!!!!

### GREENHOUSE NEWS

The greenhouse rabbit has arrived.... His name is Matthias! Thanks to Oliver Carpenter and Khalil Ahmad for their help on moving day!

## WINTER FROLIC AND SPIRIT WEEK

FEBRUARY 15- 20

MONDAY, February 15: NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY: Leisure Day (sports jerseys, pajamas)

WEDNESDAY: Beach Day

THURSDAY: Bad Hair and Hat Day

FRIDAY: Spirit Day (NSCS shirt or blue/white)

SATURDAY: WINTER FROLIC 11:00 – 3:00

### NSCS PRE-SCHOOL

We are now accepting registrations for the 2010-2011 school year. Both A.M. and P.M. classes are offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Your child may attend 1, 2 or 3 days per week. A monthly tuition fee is charged and there is a \$25 non-refundable registration fee to hold your spot. Call Kathy at 525-0663 extension 106 for more information.

### REMINDERS:

Barnes & Noble Book Fair this Saturday!

Wednesday is 2-hour late start.

Yearbook money and orders due Friday, Feb. 5. Please bring your order to your classroom teacher. \$15 each!

Where RED Friday, Feb. 5 in support of heart awareness- Let's see if the entire school can be in red!!!

A huge thank you to the Ward family for tracking our cc skiing trail here at school! The 4-6 graders have enjoyed skiing!

### PHY ED NEWS

UMD Elementary Methods students started this week. This is a class of 16 students that will be here during their regular class time Tuesday and Thursday mornings to learn about elementary physical education. They will plan and teach some lessons while they are here! So if you hear your students talking about the UMD students in Phy. Ed., now you'll know.

### FEBRUARY FULL MOON /CANDLELIGHT SKI & SUPPER

Saturday, February 27, 2010 5:30pm – 8:30 pm

Korkki Nordic Ski Center

Tickets are only \$15.00 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12 (under 6 free) and include homemade soups, breads and desserts from the **New Scenic Café**.

Tickets are on sale in NSCS office, and through Mark Helmer (525-2188) or Kathy Johnson (834-5429). All proceeds go to the NSCS Endowment Operating Fund to support our NSCS kids!



## GOOD NEWS FOR NSCS REGARDING STATE AID HOLD BACKS

This week, the state reported that it will have a cash flow shortage in March, April and May that will require it to implement Statute 127A.46, which allows the state aid payment schedule to school districts to be delayed to reduce the state's need for short-term borrowing. The state has notified school districts that this will occur.

The good news is that this **does not apply** to charter schools. Although, before receiving this notice, the NSCS Board and administration had begun researching options to reduce expenses and borrow funds if needed to address this challenge.

Be aware that this measure comes on top of the 27% hold back in state funding to schools, including NSCS, that is already taking place. Due to the careful fiscal management of the school since the NSCS was formed, the fund balance (reserved funds) is anticipated to cover NSCS' expenses until these revenues are received. Many other school districts and charter schools have had to borrow to meet their needs. Realize that for these school districts, the interest paid on the borrowed funds will reduce dollars they will have available for the next school year.

Now is the time to contact your representatives and Governor Pawlenty to express your views on school funding, before the State Legislature resumes in February. Plan also to attend the Caucus of the party of your choice at 7 p.m. (for most) on Tuesday, Feb. 2, in support of school funding. To find the location of a caucus, go to the Minnesota Secretary of State's website at [www.caucusfinder.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.caucusfinder.sos.state.mn.us).

Janis Kivela Hooey, NSCS Board Chair

## SCRIP NEWS February 2010

SCRIP = Fundraising **WITHOUT** fundraising

SCRIP revenue provides curricular & community field trips to our students.

Keep buying SCRIP—it is money you would normally spend at places you would normally shop!

**\*\*\*\*\*School-Wide Goal= \$2500 by June 1st. Can we make it?\*\*\*\*\***

THANK YOU to all of the NSCS families who ordered SCRIP gift cards during the month of December.

We exceeded our goal of earning \$1000 in revenue over the holidays.....

.....now, can you help us make our year-end goal of earning \$2500.00 through SCRIP?

### NSCS SPRING '10 GOAL...

We asked you to consider a New Year resolution of buying SCRIP cards before you shop, which will raise money for NSCS. Have you tried it? *Start small: try ordering gas only for a couple weeks...* then...

You will see how easy it is, and how adding a few more cards (for things like eating out, gifts or special purchases) into your order each time is just as easy.

### NO SCHOOL ON A THURSDAY?

Reminder if there is no school on a "delivery day"—cards will go home the very next school day! This happens occasionally.

### RECYCLE THOSE OLD, USED-UP GIFT CARDS...

The SCRIP team at NSCS would like your USED-UP gift cards. If you can remember, please save them up and put them in an envelope that your child can bring to his/her teacher. We will recycle them in a display project.

### JANUARY WINNER IS...

Congrats to Sheri Camper for winning the January drawing of a \$25 gift card to Lands' End. Each time you order SCRIP in a month, your name is entered in a monthly drawing for a \$25 gift card.

### HOW DO YOU SAY "I LOVE YOU?" ...with SCRIP!!!!!!

Valentine's Day can be a special day for many of us. Please consider purchasing a SCRIP card before planning your evening out at a restaurant, or before shopping for a special gift for your sweetheart.

### DO THE MATH...

To help meet our Spring 2010 goal, consider this:

**If each family at NSCS buys just \$25 of gas each week, we can raise almost \$2000 by the end of the year. Wow!**

That's just GAS!!!! *You eat, too, right?*