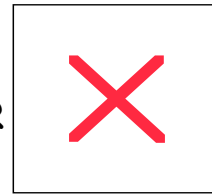


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SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2009



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Newhope Scores Goals: Performing School!!! Our motto at Newhope is "Every child scores their goal(s)." As you walk into our office, this is written on the entry mats! For the fifth consecutive year, Newhope students have made significant gains in overall performance, as measured by the CST. In the "report card" we receive from the state every year, Newhope increased from a score of 777 to 800, a 23 point gain! Even more significant in this particular increase is that Newhope has hit the mark that California uses to determine what is termed a "Performing School." This is a huge milestone, one that all CA schools are expected to achieve by the year 2022, one that we have aimed to achieve for the last several years. We will honor Newhope students for their accomplishments on district CST goals in early October. Prior to this, however, we must honor the students and instructors who accomplished it: *Exceptional work- simply exceptional!* --Mr. Ingalls

Come Get Involved: Newhope is a school "on the move." We have experienced an increase in parent involvement and community support over the last years. Our first Parent Teacher Organization, or "PTO" meeting will be September 22. Please speak with one of our 2009-10 elected officers: President Sylvia Nolasco, Vice President Antonia Castro, Funds Chair Elaine Richards, or Treasurer Maria Sanchez for more information. Our English Language Advisory Committee, or ELAC, will begin meeting on September 25 during our Friday Parent Coffee. We will elect 3 new voting members to our School Site Council, or SSC, this year during Back to School Night, October 15. The SSC is the "business arm" of a school, comprised of teachers and parents, overseeing fiscal and instructional decisions we make as a site through 2009-10. Please submit your name as a candidate if you would like to serve in this capacity. We are strongest as a team: *Come get involved!*

Newhope Student Karate Class: Our Karate class, designed for Newhope 2-6 graders, will meet



on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the MPR starting September 16. This is the second year of this low cost class. Flyers are available in the office; call 714-863-1955 or Newhope School for more information.

- September Dates:**
- 9/16,23,30 6:00p MPR Karate Class
 - 9/22 2:40p MPR: P.T.O. Meeting #1
 - 9/25 7:45a MPR: ELAC/Title 1 Meeting
 - 10/15 Back to School Night K-6
 - 11/6 Make-Up Picture Day
 - 10/23 6:00p MPR: SSC Meeting #1

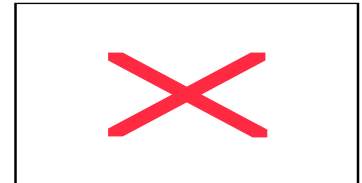
Newhope Traffic, Parking, Student Safety, Courtesy: Anyone who has braved the Newhope lots or surrounding streets at the start or end of school knows that the driving situation is less than perfect: Newhope was designed as a walking community. We would compel our drivers to drive and behave with the safety and learning of our children in mind. It is not lawful or acceptable to park in our fire lanes or in handicapped spaces without a state handicapped placard. It is equally dangerous, discourteous, and against our policy to leave your car driverless in the lane while walking about Newhope looking for your child(ren). Make plans to arrive at Newhope early (7:45 AM, 2:15 PM) and park, or designate a meeting place where your child can find you. Monday through Thursday parking is available behind the school on Circle Drive, and limited spaces are available on Regent, Kent, and in our lots. Friday mornings, we will open our north field for parking (*Friday AM is street sweeping: All cars parked on our local streets will be ticketed.*) Do not block lanes, honk at other cars, students, neighbors, or your students to meet you; do not encourage your students to walk across traffic to get into your car. Have student safety and community courtesy in mind. License numbers, makes and models of vehicles who refuse to abide by this code will be submitted to Santa Ana Police Department for ticketing.



Newhope Schedule & Attendance: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays start at 8:10 AM and end at 2:30 PM. Wednesdays also begin at 8:10 AM but close at 1:40 PM. *Supervision on site is not available before 7:45 AM (do not drop your children off before this time); parents should arrive to pick up their children no later than 10 minutes after the end of the*

school day (2:40 PM, or 1:50 PM Wednesdays). The Kindergarten Schedule is from 8:10 AM to 12:00 PM, or 12:20 PM if your child is eating lunch. State law requires timely and regular school attendance: It is a priority (and the law) that our students arrive on time and attend school daily. Please call the office in event of student illness or unexpected absence. Families taking vacation during scheduled school days create unexcused student absences. We discourage

vacations during the regular school year- student attendance is very important. **Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences Friday 10/23 - Friday 10/30:** Please plan to attend a conference with your child's new teacher in the last week of October. Report Cards for Trimester 1 will go out in early December. This conference time is an important Goal Setting and communication meeting between family and staff members.

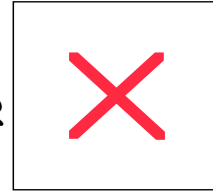




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Fundraisers: Fresh and Easy:

MORE coming!!! Anyone watching the news, living in CA, knows our federal and state economy is a MESS! Schools will take a large hit due to this; many budgets have been cut in less than half this year! Our PTO has started strong to supplement the lost funds for Newhope early this year. We are participating in a Fresh and Easy Fundraiser starting September 15- please bring any receipt over \$20 from this store to your child's class or the office and F&E will donate 10% of the bill to Newhope. We will have a "McDonalds Day" where Newhope will receive a % of sales from lunch at the McFadden/Harbor McDonalds on Saturday, 9/26. More information on these and several other fundraisers will follow in the next weeks. Thank you for your support in this very difficult period in our economy!

K-6 Back to School Night:

Thursday October 15 from

5:00-7:15 PM. All Newhope parents are encouraged to attend Back to School Night on October 15. A hot dog dinner will be served (all items will be \$1) at the benches: The Book Fair will open in the M.P.R. at 5:00 P.M. Mr. Ingalls will introduce teachers at the benches at 5:45 PM, and briefly discuss school progress. Classes will be open from 6-7 P.M. the Book Fair will close at 7:15 P.M. The event is designed for parents to meet their children's teacher. Teachers will discuss classroom and school learning objectives, procedures and expectations. It is not a night for students, though we understand that childcare can be an issue for many families. If you are going to bring your children with you, they must stay with you as you travel from class to class (the playground will be closed when classrooms are opened; no supervision will be provided).

Friday Assemblies/ Parent Coffee Will Continue This

Year! Weather and schedule permitting, Newhope will have a School Wide Assembly each Friday during which we will recite the Pledge of Allegiance, sing a Patriotic Song ("God Bless America" is the September song, the National Anthem is October's song), honor birthdays, and announce Newhope community "happenings." We have several businesses who continue to donate to our parent coffee: Albertson's on Edinger and Brookhurst has been among the first to support us for the second

year in a row (thanks to Store Manager Mike Emmons, and baristas Angie and Marta!). **Parking on the street Friday mornings is prohibited (see above), so park on the field, enjoy a cup of "Joe" and come participate in our Assembly each Friday!**

October Dates:

10/2 Picture Day
10/7,14,21,28 6:00p MPR: Karate Class
10/5-16 CELDT Testing (@ Newhope)
10/13 2:40p MPR: PTO Meeting
10/15 5-7p Back to School Night K-6
11/6 Make-Up Picture Day
10/22 6:00p Room 16: SSC Meeting #1
10/23-30 Parent Confernces (1:00p release)