

# Navarro Intermediate Newsletter December 2017

## Notes from the Principal

As we head into the end of the first semester of the 2017-2018 school year, I want to thank all our families for an amazing semester at NIS. We have developed learners and leaders throughout the building.

Please remember how important it is for students to be at school every single day. While our daily attendance time is 10:00 AM, minutes of attendance are tracked every day until 3:25 PM. We will have an early release day on Friday December 21st. Students will be released at 1:05 PM. Our lunch schedule will be different, so please check the back of the newsletter for times.

When the first semester ends, we will transition our 4th and 5th graders into their second elective class. Fourth and fifth graders will switch to Computers or Art.

Also, some of our clubs will have new openings after the break. If your child didn't make it into drama the first semester, please sign up again as we will have openings after the new year.

Also, talk to your students about Target: Success. This is a campus wide initiative to teach the 7 habits of highly effective students. Students have set goals, learned leadership skills, and gained insight into making responsible choices.

Please remember that our Christmas break means we do not have school from December 23rd —January 7th. The staff will return to campus on January 8th while the students return on January 9th.

With the holiday break approaching, I wish all of our families a safe and joyous holiday season and look forward to seeing everyone on January 9th, 2018

Mrs. Supak

## Notes from the Nurse

Please remember that all students need to bring a note to school when they've been out absent, even if I sent them home ill. It's cold and flu season: if you have had a fever, you cannot come to school until you've been fever free for 24 hours without the assistance of Tylenol or Motrin. If you have vomiting, please stay home until resolved and you feel better.

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## Upcoming Events

**December 12**  
6th Grade Band Concert

**December 14**  
Art Showcase—6:00 PM  
JH Cafeteria

**December 19-21**  
Penguin Patch  
sponsored by PTO

**December 22**  
**Early Release**  
**Students released at**  
**1:05 PM**

**December 23**  
**January 8—Christmas/  
New Year Holiday (No  
school)**



## OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please make sure to check into front office when visiting the school. Please make sure to send a doctors note or personal note when your student is absent from school.

### Counselor's Corner

I can't believe we are almost finished with our first semester! The start of the Christmas holidays marks the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> six weeks, and the end of the first semester, although report cards will be sent home until January. As always, please continue to check your child's agenda for important information, assignments and messages from your child's teacher.

I have heard of a lot of students mention what their wishes are for Christmas, and many of these include smartphones, tablets and video games. With this in mind, I'd like to quote a statement from the American Academy of Pediatrics who recommends "no more than one or two hours of quality TV and videos a day for older children and no screen time for children under the age of 2." They also recommend that parents observe the ratings of the games to keep them age appropriate, as well as movie/TV show ratings. This seems to be a good guideline to adopt for our kids. And, it is always wise that the children play their games or watch TV AFTER all chores and school work is completed. Additionally, Tweens and teens use social networking sites on the Internet and texting to stay connected. While there are advantages to this technology, it can have drawbacks. It's important that parents explain the benefits, and pitfalls, of using such technology as well as monitor the sites and texting their children are doing. An excellent website to guide parameters and discussions with your child is [www.yourbestfamily.com](http://www.yourbestfamily.com). There is a section on creating a family tech plan as well as resources to do this.

Have a blessed holiday season!

### WATCH D.O.G.S

If you are interested in being a Watch DOG on campus, please email Mrs. Martinez at [Bernie.martinez@nisd.us](mailto:Bernie.martinez@nisd.us).

### BOX TOPS

We are still collecting Box Tops. You can send your donations to your homeroom class.

### Early Release Schedule

#### December 22nd 1:05 PM

Lunch Times:

4th grade—11:00-11:30

5th grade—12:10-12:40

6th grade—11:35-12:05

### Bullying

It seems like this is the new buzz word of a generation. Why is this word creeping into our daily lives and weekly headlines? How can we stop it? How can we teach our children about it? Who is at risk and how we can help them? Learn how to define bullying and gather tools to help protect your child from its effects. 'Hey Dude, Nice Shoes' is a specifically tailored two part presentation for students and their parents. Presenter Carolyn Brown, helps decode and navigate through this incredibly complex and prevalent social epidemic. HEY DUDE NICE SHOES IS COMING TO Navarro Intermediate!

December 11th Carolyn Brown will present to students during the day and host a parent workshop at 6pm in Navarro High School Cafeteria. Mark your calendars!



Our PTO is sponsoring the Penguin Patch again this year. This is a place where students can shop for gifts for family and friends. Informational letters went home and the Patch will be open Tuesday, December 19th—Thursday, December 21st. All proceeds go to the NIS PTO. This is a fun and exciting event for our students.

Tuesday—Thursday  
7:30-3:30

