



NACA Newsletter—January '12

Northwood Appold Community Academy Public Charter School #330

NACA's Year Seven
A Climate and Culture of Excellence Everyday!

School Calendar

JANUARY

- Jan. 1st—**New Year's Day**—
School Close
- Jan. 2nd—**Winter Break Cont.**—
School Closed
- Jan. 3rd—**Students Return To
School**
- Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28—**Saturday
MSA Prep**—9:00 AM-1:00 PM
- Jan. 11th—**NACA II Enrollment
Open House**—6:15 PM
- Jan. 16th - **Dr. Martin L. King,
Jr. Holiday**—School Closed
- Jan. 17th—**NACA II Enrollment
Open House**—6:15 PM
- Jan. 18th—**Parent Council Mtg.**
- Jan 25th—**2nd Qtr. Report Cards
Issued**
- Jan. 26th & 27th—**Professional
Development Day**—School
Closed for Students



Welcome back to
a New Year of
EXCELLENCE!

2012-13 Recruitment & Enrollment

NACA and NACA II-Victoria Jackson Gray Adams F&D Schools are currently accepting applications for the 2012-2013 school year. The application process for K-9th will continue until February 17th. Applications are available to everyone at the security desk in the lobby of the school or on the NACA website: www.nacacad.org. NACA flyers are also available for parents to share with potential applicants.



As noted on the calendar, there will be *Open House* sessions this month for both schools: *Jan. 11th at 6:15 p.m. for NACA II (2500 E. Northern Pkwy)* and *Jan. 17th at 6:15 p.m. for NACA I*.

Applications are not needed for students who are currently enrolled at NACA. A *Parent Intention Form* will need to be completed instead. Your child's continued enrollment at NACA will be determined by receipt of these completed forms. Please know that parents who intend to enroll new siblings (brother/sister) at NACA must submit the required application by the noted deadline. Sibling applicants are given preferential placement.

We encourage all NACA parents to tell their family members, friends, neighbors and co-workers about the extraordinary educational opportunities offered at the NACA schools.

Freedom & Democracy Monthly Highlights

The Freedom and Democracy Exemplar that our scholars learned about during the month of December was:

Muhammad Ali

Boxing Legend & Civil Rights Activist

This month our scholars are learning about Freedom and Democracy Exemplar:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

*Baptist Minister, Civil Rights Activist,
Nobel Peace Prize Winner*

We encourage parents to dialogue with your children about our exemplars to allow them to share their knowledge of these individuals.

Remembering A National Icon



In honor of the impeccable Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Reginald F. Lewis Museum will be hosting a **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Celebration on Mon., Jan. 16th. We are honored to announce that NACA I & II students have been invited to perform at this event. Students Shakaih Gutrick, Nigel Campbell, Milan Butler, Deryus Carter & Cyrus Purnell along with Ms. Koger will represent NACA. This Monday is a holiday and schools will be closed. We encourage families and friends to attend this event to support these scholars. They will be performing at 12:00 pm. Admission is only \$5. **Kudos!**



Important Reminders!

***The Academic Enrichment Program**—has officially re-opened. Students may be registered to participate in the program by seeing Mrs. Mitchell or Ms. Simango across the street at the church. If your child is not registered for the after school program, please make sure your child is picked up on time at dismissal (2:40 pm).

***Parking**—At our last PCM representatives from the community attended to request parking consideration for the residents of Northgate Rd. We continue to ask our parents to utilize the parking lot across the street from the church or the library when dropping off and picking up children.

***We are a uniform academy**—and students are required to wear their distinguished NACA uniform to school daily. We do not have “dress down” days. Please know that prior notification will be provided by the school on days when students will be allowed to dress in clothes other than their school uniform.

“Excused” Absences

NACA stresses the importance of having good daily attendance, however, there may be times when a student is out due to illness or other legitimate reasons. When a student is out of school it is imperative that upon the student’s return to school that they bring with them supporting documentation for their absence, i.e. doctor slip, court or funeral notice. NACA strives for excellence in all academic areas including attendance. It is our expectation that our students and parents do the same. The attendance record of one student can effect the attendance rating for the entire school.

MSAs On The Way

The MSA (Maryland State Assessment) will be administered to our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade scholars in March. NACA wants to make sure that our students are prepared to make excellent scores again this year. Therefore, we want to inform parents that from Jan. 7th—Feb. 25th we are having MSA Prep on Saturdays from 9:00 am—1:00 pm After school dates and times will soon be announced. All scholars in these grade levels are encouraged to attend these **FREE** sessions.

NACA asks parents to make sure that your child(ren) are coming for these additional sessions so they will be more confident and academically prepared during testing time. If you have any questions about these sessions, please contact Mrs. Purnell, in the main office at 410.323.9546.

4th Grade Shout Out!

NACA wants to acknowledge our wonderful 4th grade scholars who recently took time to clean and straighten up the playground area. After several days of gusting winds, some debris accumulated on the playground area. Our 4th graders took initiative and went right to work and handling the problem and making the playground safe and presentable. Please join us in thanking this group of students for their interest in keeping their school and community clean. **Kudos!**



Classroom Visits

NACA appreciates parents who are involved in their child(ens) education process and encourages parents to schedule appointments to meet with teachers. NACA requires that all parents check in at the security desk before proceeding to any classroom areas.

Upon signing in and receiving a visitors’ pass you will be asked to wait until the security guard notifies the teacher of your visit. Upon confirmation of your scheduled appointment you will be escorted to the classroom. We ask all parents/guests to adhere to this procedure so NACA teachers can continue to perform educational instruction at an exemplary level with minimal interruption. Thank you!



Left Out But Not Forgotten!

Last month some very important information was left out of the December Newsletter. We omitted to acknowledge our volunteer readers who came to NACA and read stories to our scholars during American Education Week. We want to thank and acknowledge the following volunteers for their time and commitment to the students of our school:



Mr. Walter Cobb, Ms. Brenda Jews, Mr. Ellis Brown, Mrs. Beatrice Brown, Ms. Mpepara Simango, Ms. Helen Slaughter, Ms. Pat Beasley and Mr. Juan Nance, Sr. A special thanks to each of you!

