

**NEW STAFF MEMBERS FOR 2017-18:** We are excited to announce two outstanding professionals that will join the NVCA team starting in August. We welcome Mrs. Alicia Roberts our new STEM Director and teacher and Mrs. Kacey Johnson our new Athletic Director and teacher.

Mrs. Roberts loves teaching science, math, engineering, and design through exploration and hands on curriculum. She comes to us with 20 years of experience in building STEM Labs in both elementary and high school settings. Mrs. Roberts received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from St. Mary's College and a Master's of Arts in Instructional Technology from the University of Phoenix. Outside the classroom, she speaks nationally and teaches workshops to promote STEM integration and design into the K-12 curriculum for Grand Canyon University.



Mrs. Johnson has a passion for fitness and leading a healthy lifestyle. She desires to help children grow spiritually, academically, physically, emotionally, and mentally. This whole child approach allows her to provide the best program for her students in K-12<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Johnson has a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology of Youth and Adolescents from the University of Northern Colorado and earned a Master's Degree in Secondary Education, as a Program Scholar with distinction from Regis University. She is a member of the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association in order to continue learning and challenging herself. We are thankful for these two ladies and the leadership they will provide.



**CONGRATULATIONS:** We are thrilled that our principal Mrs. Oakeson has been selected for the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's School Leadership Development program. She is one of 20 leaders in the country to take part in this three day school leadership training.

**3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE FIELD TRIP:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students went to the Cerreta Candy Factory in downtown Glendale. The owner Jim Cerrata Sr. himself – greeted the children and told them a joke! What a great experience for the students!



**SUMMER PRESCHOOL AT NVCA begins on May 30<sup>th</sup>!** We are waiving the application fee of \$50 for current students who enroll by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Research has consistently shown that students who attend a high quality preschool are more successful in Kindergarten and beyond both academically and socially. NVCA's preschool program grows skill and knowledge competencies in all areas- **Physical** well-being and **Motor** development, **Social, Emotional,** and **Spiritual** development. This is done with a strong focus on challenging but appropriate content taught from a biblical worldview.

**CHAPEL OFFERING:** **The Dollar Challenge for the Phoenix Rescue Mission has increased to \$835.00!** These students are truly amazing. Thank you for helping support the Phoenix Rescue Mission and St. Mary's Food Bank this year.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS** this week to Ellie Molitor and Andrew Collins.

**April 14-17<sup>th</sup>:** No School, Good Friday, Easter Monday

**April 29<sup>th</sup>:** ~~Dad's Day Kickball Game~~  
(Will be rescheduled due to track meet.)

**April 25<sup>th</sup>:** 4<sup>th</sup> Mid-Quarter

**May 5<sup>th</sup>:** 11:00am Dismissal, Teacher In-Service

**May 11<sup>th</sup>:** Core Knowledge Fair

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Pre-K Promotion

**May 24<sup>th</sup>:** Last Day of School, 11:00am Early Dismissal



**"Stand Firm in Faith, BE Strong, BE Courageous!" 1 Corinthians 16:13**