

February 2011

Dear 7th grade Parents,

We are currently planning our annual Ashland Shakespeare Festival trip for next year's 8th grade class. The trip will take place in September, so we are collecting fees in May in order to make deposits, purchase tickets, etc. The objective of the trip is to expose students to the performing arts, give them exposure to college life and to also prepare them for their 8th grade performance of *Pirates of Penzance*. While in Ashland we will see two performances at the festival: *Love's Labour's Lost* and *Pirates of Penzance*. Both plays will be performed in the renowned Elizabethan Theatre.

We will travel using a combination of Charter Bus and driving chaperones. While in Ashland we will stay in the dorms at Southern Oregon University and attend a variety of acting classes. In addition to watching two plays at the festival and taking acting classes, we will also take a campus tour and visit the town of Ashland.

We hope that all students can attend this optional field trip. Students return from this trip with a clear understanding of the play they are studying and a vision for how it is to be performed. If you are interested in chaperoning, contact Mrs. Novello at jnovello@natomas.k12.ca.us.

8th Grade Field Trip to
Ashland Shakespeare Festival
September 21-September 23, 2011



Student Fee \$260
Driver Chaperone Fee \$160
Due Monday, May 2nd 2011

Payment includes meals from dinner Wednesday night through breakfast Friday morning, tickets to two plays, housing, and acting classes at Southern Oregon University. Payments will be collected by Shanevello or can be turned in to the front office.

***Please make checks payable to
Natomas Charter School**

We are accepting chaperone requests now! Spots fill up fast so contact:

jnovello@natomas.k12.ca.us

Overnight field trips in the LE program are optional. Should you choose NOT to send your child, he/she will be expected to attend school as usual. If you do choose to send him/her on an overnight trip, all money must be paid at least two weeks prior to the trip. If you would like to make payments, a schedule can be set up in advance of the trip. In this case, all payments must still be received two weeks before the trip in order for your child to attend. Please keep in mind that all deposits made by LE to vendors are non-refundable. Therefore, if you are unable to complete your payments or have to cancel your child's trip for any reason, your deposits will be forfeited.

*In most cases we will try to find a student to take your child's place. If this occurs, we will refund your deposits when that child pays.