

Hill Education Center

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Dear NOVA families:

Welcome to the new school year!

Welcome to the new school year! We look forward to seeing you on our **Opening Day Meet and Greet on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.** During the meet and greet you will have the opportunity to meet the NOVA staff, meet other NOVA students, pick-up flyers and other important handouts, enjoy a light breakfast, and have your picture taken to receive your school ID. I would like to introduce the NOVA staff as well as provide you with several important reminders and other information. Thank you for taking the necessary time reviewing the first day packet, **completing the following items, and returning them at the Meet and Greet or at your initial teacher meeting:**

- Student Registration Form (new students only)
- Emergency Card – complete BOTH sides and return. *If you fail to bring in the completed emergency card you will not be given your class schedule or textbooks.*
- Acknowledgment of Parent/Guardian Annual Rights Notification – sign and return
- Senior Information Form (*graduating 17-18 seniors only*) – complete, sign, and return
- Free and Reduced Lunch Form – complete, sign, and return
- Critical Health Issues Form – complete, sign, and return
- Student Health Appraisal Form – complete, sign, and return
- IT User Agreement Form (new students only and grades K, 6, and 9)
- Please make sure all textbooks are returned and/or all fees are paid at your previous school

As I begin my eleventh year as an alternative education administrator in Novato Unified School District, I welcome all of our new students and their families and welcome back all of our returning students and their families. I am passionate about education and feel strongly that all students can be successful. I believe the home-school partnership is critical to a positive educational experience. Parents can do their part by remaining in close communication with their student's teacher and realize the importance of providing a quiet and conducive place for your student to learn, study, and complete their weekly assignments. Our job is to provide a safe, supportive environment, identify strengths, and address concerns so all of our students can experience success.

We welcome back our three core teachers, Julie Adams, Robert Cline, and Amy Ferhart, math teacher, Jan Canfield, school counselor, Roxanne Edwards-Georges, office manager, Maggie Tessin, and office technician Tracy Kreling. The NOVA staff looks forward to partnering with parents to increase the school's sense of community. Please make sure Tracy has correct email addresses for parents and, when appropriate, students. We will communicate through email and website postings. Please find the NOVA website nova.nusd.org. On our website you will find our calendar, contact information for teachers, and academic Internet links. The NOVA staff will continue the current emphasis on standards and accountability while providing an interesting, individualized course of study for our students.

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Important information:

We recognize that you have busy and chaotic schedules and to honor your time we are not hosting a mandatory orientation, but we welcome you to attend our fourth annual meet greet on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. **However, parents must attend the initial teacher meeting.** Please bring your completed emergency cards and other enrollment forms with you to the meet and greet or at your initial teacher meeting, whichever is first.

Please note that whether you attend the meet and greet or not, **ALL** students must have their picture taken on **Wednesday, August 23, 2017 in the library at 9:00 a.m.**

Your student's teacher will contact you via phone or email to select a time for your initial meeting where you will turn in your summer packet, select a regular meeting day and time, and sign paperwork.

Sincerely,

Kessa Early

Your teacher for 2017-2018 is:

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