

LEWIS' LEDGER

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Next Generation Academy

"The mission of Next Generation Academy is to inspire students to become productive 21st century literate citizens."

Upcoming Events

Monday, December 3rd

Make-up Picture Day

Monday, December 10th

PTSO Meeting & Winter Concert (starting at 6:30pm)

Location: Sanctuary

Monday, December 17th

JomoWorks Parent Training (5:30pm-7:30pm)

Monday, December 24th- January 1st

Holiday (no school or after-school activities)

Tuesday, January 2nd

Optional Teacher Workday (no school or after-school activities)

Thursday, January 3rd

Students return back to school

Want to Raise a
Strong Reader?



Make Time to
Read for 20
Minutes Every

Happy Winter
Holidays!



Dear NGA Parents/Guardians:

As this year comes to a close, I want to say thank you for your enormous support and encouragement. I feel so fortunate to be part of a community that works together to provide enrichment and support to all of our children. Together everyone does achieve more!

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season filled with lots of happiness, love and good health.

Fondly,
Dr. S. Lewis, Principal



Staff Change

Mr. Brandon Smith is the new Dean of Students. He has taken on many of the administrative roles that Mr. McKnight was doing. If you have any questions regarding bus transportation or food and nutrition, please feel free to contact him via email.

The instructional day starts at **8:00am**. Children enter the building at this time and then the doors are locked immediately for security reasons. Children who arrive after this time need to enter through the main office for a tardy pass. To ensure that your child is not tardy for school, please try to arrive 5-10 minutes prior to the start of the school day to account for traffic. We know that it is very congested at drop off time and we appreciate your patience.

Please remember to let your child's teacher know when your child is absent. The length of the absence and a reason for the absence should be in written form when child returns to school.

Our school website includes a link in regards to upcoming events, school closings/delays, curriculum info., and PTSO information. **The information can be found via the school's website at <http://nextgenerationacademy.net/>.**

Activity Corner

What a memory!

Your child's memory is like a muscle, the more he/she uses it, the stronger it will be! Here are two fun ways to strengthen his/her memory of what he/she hears and sees.

1. **Recall numbers.** Randomly name four numbers, such as 17, 36, 54, and 98. Can your child repeat the numbers back to you? Try again with five numbers, then six, and then seven. Talk about what strategies he/she uses to remember. Maybe he/she recites them in his/her head or relates them to numbers in his/her life, perhaps your house number is 54 or your phone number ends in 98.
2. **Remember details.** Together, look at a photograph for one minute. Put it away, and take turns asking each other questions about it. Examples: "How many trees are there?" or "Who is wearing a striped shirt?" Try again with a new photo—your child is likely to look more closely this time and recall more specifics. ♥

PTSO

Our next PTSO Meeting will be on Monday, December 10th at 6:30 pm at NGA in the Sanctuary. Our sweet students will be doing a performance for the majority of the meeting for us! We are so looking forward to seeing you there! Please park in the lot where we drop students off and pick them up.

Also, PTSO have some exciting news about our Chick-Fil-A Fundraising Night! PTSO Night raised \$469.82 for NGA from food purchased that night and we sold around \$140 in shirts!

JomoWorks Parent training is Monday, December 17th (5:30 pm- 7:30 pm) in the gym. Hope to see you there.

Thank you so much for your support, this wouldn't have been a success without you!

Thank you!
Your Co-Presidents,
LaPortia McKinley and Leah Dula Brown

Winter Reading

Does your child prefer to read alone, with family members, or in the company of friends? With these ideas, he/she can do all three this winter.

Choose themes

Encourage your child to read more by coming up with wintry themes for choosing books. For example, he might name "ice-skating" or "penguins" and pick out a biography of an Olympic skater or an adventure tale set in Antarctica. After he/she finishes each book, he/she can write the title on a paper snowflake and tape it to a wall. How many snowflakes can he/she hang up?

Discuss poetry

On a snowy day or any day read winter poetry together. Get a volume like *It's Snowing! It's Snowing!* (Jack Prelutsky) or *Winter Bees & Other Poems of the Cold* (Joyce Sidman). Boost your child's reading comprehension by talking about the poets' word choices.

Read with friends

Your child can see friends over winter break and practice reading at the same time by forming a book club. They could each bring a different picture book and take turns reading aloud. Idea: Suggest that they keep their club going all year long! ♥

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TRIVE for Excellence

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VERCOME any Obstacle

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CT with Integrity

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ESPECT Yourself and Others

IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

Cafeteria Lunch Prices

Full Price Breakfast (1.00) and Lunch (2.85)
Reduced Price Breakfast (.00) and Lunch (.40)

If your child has not turned in his/her lunch application, he/she is charged daily for breakfast/lunch. So, it is imperative that you make send in the money for your child's breakfast/lunch.