



Northern Arizona  
Academy

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*Northern Arizona Academy*

## News from the Front Office:

There are many changes going on at NAA !

Using Title 1 Grant monies, we are expanding our electives options this year to include Student Council, Current Events, Martial Arts and Drivers Education.

We are hosting guest speakers with art experience to allow students the opportunity to develop their art skills via art projects during CCR.

Two staff members have completed the training for MPowered, formerly known as Teen AA, and meetings are taking place on a weekly basis.

Vocational Rehabilitation is holding regular workshops to ensure students are prepared to transition to the workplace.

The school has been chosen for Career and College Competency Training by the state and is developing a program that better prepares students for post-high school success.

The board and school members have been actively working to improve our campus and instructional methods.

Visit us to see the changes at work!

### NWEA TESTING

NOVEMBER 5TH-9TH

FEBRUARY 19TH-22ND



PLEASE BE SURE YOUR STUDENT ATTENDS SCHOOL ON THESE  
DAYS AND GETS A GOOD NIGHT'S REST.



*"Making Non-Traditional Educational Opportunities Possible"*

*Student Voices***Voice of Democracy: Why My Vote Matters**

Megan Case

American government is considered a democracy. What is a democracy though? Democracy is dependent on the people's vote. It has become common today to dismiss how important one's vote is, but conventional wisdom has it that every vote has significance. In this essay I will illustrate how important one vote can be when making a final decision, how important it is to one's self, and the disagreeing view. When it comes to the topic of voting, most of us will readily agree that it is important. Where this argument usually ends however, is on the question of if a single vote, your vote, matters. An election can be won or lost with a single vote. Such as in 1868, when Andrew Jackson was saved from impeachment with a single vote. Or in 1877, when Rutherford B. Hayes won the presidential election against Samuel Tilden with one more electoral vote, at 185 to 184. The history of America could be drastically different if either of those last needed votes never happened. In matters of a tie, the last vote is just as important, or even more so.

Votes not only matter for elections, but also to yourself. Voting can give you the power to express your opinion. Although in some votes, like presidential elections, your personal vote helps a representative vote. The representative will determine their vote with the majority's answer. Therefore, every single vote either influences or impacts elections. Whereas most believe voting matters, others may not. Some will agree that a single vote does not matter. Against conventional wisdom, it is thought that because there are already so many votes, one more won't make a difference. But, as discussed earlier, there are many cases where a single vote won or lost the debate. Tomorrow's laws, congressional bills, and supreme court justices may depend on your vote to influence our

country's future.

A vote matters because it gives the individual an opportunity to voice their opinion that will influence those who represent them. This can be interpreted into the importance of a vote to the individual and decision making. Although voting is not important to every eligible American. The voting system has been a part of American government and history for many years. American government is considered a democracy, and *we are the voice of that democracy.*

**The Sniper**

Tabitha Houston

Liam O'Flaherty in the short story, "The Sniper", proves that reality can become all too real in the worst of moments.

Flaherty supports a theme of war by creating a suspenseful short story. "The Sniper" takes place in Ireland where republicans and free staters were waging what is usually referred to as a civil war. And, as in all civil wars, Flaherty explores the horror of what can occur when two brothers on opposite sides confront each other across rooftops . . . with deadly results.

The author's purpose in the short story seems to be to confront the issues of both human nature and brotherly love. His two main characters recognize that "survival" can be a matter of choice, and for them, making that choice revealed an unwanted, and unintended, outcome. The story is a tale of two men of different beliefs . . . men who want to survive the bullet aimed at them . . . two men who are brothers . . . one brother who dies.

**Back From the Dead**

By Arron Dare

The three main characters in the novel are a father who loved his daughter; the daughter, Juliet, who is sad about her mother's death just two years before, and a butler.

## Student Voices Continued

Because the father loved his daughter, he had bought her four rings and a necklace. Still, Juliet had health problems and it wasn't long before she died at 17. The father was overcome with grief ~ the butler tried to take care of him, offering him food, but he was even too sad to eat. Finally, exhausted by his grief, the father fell asleep. He slept until the doorbell rang and woke him up. Why was he feeling scared? He had not been expecting anyone, so all he could do was shout "who's there?" And there . . . when he opened the door . . . stood his (dead) daughter. Scared, the father dove under the table, but Juliet kept repeating "Dad, it's me!". Slowly, he came out from under the table,

hugged his daughter, and shouted for the butler. The butler came running, saw Juliet, and immediately fell to the floor . . . dead.

The father looked closely at his daughter and realized that someone had cut her fingers off. "What happened?", inquired the dad. With that, Juliet walked over to the dead butler and removed the rings from his pocket.

As the reader of this novel, I really did not like it when the butler robbed the grave and cut off Juliet's fingers. That is my major criticism of the book/story.

## School Calendar

November 5, 2018	Trimester 2 Begins
November 5-9, 2018	NWEA
November 12, 2018	Veteran's Day-No School (Staff and Students)
November 2018	AZ Merit Window
November 22-23, 2018	Thanksgiving Break-No School (Staff and Students)
December 12, 2018	Parent Teacher Conferences
December 21, 2018	Early Release
December 24, 2018	Winter Break -No School (Teachers and Students)
January 7, 2019	School Resumes
January 21, 2019	Civil Rights Day-No School (Staff and Students)
February 11-15, 2019	Finals Week
February 15, 2019	Trimester 2 Ends - Early Release

## Staff Contact Information

Please feel free to call 928-536-4222 to contact any staff member. If the person you would like to speak with is unavailable, please leave a message and they will call you back. You can also e-mail at the following addresses:

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## *NAA Curriculum, Data and Testing*

Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA)

Testing is conducted internally every trimester to ensure that students are on track with their academic gains and to assign appropriate interventions for student who are struggling.

NWEA is an online assessment that adapts to the student's ability level as he or she takes it.

The primary focus of NWEA is to measure

student growth between testing periods and to identify student strengths and weaknesses within testing strands. This allows teachers to build interventions into their classes to address student needs.

For more information on NWEA testing, visit their website:

[www.nwea.org](http://www.nwea.org)

## *All About Truancy Law*

### **What Is Truancy?**

According to Arizona Revised Statutes Title 15. Education § 15-803, truancy is defined as having at least one unexcused absence during a school day. A student's absence may not be excused by parents or guardians after the student has been absent for over 10% of instructional days. What this means is that every absence after 5 during a trimester is unexcused and is considered truancy. However, this is only punishable by law for students under the age of 16, because they must attend school according to compulsory attendance laws. School employees must report truancy to the proper authorities.

### **How Can It Impact Me?**

Parents may face misdemeanor charges for violating Arizona law if their child is found to be truant. Parents are responsible for ensuring that students attend school. Parents may be found guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor, which carries a maximum fine of \$500 or up to 30 days in jail. (Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 13-707, 13-802, 15-802.)

Students with at least five unexcused absences during an academic year may end up on probation. Other consequences include counseling, community service and loss of driving privileges. Yep, that's right, they can suspend your driver's license or prevent you from getting one if you do not attend school. The court may also order a student to attend a specific school. (Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 8-201, 8-323, 13-803, 13-805.)

For more information on truancy law, you may visit the following sites

- <http://codes.findlaw.com/az/title-15-education/az-rev-st-sect-15-803.html>
- <https://www.lawyers.com/legal-info/research/education-law/what-happens-to-truants-and-their-parents-in-arizona.html>

**Please Remember**

If you need to contact your student, please call the front office at (928) 536-4222 and not on their cell phones as we have a “no cell phone” policy in effect during class times.

Thank You!!



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*New Electives*

This year we are making a concerted effort to make more elective courses available to students. The following options will be available:

**Face to Face Classes:** Student Council, PE, Martial Arts, Conditioning and Drivers Education, History of Rock, Current Events

**Online Classes:** Art Appreciation, Music Appreciation, Psychology, Sociology, Media Literacy, Creative Writing, Introduction to Health and Medical Sciences, Fundamentals of Business, Marketing Applications, Information Technology Applications, Accounting, Human Resources, Spanish, French, Chinese, German and Latin

**NPC Dual Enrollment Classes:** Cultural Anthropology, Art History, Native American Art, World Music, Philosophy, Ethics, Psychology, Sociology, Spanish, Theater, Introduction to Film and the History of Television

Most NAVIT classes are counted toward electives as well.

Students must be Juniors or Seniors in good standing to enroll in NPC or NAVIT classes. However, face to face and online classes are available to anyone.

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*Northern Arizona Academy Mission*

**Mission:**

Northern Arizona Academy’s mission is to create an alternative learning environment for youth requiring additional structure and support to attain their full potential so as to transition successfully into positive, productive, engaged citizens. Northern Arizona Academy will:

- Provide a personalized environment by employing small class sizes and individualized support;
- Structure student achievement via Individual Learning Plans and college and career readiness activities;
- Foster the development of 21st Century Skills;
- Model and instruct appropriate social standards and behaviors;
- Encourage and support students as they identify and achieve personal goals through self-exploration.

# NOVEMBER 2018

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE				
5. Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit, Milk Chef Salad Roll Fruit Milk	6. Toast, Cheese stick, Fruit, Milk Chicken Cordon bleu Sandwich Fries Fruit Milk	7 Scrambled eggs., Cheese stick, Fruit, Milk Bean & Cheese burrito Side Salad Fruit	1. Pancakes, Fruit, Cheese stick, Milk Sloppy Joe on a roll Fries Green beans Fruit, Milk	2. Cereal, Cheese stick, Fruit, Milk Chicken tomato bake Roll Fruit Milk
12 NO SCHOOL	13 Pancakes, Cheese stick, Fruit, Milk Chili Con Carne Corn Bread Fruit Milk	14 Oatmeal Cheese stick, Fruit, Milk Turkey Sandwich Chips Fruit Milk	15 Scrambled Eggs, Cheese stick, Fruit, Milk Chicken Fajitas Rice Fruit Milk	16 Cereal, Cheese Stick, Fruit, Milk Spaghetti W/Meat Green beans Fruit Milk
19. Cereal, Cheese Stick, Fruit, Milk Taco Salad Beans Fruit Milk.	20. Toast, Cheese stick, Fruit, Milk Chicken Philly Sandwich Green Beans Fruit milk	21 Oatmeal Cheese Stick, Fruit, Milk Ham slice Mashed potatoes Peas, Fruit, Milk	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL
26 Cereal, Cheese Stick, Fruit, Milk Sloppy joe Fries Fruit Milk	27 Toast W/Peanut butter, Cheese stick, Fruit, Milk Chicken Mozzarella Side salad Fruit Milk	28 Scrambled eggs, Cheese stick, Fruit, Milk Mac & Cheese Corn Fruit Milk	29 Oatmeal, Cheese stick, Fruit, Milk BBQ Pork Sandwich Vegetarian Beans Fruit Milk	30