

## **History of NPA**

During the 1994-95 academic year, the Flagstaff Unified School District held a series of community meetings to solicit information from parents for improving FUSD and passing a bond. During the process, some parents requested that FUSD consider adopting the International Baccalaureate program in at least one of the district high schools. The school administration considered the idea but felt that it would not be feasible at the time.

During that same academic year, the State of Arizona enacted legislation that provided for charter schools. In the fall of 1995, a group of parents met and decided that the best way to have their needs met would be to charter an academic high school designed to meet the needs of students who specifically wanted a college preparatory education. The idea for Northland Preparatory Academy was born.

## **Continued Growth**

It quickly became evident that NPA had outgrown its home at 2290 E. Route 66. Property which had been purchased in south Flagstaff was deemed unsuitable for the school's current needs, so a new location for growth and expansion was needed. The school learned that the WL Gore building was being offered for sale and NPA jumped at the opportunity to purchase the property at 3300 E. Sparrow Avenue, at the corner of Fourth Street and Sparrow Avenue. Renovation of the property began in the Spring of 2003. The new facility was completed in 2006 and adequately serves the needs of the NPA staff and student population.