

# December 2016 Newsletter

## Northfield Elementary School PTO

The Northfield Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization that works to enrich the educational experience for the school community.



The NES PTO would like to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season! May you spend time with family and friends enjoying this wonderful time of year!

### NES PTO Market



Stop by the cafeteria on **Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 3:15-5:30pm** to do some grocery shopping! The PTO has been given another generous donation of produce (all items are from C&S Wholesale Grocers in Hatfield) and will be offering them for sale below grocery store prices. This is open to everyone!



### Holiday Fair Report

The cafeteria was very busy on **Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** during the annual Holiday Fair. The raffle baskets were amazing and the food was delicious! Thank you to everyone that supported this fundraiser...over **\$2,500** was raised! A special THANK YOU to the following people that helped with set-up & volunteering during the fair and/or made a food item to sell...Serena & Ivan Vassar, Cheryl George, Breinn Robert, Jill Leger, Missy Kalinowski, Sarah Rastallis, Lara & Ella Dubin, Amy Hendricks, Deb Potee, Sarah Jensen, Alissa Shea, Robin McKeon, Daphne Clark, Sam Kitfield, Kelly Gilbert, Kristen Goodwin, & Lisa Moore. THANK YOU to the raffle basket coordinators for organizing the amazing baskets...Deanna Witherell, Cheryl George, Missy Kalinowski, Jess Wenig, Jill Leger, Serena Vassar, Theresa Tsipenyuk, Tory Groth, Lori Hall & Bridget Hammond. THANK YOU to all of the families that donated items to the baskets and made them so amazing! And THANK YOU to everyone that came to this event and supported the PTO! It was a very fun and successful day!



### Upcoming Events

December 21<sup>st</sup>  
PTO Market, 3:15-5:30pm, cafeteria

December 22<sup>nd</sup>  
12:15pm Dismissal (no lunch served & no after school program)

Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> – Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>  
NO SCHOOL – Holiday Recess

December 27<sup>th</sup>  
Holiday Break Movie at Greenfield Garden Cinemas, 9:30am

January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Skating Day at Greenfield Arena, 11am-12pm

January 4<sup>th</sup>  
PTO Meeting, 6:30pm, NES Library

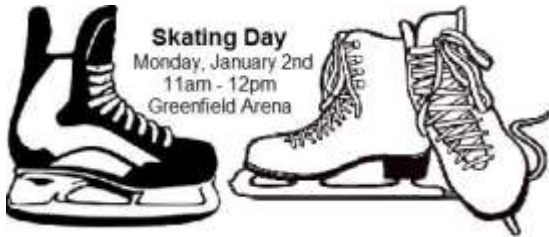




## NES PTO HOLIDAY BREAK MOVIE

**Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 - 9:30am - Greenfield Garden Cinemas**

\$5.00 per person at the door - cash only please. This event is open to everyone! Thank you to Greenfield Garden Cinemas for hosting this fundraising event – 100% of the admission price will benefit the NES PTO.



**Skating Day**  
Monday, January 2nd  
11am - 12pm  
Greenfield Arena

## Skating day

Come ice skate with your family & friends on **Monday, January 2nd** at the Collins-Moylan Ice Arena in Greenfield from **11am-12pm**. This event is open to everyone! Just \$5 per person (cash or check please) and if needed, skate rentals will also be available for \$5. The PTO concession stand will be open selling drinks, snacks and hot dogs. Hope to see you there!



Congratulations to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class! They collected the most Box Tops during the Fall Box Tops Contest (Sept. – Nov.) and have won an extra recess! Thank you to everyone that sent in Box Tops...you have helped raise \$375.70 for your school so far this year! The Winter Box Tops contest has begun (Dec. – Feb.) and you may send in your Box Tops to school anytime. You can help raise even more for your school when you download the new **Box Tops Bonus App** to discover brands and retailers offering Bonus Box Tops. (You can find it on the App store and Google Play). Any questions or suggestions, please contact the Box Tops Coordinators, Missy Kalinowski ([marleysage@comcast.net](mailto:marleysage@comcast.net)) or Holly Stacy ([hollystacy@comcast.net](mailto:hollystacy@comcast.net)). *Keep clipping those Box Tops!*

<b>Pre-K</b>	<b>119</b>
<b>K</b>	<b>261</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>370</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>1,226</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>695</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>310</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>537</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>239</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,757</b>

“ little by little, a little becomes A LOT ”

## Fundraising Goal - \$15,000 / Currently Raised - \$8,851.88

**The PTO has been very successful with fundraisers so far this year! Many thanks to everyone that has supported the PTO fundraisers and events!**

*A great school requires great support! Because of the decline in educational funding, the Teachers and Staff at Northfield Elementary School depend on supplemental funds from the PTO to help them attain their academic goals and to enrich the educational programs offered to our children. The NES PTO depends on the strong financial commitment and dedication of parents, families, friends and members of the community. With your support, we can ensure our school continues to thrive and excel, and that our children receive an amazing and well-rounded academic and social experience. For more information on exactly what the PTO funds, please visit the PTO website [www.nespto.org](http://www.nespto.org). Thank you in advance for supporting the fundraisers and events to help the PTO reach this fundraising goal.*



The next PTO meeting is **Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** in the NES Library. Everyone is welcome to attend & share and discuss ideas about the PTO and its activities. (Childcare and light snacks are provided).

## **December PTO Meeting Report**

Below are highlights from the December 7<sup>th</sup> PTO meeting. To read the full minutes of the meeting, please visit the PTO website - [www.nespto.org](http://www.nespto.org). The website also has the minutes and agendas from previous meetings, the Budget Reports and the Principal's Report that Megan Desmarais provides at each meeting.

- The PTO's request for \$10,000 for new swings from the Town of Northfield was approved at the Special Town Meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup>
- Cheryl & Breinn attended an Internet Safety Night at Hinsdale Elementary School, would like to plan one for NES
- Principal's Report – School Council meeting monthly to review and update the School Improvement Plan; Thanksgiving food drive collected 484 items that were donated to the food pantry; Next Generation Science Standards/Science Curriculum Development will continue for Teachers throughout the year with a goal to create one new unit for upcoming year
- Three Teacher requests approved (Shannon Miner, 6<sup>th</sup> grade; Amy Tibbetts, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade; Margie Babbitt, Title I Tutor)
- Very successful fall fundraising – YTD total \$8,711.88 (raffle baskets, \$2,089; food, \$454.27; wreaths, \$213.34); another produce sale planned for before holiday break in December
- Garden Cinema movie day – Tues, Dec 27<sup>th</sup>, tickets sold only at the door (no pre-orders)
- Skating Day – Mon, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, will offer concessions with a lunch option
- Next Playground Committee Meeting will be in January to start planning for new swings install and golf tournament

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***\*\*Please add the following names to your NES Directory\*\****

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