

# October 2017 Newsletter

## Northfield Elementary School PTO

"Enriching the educational experience for the school community."

Happy Fall! Hope everyone is enjoying the cooler temps and beautiful colors on the trees. The PTO is off to a great start this school year and looking forward to many more exciting events and fundraisers! All of the PTO activities are organized and run by volunteers. The PTO understands that everyone is busy, but even just an hour of your time is greatly appreciated!

Please visit the NES PTO website [www.nespto.org](http://www.nespto.org) for more information about upcoming events & fundraisers.

You may also contact the NES PTO anytime by email [northfieldelementarypto@gmail.com](mailto:northfieldelementarypto@gmail.com) or contact a

Board Member: Cheryl George, Co-Chair (413-522-0576); Breinn Robert, Co-Chair; Holly Stacy, Treasurer; Stacy Bond, Secretary.

## PUMPKIN PALOOZA

**Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**3-6pm, NES cafeteria**

Everyone is invited to this fun event to carve pumpkins!! The PTO provides all the pumpkins and tools, we just need you to carve them! This FREE event is open to all NES families & friends. Come help beat last year's record of 352 carved pumpkins! For every pumpkin carved, you will get one entry into the raffle for a chance to win some great prizes! There will be food available for purchase (hot dogs, burgers, yummy pumpkin treats and much more), so you won't have to worry about dinner! At 6:30pm, there will be an outdoor showing of "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown". After the show, the pumpkins will be lit and transform into glowing jack-o-lanterns! \*\*The PTO could still use 2-3 volunteers to help in the food booth and to help scoop pumpkin guts for an hour during this event. If you are interested in helping, please call/text PTO Co-Chair Cheryl George, 413-522-0576. Thank you!



The next PTO meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** at 6:30pm in the NES cafeteria. Every effort is made to keep the meetings only one hour long. Light snacks will be provided (unfortunately, childcare will NOT be available at this meeting).

Hope to see you there!

Contact the PTO - [northfieldelementarypto@gmail.com](mailto:northfieldelementarypto@gmail.com)  
Visit our website - [www.nespto.org](http://www.nespto.org)  
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**October 26<sup>th</sup>**

Box Tops Collection

**October 27<sup>th</sup>**

NO SCHOOL  
(Teacher In-Service Day)

**October 28<sup>th</sup>**

PUMPKIN PALOOZA!  
3-6pm, NES cafeteria

**November 1<sup>st</sup>**

PTO Meeting, 6:30-7:30pm  
NES cafeteria

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Picture Retake Day

**November 10<sup>th</sup>**

NO SCHOOL (Veteran's Day)

**November 17<sup>th</sup>**

PTO Produce Sale, 2-6pm  
NES Gym





## PTO Produce Sale

The PTO is bringing the grocery store to you, just in time for Thanksgiving! There will be a huge selection of fruits, vegetables and much more available for purchase on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2-6pm in the NES Gym. All items are exactly what you would

buy in the grocery store, but below grocery store prices! (cash, check or debit/credit card accepted)

Northfield Elementary School PTO 2017 Cash Calendar Raffle											
November 2017											
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5
\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
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\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00

## Cash Calendar Raffle

Win some extra cash for the Holidays with this exciting fundraiser! Each day in November, one name will be drawn and that person will win the corresponding cash prize for that day. If the same person purchases more than one ticket, that person can win more than once. Tickets

are \$5 each OR \$20 for five tickets. If you need more tickets, please email [northfieldelementarypto@gmail.com](mailto:northfieldelementarypto@gmail.com) OR contact the PTO Treasurer, Holly Stacy, 413-455-5900. Cash Calendar Raffle tickets will also be available to purchase at PUMPKIN PALOOZA. *Thank you for your support!*



## Original Works

This unique program provides parents the opportunity to purchase a variety of products featuring their child's very own artwork. These items are great to

give as gifts or to keep as mementos. Watch for information about this special fundraiser coming home soon!



The PTO strives to keep families informed of all happenings at NES and wanted to share a great idea that was started by a NES parent. To make communication easier, some grades have created private Facebook groups for the parents of that grade as a way to communicate about the goings-on in that grade. For example, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class was recently asked to bring in items for a science experiment. One parent posted the list that was sent home and within ten minutes, all of the items on the list were taken care of and with no duplications! Below are the groups that are currently set up and the person to contact if you would like to join that group. If your child's grade does not have a private parent group yet, feel free to start one!

1<sup>st</sup> grade – Cheryl George, [oldwendell@gmail.com](mailto:oldwendell@gmail.com)

2<sup>nd</sup> grade – Missy Kalinowski, [marleysage@comcast.net](mailto:marleysage@comcast.net)

4<sup>th</sup> grade – Jennifer Chabott, [chabott@hotmail.com](mailto:chabott@hotmail.com)



**2017-18**

**Fundraising Goal = \$15,000**  
**Fundraising YTD Total = \$1,700**

*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. Even though the school budget gets tighter every year, the PTO also understands that family's budgets get tighter too. For this reason, we want to offer fundraisers with products that you might be purchasing anyway or that you find useful. We also want to offer fundraising events that provide an opportunity for families to come together and have fun. Your feedback is greatly appreciated and suggestions are always welcome. *Thank you in advance for supporting the fundraisers and events to help the PTO reach this fundraising goal!**



## **Box Tops**

CONGRATULATIONS to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes for collecting the most Box Tops for September! Both Ms. Gries' and Ms. Aekus' class are the lucky winners that get to keep the Box Tops trophy in their classrooms for the month of October (THANK YOU to the PTO Box Tops Coordinator Missy Kalinowski for making this awesome trophy). The grade to collect the most Box Tops each month will win this trophy for their classroom to keep for the following month. *Who will win it for November?* Another CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Baskowski's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class for winning the Box Tops contest for September! They chose their prize as an extra recess!

Here are the collection totals from September...

PK – 100, K – 116, 1 – 267, 2 – 234, 3 – 320, 4 – 320, 5 – 469, 6 – 14.

Thank you to everyone that clipped Box Tops! The next Box Tops collection will be on **Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**.

## **PTO Meeting Report**

Below are highlights from the October 4<sup>th</sup> PTO meeting. To read the full minutes of the meetings, 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.

- Art room is lacking a sink; a portable sink may be an option
- Nameplates for each Teacher and classroom has been an uncompleted project; will be working to complete this project
- Awarded five Teacher grants and one Teacher reimbursement
- Decided on five enrichment programs to bring to the school this year; two are free; LCC grants will be submitted to help fund the other three programs
- Family Dance will be planned for January
- Family Science Night will be planned for February



## **Holiday Wreaths**

The NES PTO will again be offering classic evergreen wreaths for the Holiday Season. These 22" Fraser Fir, double-faced wreaths will come with a variety of bows to choose from for \$15 each. Watch for the order form coming home soon!



## **NES PTO Box Tops Program**

The PTO will be collecting Box Tops all year long! To help encourage participation, the PTO has created an incentive program. At the end of each month, the Box Tops will be collected from each classroom container and counted. The grade that collects the most Box Tops each month will receive the Box Tops trophy to display in their classroom(s) for the following month.

Also, for every 100 Box Tops collected from each grade, that grade will earn one entry into the monthly contest (ex. 230=2 entries, 370=3 entries, etc.). A winner is then drawn from all of the entries and will get to choose a prize from a list of rewards provided by their Teacher.

Clipping Box Tops is an easy way for you to help earn money for our school. These funds help to pay for school supplies, field trips and enrichment programs for your child(ren). Please remember, Box Tops do expire and the expired Box Tops cannot be redeemed.

You can help raise even more for NES when you download the new **Box Tops Bonus App** to discover brands and retailers offering Bonus Box Tops. (You can find it in the App store and Google Play).

Any questions or suggestions, please contact the PTO Box Tops Coordinator, Missy Kalinowski, 413-225-3049 or [marleysage@comcast.net](mailto:marleysage@comcast.net).

# Raffle Baskets at the Holiday Fair



*Family Fun Night Basket*



*Baking Basket*

The annual **Holiday Fair** will be held on **Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00am - 2:00pm**. The NES PTO Raffle Baskets and Food & Bake Sale will be in the cafeteria along with the Scholastic Book Fair. In the gym, the Northfield Kiwanis will have a huge raffle with many items in addition to many crafters and vendors selling beautiful gifts. Every year, each grade creates a themed basket which is filled with donations from the families of that grade. These beautiful baskets are then raffled off at the Holiday Fair and all of the proceeds benefit the NES PTO.

**\*\*A Raffle Basket Coordinator(s) is needed for each grade\*\***

**These volunteers will have the opportunity to:**

- Decide on a basket theme (contact the classroom teacher(s) to see if there is a theme preference and/or discuss with other grade parents to decide on a theme)
- Send home flyers (and/or email) to the families informing them of the basket theme and asking them to please send in a donation
- Put a box/bag/basket in the classroom(s) to collect the donations (check in periodically on donations)
- Collect the donations from the classroom, assemble the items in a basket, box, etc. and deliver the basket to the cafeteria on Friday evening, December 1<sup>st</sup>.



*Let's Go Camping Basket*

Some possible theme ideas...All Things Maple, Chocolate, Camping, New England Eats & Treats, Movie Night, Family Fun Night, Game Night, Snow Day, New England Sports, Legos, Relaxation, Gardening, Music, Candyland, Baking & Cooking, Keeping it Local, Creation Station, Books...or come up with your own!

If you are interested in helping out by being the Raffle Basket Coordinator for your child's grade, or if you have any questions or suggestions, please email the PTO, **[northfieldelementarypto@gmail.com](mailto:northfieldelementarypto@gmail.com)** or call/text Cheryl George, 413-522-0576.