

September 2017 Newsletter

Northfield Elementary School PTO

"Enriching the educational experience for the school community."

The NES PTO would like to welcome all new and returning students and families BACK TO SCHOOL!

The Northfield Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose purpose is to enrich the educational experience for the school community. The NES PTO assists with funding for classroom supplies, school enrichment programs and field trips, in addition to providing special events and activities to engage families and encourage a sense of community at NES.

All parents and guardians of NES students, as well as all NES Teachers and Staff, are members of the PTO. Everyone is welcome to attend the monthly PTO meetings to share ideas about the PTO and its activities. The first PTO meeting of the school year will be on **Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30pm** in the NES cafeteria. For the rest of the school year, the PTO meetings will be held on the **first Wednesday of the month** at 6:30pm in the NES cafeteria. Childcare is available during the meeting (by a very responsible 6th grade student) and light snacks are provided. Please feel free to contact the NES PTO anytime by email northfieldelementarypto@gmail.com.

Included in this newsletter is a list of the events and fundraisers that are planned for this school year. Please visit the NES PTO website www.nespto.org for more information about these events and much more. Working together, we can all make this a memorable year for the children, staff and families of NES!



Cheryl George, Co-Chair, 413-522-0576
Breinn Robert, Co-Chair
Holly Stacy, Treasurer
Stacy Bond, Secretary

GOOD NEWS! THE NES PTO CAN NOW
ACCEPT DEBIT AND CREDIT CARDS AT
EVENTS AND FOR FUNDRAISERS!



September 7th

Welcome Breakfast for all NES parents, 9am, cafeteria

September 8th

Mums orders due

September 13th

Mums pick up, 3-6pm

September 13th

PTO Meeting, 6:30pm, NES cafeteria

September 18th

Fall bulbs orders due

September 18th

Last day Directory information forms accepted

September 29th

Box Tops collection



PTO purchases Back-to-School Supplies

Over the summer, the PTO was hard at work ordering approximately \$2,000 worth of school supplies for the 2017-18 school year.

Here's what was purchased...

462 glue sticks
122 bottles of white glue
16 packs of Crayola colored pencils, 12ct.
108 packs of Crayola colored pencils, 24ct.
109 packs of Crayola markers, broad
85 packs of Crayola markers, fine
57 packs of Crayola crayons, 24ct.
60 yellow highlighters
60 blue highlighters
60 pink highlighters
219 packs of #2 Ticonderoga pencils, 12ct.
95 handheld pencil sharpeners
1440 cap erasers
114 handheld erasers
120 ballpoint pens
140 Scotch tape refills
3 scissors, little
13 scissors, big
57 watercolor paints
66 cans of playdough
14 reams of loose leaf paper
48 boxes of tissues
48 rolls of paper towels
20 bottles of hand sanitizer
85 cans of Clorox wipes

THANK YOU to the volunteers who helped sort the supplies and deliver them to the classrooms...Sara Ray, Missy Kalinowski, Stacy Bond, Breinn Robert & Cheryl George. And a HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who has supported the PTO in the past...because of your financial support, the PTO was able to purchase these supplies for our children.



2017-18
Fundraising Goal
\$15,000

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!*

Look what our school can earn just by clipping Box Tops!

# Students	# Box Tops per month	# Months	Box Tops Value	Earning Potential
190	1	10	\$0.10	\$190
190	5	10	\$0.10	\$950
190	10	10	\$0.10	\$1,900
190	15	10	\$0.10	\$2,850
190	20	10	\$0.10	\$3,800
190	25	10	\$0.10	\$4,750
190	30	10	\$0.10	\$5,700
190	35	10	\$0.10	\$6,650
190	40	10	\$0.10	\$7,600

Box Tops for Education offers an easy way for our school to earn cash by simply cutting the Box Tops coupons off of participating products. The Box Tops coupons are found on food items, paper products and much more. For more information about Box Tops and the products that you can find them on, please visit www.boxtops4education.com. Over the past three years, you have helped raise over \$3,000 for our school just by clipping Box Tops! Those little Box Tops really add up!

NES Garden

Back in the spring, the garden behind the school started to get overgrown with weeds and there was no real organization to the area. A group of dedicated PTO volunteers decided to change that. During the school community day in June, students and teachers helped build a garden bed and clean out some of the overgrowth. Over the summer, three more garden beds were built by volunteers and two others were moved. Some plants were moved and then mulch was spread to help keep the weeds down and create a more definitive garden area. We hope the NES garden is now a welcoming place. For more before and after pictures, please visit the PTO website, www.nespto.org.



NEW
NES PTO Box Tops Program

The PTO will be collecting box tops all year long! At the end of every month, the Box Tops will be collected from each classroom container and counted. Every 100 Box Tops collected for a grade counts as one entry for that grade into the monthly drawing (ex. 200=2 entries, 300=3 entries, etc.). The grade that is selected from the drawing will get to choose a classroom prize! These prizes will change from month to month, so keep a look out for the PTO newsletter which will tell your child what they could win each month. The classroom who collects the most Box Tops each month will receive the Box Tops trophy to display in their classroom for the month!

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.



Five Acre Farm is once again providing gorgeous fall mums that are available in five colors (red, orange, yellow, purple & white). These beautiful and enormous mums come in an 8" fiber pot and are \$6.50 each. **Orders for Mums are due by Friday, September 8th and must be picked up at school on Wednesday, September 13th, 3-6pm.** To place your order, please email northfieldelementarypto@gmail.com or call/text Cheryl George, 413-522-0576. **THANK YOU!**

Fall Bulbs Fundraiser

The PTO is offering fall bulbs and holiday gift wrap through the Flower Power Fundraising Company. Orders will be shipped directly to your home between October 2-15. Paper order forms are due by **Monday, September 18th**. You can also place your order **online until September 30th** through a link on the PTO website www.nespto.org or the PTO Facebook page (Northfield Elementary PTO). *Watch for the catalog and more information coming home soon!*



PTO Meeting Report

Below are highlights from the August 23rd PTO meeting. To read the full minutes of the meetings, please visit the PTO website - 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.

- Fundraising committee met on August 2nd; planned events and fundraisers for the year (subject to change)

	Event	Fundraiser
October	- Pumpkin Fair/Fall Fest	- Cash Raffle (sell tickets)
November	- Cash Raffle Winners	- Original Works - Wreaths & Poinsettias - Produce Sale
December	- Holiday Fair (12/2)	- Holiday Fair (Raffle Baskets, Food Booth, Wreaths) - Produce Sale - Garden Cinema Movie Day
January	- Family Dance	
February	- Science Night	- Hillside Pizza
March		- Bingo Night
April	- State of Our Town Spaghetti Dinner (4/7)	- Spring Hanging Flower Baskets
May	- Fun Run - Staff Appreciation (5/7-11)	- Carnival
June	- 6 th Grade Graduation	- Golf Tournament (6/23)

- **COMING SOON...NEW SWINGS FOR THE PLAYGROUND!**

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