



Northfield Elementary PTO September 2015 Newsletter



Happy Fall! Cool temps, crisp apples, and school buses on the road again! We wish you all a good start to the new school year. Over the summer we have been busy working on ways to improve how the NES PTO can best serve the school, the students, the teachers, and the parents. Please read below for all the latest changes and updates!

Sept PTO meeting will be Thurs, Sept 17th
Please mark your calendars for this year's first PTO meeting. It will be held on Thursday, September 17th at 6:30pm in the school library. Agenda items will include discussion of upcoming fundraisers & events, review of the 2015-2016 NES PTO budget, and discussion of possible enrichment activities for the students. Light refreshments will be provided and a babysitter will be available on site – please feel free to bring your kids! Please note that the monthly PTO meetings will happen on the 2nd Thursdays of the month this year! (Except September which is on the third Thursday because we all wanted to go to the Franklin County Fair Parade!)

The NES PTO is now an official 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization! This means we are now eligible for many playground and school related grants, able to purchase items tax free, and any donations made to us are tax deductible!

Welcome to our new PTO Secretary – Carolyn Baskowski!

We are very happy to announce that Ms. Baskowski (4th grade teacher at NES) has joined the NES PTO Board as Secretary! Other Board members are Co-Chairs: Lara Dubin & Cheryl George (NES Parents) and Treasurer: Nolan Kitfield (4th grade NES Teacher)

Check out our new webpage: nespto.org!
We are happy to announce that we have a new web address and web page! For the latest info on the events, fundraisers and more of the NES PTO please visit **nespto.org!** We are still in the process of building and designing it and welcome your comments and suggestions – email us at northfieldelementarypto@gmail.com.

NES Open House Night will be Thurs, Sept 24th, 6pm-7pm: This is a wonderful time to come in and see your child's classroom and meet their teacher. The NES PTO will have a table set up near the front entrance where you can meet us and find out more about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

Fall Mums Fundraiser has started!

We will be selling Fall Mums from Five Acre Farms! Order forms were sent home last week. Copies are available at the school and nespto.org. Mum orders are due back at school by Mon, Sept 14th. The pick-up time for the Mums will be Friday, Sept 18th, 3pm-6pm at the school. Any questions contact Cheryl George, oldwendell@gmail.com, 498-4346.

REMINDER: Sept 23 is School Picture day with G&B Photography! Order forms for school pictures were sent home the first week of school. If you did not receive one contact the NES Main Office: 498-5842.

Check out our new playground structure: the TEN SPIN! Over the course of two weeks in August, some dedicated volunteers installed a new piece of playground equipment called the Ten Spin. The Playground Committee chose to install this modern version of the old fashion merry-go-round that is designed for ages 2-12 and allows up to ten kids to play on at once. The PTO would like to thank Missy Kalinowski, Aly Fisher, Serena Vassar, Ivan Vassar, Cheryl George, Craig George, Michael Dubin and Tony Streeter for their hard work in making this happen. A huge thank you to Tom Walker and his crew from the Town Highway Department for digging out the area and hole for the center post and for arranging for the concrete to be poured. Because of everyone's hard work, the children now have something new to play on!



Check out the new US Map painted on the playground! On Friday, August 28 a group of approximately 8 adults & 8 kids came together to paint a giant map of the US on the playground! It is located near the South side entrance of the school (near the Pre-K playground equipment). The names of the states are not painted on so that students can use the map as a big practice sheet! They can be given chalk to use to write in the state names, capitols, and other state details if they wish. Then it can all be washed away and used again!



Box Tops Report: Last year we collected 13,417 Box Tops! This means you earned the school \$1,347.70 by clipping those Box Tops and sending them in. All the money goes to purchasing new school equipment and granting teacher requests for classroom needs! Look for the Box Tops letter coming home soon from our coordinators Cheryl George and Missy Kalinowski with more details about the program and about the classroom rewards incentive for collecting those Box Tops.

Check your Student's Backpack!

In order to reduce paper use, one copy of all NES PTO newsletters, announcements and order forms will be given to each family. They will be sent home with your youngest child. Please check your child's backpack to make sure you are receiving all the latest NES news. Contact your student's teacher if you think you are not receiving all NES mailings. As much as possible we will try to have a copy of all information we send home available on the PTO website – **nespto.org**. We also frequently send out email newsletters with pdf's of the handouts attached. To join the email list just send us an email at northfieldelementarypto@gmail.com.

Upcoming October Events:

Keep an eye out for information about these exciting events the PTO will be organizing for October!

Fall Fest – an afternoon of fun Fall games & activities, this is a free event open to all NES families.

Pumpkin Carving Night – Help us carve pumpkins to bring to the Franklin County Pumpkinfest – we will provide the pumpkins but we need your help to carve them all! This is a free event open to the Northfield Community.

Bake Sale Table at the Franklin County

Pumpkinfest – The PTO will be selling delicious fall baked goods and drinks at the great event! Come visit our booth and all the Northfield pumpkins that were carved at Pumpkin Carving Night!



Coca-Cola Reward Points

Save your bottle caps and box flaps from your Coca-Cola products! They have a rewards number that you enter online and then you can donate the points to our school! You can enter them yourselves at mycokerewards.com or send them in to the PTO and we will enter them for you!

Labels For Education

Look for the *Labels for Education* symbol on Campbell Soup Cans and other products! By saving and redeeming product UPCs and beverage caps from participating products we can earn points which we can redeem school supplies! Please keep an eye out for these labels and send them in to school for us!

Check out our NEW website and Facebook Page and Facebook Group!

For more information about PTO events and fundraisers visit our NEW website:

nespto.org. Our Facebook page is called "Northfield Elementary PTO" – please "like" us to get updates on the happenings of PTO and school events. There is also a Facebook group called "NES Parent Exchange" which is open to all NES family members to exchange info, news, and ask questions – please join us there!

Questions? Contact us!

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