



Northfield Elementary PTO

November 2015 Newsletter



Important Dates

Nov 11th: Veteran's Day – NO SCHOOL
Nov 12th: 12:15pm Early Release (no lunch) - Parent/Teacher Conference Day
Nov 12th: Teachers' Luncheon
Nov 13th: Deadline for Original Works orders
Nov 17th: PTO Meeting – 6:30pm-8pm
Nov 25th: 12:15pm Early Release (no lunch & no afterschool program)
Nov 26th & 27th: Closed for Thanksgiving Recess
Dec 5th: Holiday Fair (NES PTO Raffle Baskets, Food & Bake Sale, Wreath Sale)

Next PTO Meeting: Tuesday, November 17th at

6:30pm in the NES Library: There will be an onsite babysitter so feel free to bring your kids. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Help needed for Teachers' Luncheon!

Thursday, Nov 12th is a 12:15pm early release day for parent/teacher conferences. Every year on this day, we like to offer the teachers a luncheon and snack spread to help ease the craziness of the day! Please contact our coordinator, Theresa Tsipenyuk, to let us know what you would like to contribute. (call/text 413-325-3105, email tmquinn14@yahoo.com)

Original Works Fundraiser now in process!

This week your child's art work with an Original Works program letter and product catalog were sent home! Orders and artwork need to be returned to school by Friday, November 13th. Your ordered goods will be delivered to the school the first week of December. Any questions contact Theresa Tsipenyuk at 413-325-3105 or tmquinn14@yahoo.com.

Meadow Farms Catalog Fundraiser Report

Principal King challenged the school that if the students sold \$5,000 of goods then he would dye his hair – the classroom with the highest dollar amount sold would get to choose the color. Our total sales was \$7,550! Ms. Arena's 5th grade won the opportunity to choose the color and they chose pink! Please visit our website www.nespto.org for pictures of Mr. King with pink hair! Thank you to everyone who participated in our Meadow Farms Catalog fundraiser! Our profit is about \$3,200 all of which will be used to support the needs of the teachers and the students of NES!

Box Tops Report: The results are in for our Sept/Oct collection period – 3,833 Box Tops were clipped and sent in! This translates to \$383.30 raised so far for our school! The next collection of Box Tops will be on November 30th and that will conclude our Fall Contest. The grade with most Box Tops collected will win an extra recess! Here are the collection totals and grade standings so far:

Pre-K: 107 + 56 = 163

K: 174 + 147 = 321

Grade 1: 250 + 214 = 464

Grade 2: 502 + 250 = 752

Grade 3: 244 + 199 = 443

Grade 4: 447 + 490 = 937

Grade 5: 313 + 311 = 624

Grade 6: 57 + 72 = 129

Keep on sending in those Box Tops! Any questions please contact our fabulous coordinators Missy Kalinowski (225-3049, marleysage@comcast.net) and Cheryl George (522-0576, oldwendell@gmail.com)

Fall Festival Report

On Sat, Oct 17th 3pm-6pm, this free fun family event took place on the playground behind the school and was a great success! Thank you very much to Theresa Tsipenyuk and Cheryl George for organizing this amazing event! But, this great event wouldn't have happened without all of the help from many parent volunteers...Missy Kalinowski, Deb Potee, Rich Fitzgerald, Craig George, Roman Tsipenyuk, Breinn Robert, Sarah Rastallis, Sara & Michael Ray, Amanda Lewis, Jill Prunier, Jill Leger, Stacy & Michael Quinn, Michael Dubin and many more. Thank you very much to everyone that helped out and thank you to everyone that came out and enjoyed a fun fall afternoon with friends!

Holiday Fair Raffle Baskets

Every year, each grade sponsors a basket with a theme which is filled up with goodies donated by the families of the kids in that grade. These incredible, overflowing baskets are then raffled off at the Holiday Fair on Sat, Dec 5th. Basket coordinators for each grade are needed! If you would like to help, please contact Cheryl George, 413-522-0576, oldwendell@gmail.com. Flyers will soon be sent home requesting donated items that go with your grade's basket theme – please help us fill these baskets to overflowing!

Pumpkin Carving Night Report: On Friday, October 23rd, the NES PTO once again hosted a Family Pumpkin Carving Night in the NES cafeteria. We had a lot pumpkins waiting to be carved! There was a wonderful turnout of families and the grand total of carved pumpkins was 304!! (We beat last year's record of 173!) All of the carved pumpkins were pre-registered, loaded on a trailer and transported to The Franklin County Pumpkinfest in Turners Falls the next day.***We could not have done this without the generous donations of pumpkins from Cindy Pease of Greenfield.***A very special Thank you to the Amato Family, Tony Sr., Tony Jr. and Jacob, for transporting the pumpkins on their trailer and helping unload all those pumpkins.***Many, many Thanks to the following people who helped make the night a success: Cheryl George, Police Chief Rob Leighton, Melanie Leighton, Officer Komerzan, Junior Firefighters Dan Chabott, Jr. and Tyler Hunter and their advisor Dave Adams, National Junior Honor Society Students Cole Leighton and Eli Koester, Missy & Chris Kalinowski, Jennifer Chabott, Kelly Amato, Michael Ray, Craig George, Alison George, Jakob George, Brian Kellogg, Kasey Kellogg, Michael Dubin, Ella Dubin and the Llewelyns. A HUGE Thank You to everyone who came out to carve pumpkins! The extra pumpkins were offered to the teachers for classroom project and we sold the rest on Monday, October 26th after school. We sold most of them and made \$180! (The rest now decorate the school, library, fire station, town hall and Mim's).

Scholastic Book Fair coming in December Help support the NES Library by doing your book shopping at the Scholastic Book Fair on Sat, Dec 5th 9am-2pm in the NES cafeteria during the Holiday Fair! The book fair will also be open during the school day so kids can shop on December 9th, 10th, & 11th.

Questions? Comments? Contact us!

Email: northfieldelementarypto@gmail.com
 Call: Lara Dubin, Co-Chair, 413-522-2564 or
 Cheryl George, Co-Chair, 413-522-0576



Happy Thanksgiving!

NES PTO Booth at the Pumpkinfest Report:

On Saturday, October 24th, the NES PTO set up a booth at the Franklin County Pumpkinfest selling pumpkin themed baked goods, apple cider and bottled water. We raised about \$480! All 304 carved pumpkins were gathered around our booth, each marked with a little blue "NES" flag! ***Thank you to everyone who volunteered in some way to help make this possible: Cheryl & Craig George, Missy Kalinowski, Michael Ray, Abbie Ray, Alison George, Jakob George, Lauryn Kalinowski, Nolan Kalinowski, Jennifer Chabott, Annie Cahill, Deb Potee, Karina Berenson, Lara & Ella Dubin, Kelly Gilbert, Rich Fitzgerald, Carol George, Theresa Tsipenyuk, Aaron & Stacy Tidlund, Amy & Jeff Hendricks, and many more who supported us by stopping by the booth that day! We received an official "Certificate of Appreciation" from Michael Nelson, the organizer of Pumpkinfest... "Presented to the students of Northfield Elementary School for their hard work in creating 304 beautiful pumpkins for Franklin County Pumpkinfest 2015!" The certificate is posted on the PTO bulletin board outside the school's main office and also on our website www.nespto.org.

NES PTO Supports 5th Grade Field Trip!

This month the 5th Grade will go on a field trip to the Mashantucket Pequot Museum. To help keep the cost to each student down to just \$, the NES PTO has contributed \$645 towards the cost of the bus transportation (total cost of the bus is \$1290). The other half of the transportation cost is funded through the NES budget.

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