

December 2015 Newsletter

NES PTO

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

Dear NES Families,

Thank you for a successful Fall Fundraising season. Since the start of school in September, we have raised a total of \$7,322! Our goal for the school year is \$15,000. All of these funds get reinvested into the school, supporting enrichment programs, classroom needs, field trips, playground improvements and more. We also wish to thank our volunteers who coordinate these fundraisers and to those who are able to offer an hour or so of their time to help make our events possible. Without the help of volunteers, this PTO would not exist – Thank You!

Alvin & the Chipmunks: The Road Chip

Monday, December 28th, 9:30am at the Greenfield Garden Cinemas

Tickets just \$5! This fundraising event is open to everyone.

Each year the Greenfield Garden Cinemas generously offers us a special movie to help us raise money for our PTO. For every ticket purchased, Greenfield Garden Cinemas will donate the same amount back to the NES PTO!

We hope you can join us! To pre-order tickets contact Lara Dubin at laradubin@gmail.com or 413-522-2564. It will also be possible to buy tickets at the theatre that morning – cash only please!

NES PTO Holiday Fair & Basket Raffle Report

On Saturday, December 5th the PTO sold tickets for our annual Classroom Raffle Basket Fundraiser and also sold wreaths, fruit, lunch items and baked goods in the NES Cafeteria.

We made \$1,835 selling tickets for the Raffle Baskets! This money will be divided evenly and given directly to the Teacher of each classroom to spend as they need for their students. Our profit from the Food & Bake Sale Table and Wreath sale was \$1232.90.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the baskets! Thank you to the folks who brought in baked goods for our lunch/bake sale! Thank you to the folks who came in and worked a shift selling tickets & food! We could not make it happen without your help!



Upcoming Events

December 23

12:15 Early Release – no afterschool care available

December 28

Movie Day at Greenfield Garden Cinemas, 9:30am

January 4

School Resumes

January 14

NES PTO Meeting, 6:30pm

Raffle Basket Winners!

PreK: All Things Maple
Winner - Holly Holloway
Kindergarten: Chocolate
Winner - Cole Leighton
Grade 1: Go Ahead, Bake My Day
Winner - Ellenjo Gries
Grade 2: Let's Go Camping
Winner - Billy Martin
Grade 3: New England Eats & Treats
Winner - Rachel Wood
Grade 4: Movie Night
Winner - Stacy Quinn
Grade 5: Family Fun Night
Winner - Linda Castine
Grade 6: What's That Smell
Winner - Mary Diemand
Produce Basket
Winner - Ann Marie Newton

December Box Tops Report

Congratulations to the 4th Grade for winning the Fall Box Tops Contest! They collected a total number of 1015 Box Tops and have won an extra recess. For the Fall session (Sept-Nov) a total of 4,739 Box Tops were sent in - this means that your Box Top clippings have raised \$473.90 for the school so far!

Pre-K: $107 + 56 + 29 = 192$

K: $174 + 147 + 38 = 359$

Grade 1: $250 + 214 + 194 = 658$

Grade 2: $502 + 250 + 225 = 977$

Grade 3: $244 + 199 + 125 = 568$

Grade 4: $447 + 490 + 78 = 1015$

Grade 5: $313 + 311 + 183 = 807$

Grade 6: $57 + 72 + 34 = 163$

Keep on sending in those Box Tops! Any questions please contact our fabulous coordinators:

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NES PTO December Meeting Report

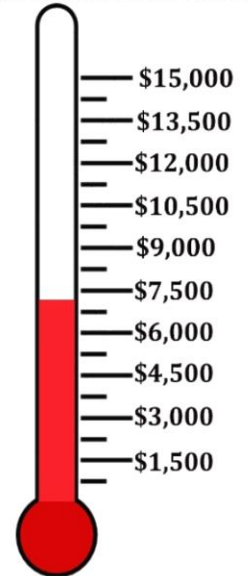
Below is a quick summary of the highlights our December 10th PTO meeting. The full minutes of the meeting are available on our website – www.nespto.org.

- Voted yes to contribute \$600 towards the continuation of the IXL Math & Language Arts computer program that the students currently use.
- Considering doing a Read-A-Thon in March. This would be a possible fundraiser to benefit upgrades on the school playground.
- Discussed possible January dates for our Family Movie Night – Jan 23rd looks most likely. Possible movies to show may be Minions or Inside Out – we may do an online survey to parents to see which one might be preferred.
- Started discussion about possible Spring Carnival dates in May. Will be checking with Robin McKeon to see what works best for her and the Fun Run.
- Working on scheduling the Dr. Seuss Magic Show to come in and do a full school assembly sometime in March.

Playground News

The current Playground Committee have been working on creating a plan to replace the aging school playground structures. Look for emails and flyers to be sent home in January with more details! It is an exciting project but will require extra fundraising beyond what the PTO normally contributes. We are looking for more folks to join us in this ambitious venture. Keep an eye out for the announcement of the date of our next Playground meeting and for more details of our plans!

FUNDRAISING GOAL PROGRESS!



Help out the PTO!

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!

Coca-Cola Rewards

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!

Stop & Shop A+ Rewards

Earn cash for NES when you shop! Designate NES as your school by going to:

www.stopandshop.com/aplus

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