

January 2016 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,

We are now halfway through the school year and the PTO is happy to report that we have raised \$10,000 of our fundraising goal of \$15,000. Thank you for your support! With these funds we are able to support our school by purchasing classroom supplies, supplementing field trip transportation funds, improving the playground, bringing in enrichment programs for the students, and so much more. We have many plans for fundraisers & fun family events coming up this winter & spring and we hope you will continue to support us! We especially need your involvement – come to a meeting, volunteer for an hour at an event, help us with the newsletter, website, copying – let us know how you might be able to help out! Email us at northfieldelementarypto@gmail.com – we need you!

NES Family Movie Night - MINIONS!

Saturday, January 30th in the NES gym- movie starts at 6pm. Join us for a special showing of the MINIONS in the gym projected onto a large screen! Bring your sleeping bags, pillows, blankets and lawn chairs to set up on the gym floor. (Children will need to be accompanied by an adult - this is not a drop off event.)

Admission to this event is FREE!

New this year: 25¢ Concessions Table: Small bags of popcorn, snack size candies, cookies, etc. will be sold for just 25¢ each!

We will have drinks for sale for \$1 each – bottled water, juice boxes, and an assortment of soda.

Contact Lara Dubin with any questions:
413-522-2564, laradubin@gmail.com

Playground Improvement Meeting: Wed, Feb 3

Are you interested in seeing the current school playground play structures updated, improved, replaced?



Please join us in the NES Library on Wednesday, February 3rd at 7pm.
We need more parent input and help!



Upcoming Events

January 30

6:00pm Family Movie Night, NES Gym

February 3

Playground Improvement Meeting,
7:00pm, NES Library

February 4

Fundraising Committee Meeting,
6:30pm, NES Library

February 11

NES PTO Meeting, 6:30pm, NES Library

March 11

Family Bingo Night, 6:00pm, NES Gym

February PTO Meeting

Thursday, February 11th

6:30pm in the NES Library

DID YOU KNOW.....

★ We have a babysitter available during the PTO meetings to watch your kids while you join us?

★ We try to keep our meetings no longer than 90 minutes. If you can only stay for 30 or 45 or 60 minutes that is fine!

★ You do not need to “join” the NES PTO – you are already a part of it. Parents that have a child attending NES are automatically considered to be a member of the NES PTO.

★ We love seeing new faces at our meetings!

★ Coming to a meeting is a great way to meet other parents.

Contact us: northfieldelementarypto@gmail.com
Visit our webpage: www.nespto.org
Like our Facebook page: Northfield Elementary PTO

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NES PTO Movie Day Report

On Monday, December 27th the Greenfield Garden Cinemas had a special 9:30am showing of Alvin & The Chipmunks: The Road Chip to benefit the NES PTO. Our profit for this fundraiser was \$945! Thank you to all who came out to enjoy the movie and support our organization and a very special thank you to the Greenfield Garden Cinemas for offering us this fundraising opportunity!

NES PTO January Meeting Report

Below is a quick summary of the highlights our January 14th PTO meeting. The full minutes of the meeting are available on our website – www.nespto.org.

- Fundraiser check-in: we have raised approx. \$10,000 so far. We need to raise \$5,000 more this spring to hit our goal of \$15,000. Cheryl will call a meeting of the Fundraising Committee to review our planned and possible new fundraisers for the spring. Fundraising ideas include selling hanging baskets for Mother's Day and a Wine & Canvas event at Cameron's Winery.
- Voted yes to a Teacher Request from Hope Phalon, Art Teacher, for \$200 to use towards art supplies.
- Upcoming events will be Family Movie Night on January 30th, Family Bingo Night on March 11th, and Spring Carnival & Fun Run on May 14th.
- Enrichment Programs: Dr. Seuss Magic Show is scheduled for Thursday, March 17th and will be one assembly for the full school. Crime Scene Science is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13th. Crime Scene Science will be two assemblies: grades Pre-K-2 and 3-6.
- Principal King announced he will be retiring this spring, at the end of the school year. Superintendent Ruth Miller will be putting together a hiring committee composed of parents, community members, and staff.

Fundraising Committee Meeting

The Fundraising Committee will meet on Thursday, February 4th, 6:30pm at the NES Library to discuss possible new fundraisers for this spring. This meeting is open to all – please join us!

NES PTO Supports Field Trips!

A big part of Field Trip costs is the transportation which can range from \$300 to \$1,200 for a bus. The current school budget covers half the transportation cost of a field trip and the NES PTO's goal is to cover as much as we can of the other half of that cost so that the price of field trips passed onto the families is reduced as much as possible. So far we have been able to contribute the following funds to field trip bus costs:
\$300: Kindergarten & 2nd Grade trip to Northfield Mountain
\$665: for upcoming 4th Grade trip to Lowell National Historical Park
\$645: 5th Grade trip to the Mashantucket Pequot Museum
\$170: 3rd grade trip to Amherst College Natural History Museum

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
Our school # is 05453