

February 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,

Spring is just around the corner and we have some fun fundraising events planned! This month introduces the new Wine & Canvas fundraiser event and in March we will have our annual Family Bingo Night! In May we will sell Mother's Day flower baskets from Five Acre Farm and hold our annual Spring Carnival and Fun Run. Our fundraising goal for the year is \$15,000 and we are just \$5,000 away from meeting that goal! All money raised by these fundraisers will go to the NES PTO and then the NES PTO reinvests those funds directly into the school, supporting the educational needs of the students and teachers. Carnival planning starts in March and we need people for the planning committee - let us know you're interested by emailing us at northfieldelementarypto@gmail.com or putting a note in the PTO mailbox at school!

Wine & Canvas Fundraiser, Sat, Feb 27, 6-9pm at Cameron's Winery

Enjoy a night out with friends while supporting our school! This is a fun, adults only (21+) event. No painting experience is necessary. The Wine & Canvas instructor and assistant will work with you to recreate the featured painting with step-by-step instructions. All participants receive a 16x20 gallery wrapped canvas and the use of easels, brushes, paints, and aprons. \$45 per person, includes light refreshments and one raffle ticket for a chance to win great prizes. Cameron's Winery will have their wine available for purchase during the event. Tickets must be reserved in advance of the event! To reserve tickets, contact Cheryl George, call/text 413-522-0576 or email oldwendell@gmail.com



Family Bingo Night, Friday, March 11, 6pm

Please join us for Family Bingo Night Friday, March 11th, starting at 6pm at the NES gym! For just \$3 per person you will receive a booklet of bingo cards and many chances to win some wonderful prizes (for both kids & adults)! There will also be a 50/50 raffle and a bake sale.



Upcoming Events

February 27

Wine & Canvas Fundraiser, 6pm-9pm
Cameron's Winery

March 10

NES PTO Meeting, 6:30pm, NES Library

March 11

Family Bingo Night, 6:00pm, NES Gym

March 16

Playground Improvement Meeting
6:30pm, NES Library

March 17

Dr. Seuss Magic Show, 10am
Pre-K - 6th Grade school assembly

March 24

Hubie's Tavern & Restaurant Fundraiser
6:00 - 10:00pm, Avenue A, Turners Falls

March 25

NO SCHOOL - Full Day In-Service

Prize Donations Needed for Family Bingo Night!

If you can donate an item or gift certificate (good for either kids or adults) please let Sherri Haughey know by calling her at 413-225-3080.

Baked Goods Needed for Family Bingo Night!

We need baked goods for the bake sale! All baked goods need to be individually wrapped. Please contact Lara Dubin to let her know what you can bring! Call/text: 413-522-2564, laradubin@gmail.com

Contact us: northfieldelementarypto@gmail.com
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First NES PTO Skate Day a Fun Success

On Tuesday, February 16th the NES PTO rented the rink at the Greenfield Collins/Moyan Ice Rink to hold a fundraiser for new play structures on our school playground. Adults and kids could skate from 1pm-2pm for just \$5 (plus \$5 skate rental if needed) and then could stay on the ice for the 2pm-3:50pm Public Skate session for no charge. Much skating fun was had and we raised \$165! We hope to try out more Skate Day Fundraisers for the next school year. Thank you to Kelly Gagnon for organizing this event!

January Box Tops Report

Here are the results of the January collection of Box Tops:

Pre-K: 80

K: 163

Grade 1: 187

Grade 2: 528

Grade 3: 13

Grade 4: 162

Grade 5: 59

Grade 6: 338



The next collection will be on Friday, February 26th and this will be the final collection for the Winter Contest. Those totals will be added to the totals above and the grade with the most will win an extra recess! So far this year, you have raised \$626.90 for your school! Keep clipping those Box Tops!! Any questions please contact our fabulous coordinators:

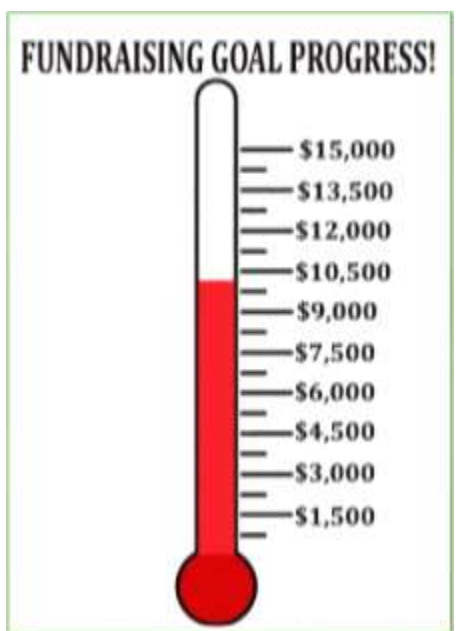
Missy Kalinowski (225-3049, marleysage@comcast.net)

Cheryl George (522-0576, oldwendell@gmail.com)

NES PTO February Meeting Report

Below is a quick summary of the highlights our February 11th PTO meeting. The full minutes of the meeting will be available on our website – www.nespto.org.

- Discussed the possibility of holding a Parents Night Out fundraiser in April
- Talked about holding an Internet Safety Night for parents & kids.
- Learned that the Labels for Education program will be ending in 2017.
- 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 that, at this point in time, it looks like NES may lose one para-professional classroom aide for next year and that, based on current enrollment numbers, it is likely that the 1st grade, 2nd grade, and 3rd grade classrooms will be reduced to just one classroom each next fall.



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 the UPCs and beverage caps from participating products we can earn points which we can then redeem for 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

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Spring Carnival & Fun Run Planning time!

Saturday, May 14th, will be the day for our annual fundraising event, the Spring Carnival & Fun Run. Planning meetings will begin at the end of March and the PTO is in need of parents to help make this fun event a success! A meeting date for late March will be announced soon. Are you interested in being involved but unable to make evening meetings? Email us at northfieldelementarypto@gmail.com to let us know you would like to be on the email & meeting list for carnival planning. Even if you are unable to attend the planning meetings, you can still be involved through email & phone calls! The Spring Carnival is run by parent volunteers, so let's make this a fun event for our kids!

Playground Improvement Meeting: Wed, March 16th, 6:30pm, NES Library

Fundraising has begun for new play structures on the school playground. Did you know our current play structures are 15-20 years old and are showing their age? Below are renderings of the possible new structures. We are still working out the details – let us know what you think! We would love to have more parent input and help! Please join us in the NES Library on Wednesday, March 16th at 6:30pm.



Proposed new Pre-K & Kindergarten Structure for ages 2-5



Proposed new Play Structure for ages 5-12