



Keeping Pace with Nelson Place

Nelson Place School
Parent Teacher Organization
November, 2009



Worcester Sharks vs Hartford Wolf Pack Saturday, November 14th

Come join the Nelson Place Family for our second family event of the year and cheer on your Worcester Sharks at the DCU Center. It is also Tiffany Thornton Night (from the hit TV Show *Sonny with a Chance*)! She will be signing autographs, etc. Tickets are \$10/ea for lower level seating. If you would like to sit with another family, please just send in ONE ORDER FORM for the entire group to ensure that your tickets are together. Order forms have already gone home with the children and are due back November 4th. You can also find order forms on the NP website. If you have any questions about the event, please contact Lisa Lussier at 508-854-0545 (mlussier1@aol.com) or Meg Mulhern at 508-667-2480 (mmulhern@intlceramics.com). Hope to see you all at the game!

Operation Turkey 2009

Here at Nelson Place, it is an Annual Tradition to invite our families to share some of what we have with those in need. We collect dry goods and canned goods, which are boxed up and given to families within our community who can use help having a bountiful Thanksgiving Feast. We also accept monetary donations, which are used to purchase grocery gift cards. Food Collection boxes will be in classrooms from Monday, November 9 until Friday, November 20. If you would like to contribute money to this cause, please send it in an envelope marked clearly with the words "Operation Turkey." I will also be looking for volunteers on Friday, November 20, to help pack up the food boxes. If you feel your family could use a Thanksgiving Basket, please contact Principal Kelley. More information will be coming home in the "backpack express" as we approach Thanksgiving. As always, Thanks for your support! Gretchen Switzer



Enrichment Committee

Our thanks to the courageous adults who let themselves be put in straitjackets by Illusionist David Garrity on October 27! Everyone will be happy to know that these teachers and parents all escaped unscathed and will go on to live happy, healthy lives!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Enrichment has had to temporarily drop the idea of a family stargazing night. However, we are looking into new possibilities for a similar program.

We will not have another Enrichment presentation until after the holidays, which are so busy in our classrooms.

Books and Beyond and TRRIP

Both Books & Beyond and TRRIP kicked off with our "Unleash the Magic in Books" program. Volunteers should have their instruction folders and kids should have their reading sheets, so get reading! Reading sheets are due Tuesday, Dec. 1st. For questions contact Jill Andros at jill@androsfamily.com or 508 852-1654.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, November 10th
Veteran's Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 11th
No School: Veterans Day

Thursday, November 19th
Papa Ginos Night 5-7 p.m.

PTO Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

November 25-27th
No School: Thanksgiving

Commonwealth Kids Club

Commonwealth Bank kicked off their 'Savings Makes Sense' program with Nelson Place on Saturday, October 24th! Students who visited the West Boylston Street branch with their parent or guardian received a free passbook savings account, \$5 to start their savings account, courtesy of Commonwealth Bank, as well as a variety of goodies and beverages. A bank representative will be visiting NP twice a month so that students can make deposits and learn that savings makes cents!! For more information, contact branch manager Maureen Halley at 508-595-1000.

The Holiday Store is coming!

The PTO will once again host a "holiday store" for the students of Nelson Place to do a little holiday shopping of their own. The store itself will be open during the school day on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, December 7, 8, & 9, which means we need volunteers! More information and signup sheets will be going home soon. Please contact Dave Francis at justdave3@hotmail.com with any questions.



Nelson Place Cookbooks

Flyers will be coming soon to order Nelson Place Cookbooks! These family friendly recipes were provided by NP families and staff. They make a great holiday gift for only \$10!! Proceeds go to benefit the playground maintenance fund. Look for information coming home soon!



PTO Fundraising

Thank you to all who helped to make our fall fundraising a success! Yankee Candle Products will be delivered to the school mid November, more information to follow. There is a limited supply of Entertainment books still available to purchase, they make a great holiday gift! Please contact Deb Steigman at 753-6419 Dsteigo@verizon.net, or Kristy Lewandowski at 508-854-1031 klewandowski9@msn.com with any questions.

PAPA GINOS NIGHT for Nelson Place School

Please join in the fun Thursday, November 19, from 4pm to 9 pm at the PAPA GINOS located at 681 West Boylston Street. This community fundraiser earns 20% of the sales made by our families and friends during this time. Carry-out counts too! Discount certificate / fliers will be sent home with children before the date. You must submit your flier at time of ordering. So come for fun and help us raise some dough, Pizza dough that is!

Don't forget to check out the website for all the latest updates
www.nelsonplacepto.org

Coming in December.....

- **Holiday store** December 7,8,9
- **Community Reading Day** Tuesday, December 8

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