

Keeping Pace with Nelson Place

Nelson Place School
Parent Teacher Organization
April, 2010



Student Highlights

Congratulations to Mackenzie Doherty, a recent Nelson Place graduate, for placing **FIRST** in the Elementary level of this year's Irish History Writing Contest sponsored by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians of Worcester County. Mackenzie received \$100.00 for her winning essay which has now been entered into the regional competition.

Congratulations to Alicyn Bratchell for her essay published in the Worcester Telegram's Happy Times Pages!

Good Nutrition

Alicyn Bratchell, Grade 4

Have you ever heard why nutrition is important? I have. Nutrition gives your body a boost when you're sick or have a problem with your body. Nutrition is a good way to help you grow and get lots of vitamins, minerals, and also lots of calcium. Most of all nutrition can create energy and add a little fun to your body. Most people who eat healthy have a lot of energy and happiness put into their day. The more healthy food you eat the more energy you get. Nutrition is also helpful for thinking and focusing on everyday work and that's why nutrition is important to have!

Oliver! The Musical

Reservations have been received for Oliver! and you should have received an email regarding the amount you should send in to school for your tickets. Seating has been secured in the Lower Level Orchestra Sections. If you have any questions, or have not received an email please contact Meg Mulhern at mmulhern@intlceramics.com (508-667-2480) or Lisa Lussier at mlussier1@aol.com (508-854-0545)

Yard Sale to Benefit Playground Fund

There will be a yard sale to benefit the NP playground fund on Saturday, April 17th at 2 Holden Street from 9am to noon. Hopefully we will be able to wrap up the remaining \$400 needed on this day!! If you can help out, contact Beth Proko at bproko@charter.net.



Opening Night - Worcester Tornadoes

The children have been invited for the 3rd year in a row to be the guest singers at Opening Night for the Worcester Tornadoes. Ticket order forms will be coming home shortly. They have been working hard practicing the Star Spangled Banner in Music Class, and we look forward to another fabulous performance. The children will need their own ticket to be purchased as well as other family members to gain entrance into the game. If you have any questions, please contact Meg Mulhern at mmulhern@intlceramics.com (508-667-2480) or Lisa Lussier at mlussier1@aol.com (508-854-0545).

Nelson Place T-Shirts

This year each child will receive a Free Nelson Place T-Shirt to wear to the Tornadoes Game on Opening Night. Forms have gone home in the backpacks. Please make sure you fill it out and send it back right away so we know what size to purchase for your child. If other family members would like to order shirts as well, there will be a section to order those for \$5/ea. Show off your Nelson Place Pride!

SPREE DAY is coming **June 11th**, be sure to save the date! We will need many volunteers again and please keep your fingers crossed for **SUNSHINE ALL DAY!**

Upcoming Events

Friday, April 2nd

No School

Tuesday, April 13th

PTO Meeting 7pm

Monday, April 19-Friday, April 23rd

No School, Spring Vacation

Saturday, April 24th

Oliver! Hanover Theatre, 2pm

Our sincere thanks go out to all our thirty-three fantastic volunteers who worked so hard for the Scholastic Book Fair in March!

Peggy Harris
Irena Stumbras
Jobita Alukka
Beth Proko
Sue Vantre
Alison Vigeant
Katherine Gurbanov
Pam Landry
Diane Alves
Alina Khaspekov
Jill Andros

Tara Prentiss
Pam Landry
Deena Noel
Eileen Gallagher
Anita Pratt
Colleen Fisher
Connie Carlson
Karen Naylor
Amy Hurley
Maria Pickering
Jessica Couture

KC Murphy
Sue Kozlowski
Raychelle Lyman
Kristy Lewandowski
Angela Bazydlo
Megan O'Hearn
Barbara Kelleher
Dan Mara
Mary Zamarro
Erin Kruse

Thanks also to Mr. Kelley, Ms Loftus and Mrs. Racine for their support and patience!

Our gross book fair sales were over \$7,000. As a result, Nelson Place will receive over \$3000 in book profits for the PTO to spend on books for the school. Thanks to all of you for supporting this effort!
Gretchen Switzer & Deb Wessels

Summer Tutoring

Don't let your child's skills do the summer slide! Keep them moving forward with tutoring sessions provided by certified professionals. For the second summer we are offering tutorial sessions in Reading Language Arts, Math and Writing. We will help to maintain skills and provide opportunities for your child to grow. Using curriculum your child is familiar with, we will keep their progress growing! Sessions available Monday thru Friday 9:00 am to 12:30. Scheduling is flexible. One hour sessions focused on your child's needs. Contact Rebecca Deacon: deacra@comcast.net or 978-502-0935.

The Nelson Place **Enrichment committee** has some fantastic programs planned for this spring! These include a motivational speaker who teaches kids how to set goals for themselves and work toward their dreams. She was on the 1988 and 1992 U.S. Olympic fencing team. Molly Sullivan Sliney comes to school on Thursday, April 15 to offer two morning programs - one for K-3 and another for 4-6.

On Tuesday, April 27, Kim Bent brings us her "Catch the Science Bug" program entitled "Where does our Drinking Water come from?" Grades 1- 4 will enjoy this event presented by the woman who has created the "Catch the Science Bug" television program for PBS.

In June, Ms Bent will also be spending time with our individual Kindergarten classes teaching them about "Polar Bears and Other Animal Adaptations."

"Pumpernickel Puppets" is always a big hit with the K-1 classes. This year they will be coming back on Tuesday, June 8!

We hope you enjoy our upcoming enrichment programs! Gretchen Switzer, Enrichment Chair

Nelson Place PTO Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week - May 3 thru May 7

The Nelson Place PTO Hospitality committee is pleased to announce that this year we will be holding events and activities throughout the week of May 3-May 7 to show our Teachers and Staff how much they are appreciated. The annual Teacher/Staff Appreciation Breakfast will take place on Wednesday May 5 from 8a.m. - 9 a.m. in the Library. This meal is always a success thanks to the wonderful families, volunteers, and great cooks at Nelson Place. We will be planning a "Spring" theme for this years festivities. More information and sign-up sheets will be coming home after April vacation! Please feel free to contact Deb Steigman at 508-753-6419, or Kristi Lewandowski 508-854-1031 with any questions and/or suggestions. Thank you!

PTO News

The next PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00. Because the April meeting would fall during April school vacation week, the members in attendance at the March meeting requested that the April meeting be scheduled the week before school vacation. Don't forget to check out all the latest updates at

www.nelsonplacepto.org

2009/2010 PTO OFFICERS

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