

# Keeping Pace with Nelson Place

Nelson Place School  
Parent Teacher Organization  
December, 2009



## Student Highlights

Fourth grader Ryan Buckley recently had an essay published in the Worcester Telegram's Happy Times Pages. Congratulations Ryan!

### **Famous person I would like to meet**

by Ryan Buckley

*I wish I met Milton Hershey. He was the first to create Hershey chocolate, yum, my favorite. His father was a dreamer, and Milton ate sour balls as a boy. When he was an adult he had tickets on the Titanic. He was not able to go because his wife was very ill. Weeks later his wife died. He earned \$6,000 by selling his famous Hershey chocolate. Milton Hershey is my hero because with the money he earned he gave to children who needed a home.*

## Books and Beyond and TRRIP

TRRIP and Books and Beyond are underway! First station sheets were due December 1st. If you haven't turned them in yet, it's not too late! Keep up your reading through the holidays and turn in your next station on January 4th. If you misplace your sheets, just use any paper to keep track of your reading. For questions contact Jill Andros at [jill@androsfamily.com](mailto:jill@androsfamily.com) or 508 852-1654.



Nelson Place hosted a Veteran's breakfast on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> for parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, etc. who have served in the armed forces. It was a great success and enjoyed by all.

## Operation Turkey 2009

### **TO THE WHOLE NELSON PLACE**

**COMMUNITY:** Thank you! Thank you! Thank You for your generous donations to "Operation Turkey!" This year, we provided boxes of food and grocery gift cards to six families, with food goods to spare. With the help of "Miss Jane" McHugh, we donated the remaining items to the food pantry that is now housed at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Shore Road, so it stayed "in the neighborhood." They were delighted to receive what we had to share. I would especially like to thank the volunteers who came to help put the boxes together and did a good deal of "heavy lifting"- Sandra Foster, Peggi Harris, Tara Prentiss, Anita Pratt, Mary Zamarro, Jobita Alukka. Thanks to Mr. Earl, Miss Jane, Mrs. Racine and Mrs. England, as well as Mr. Kelley and Ms Loftus for all your help and support. The success of this giving event makes me prouder and prouder, every year, to be part of the Nelson Place Family. Gretchen Switzer, Operation Turkey, 2009.

## Upcoming Events

**December 7th-10th**  
Holiday Store

**Tuesday, December 8th**  
Community Reading Day

**Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Holiday Show, 9:30 & 1:00

**December 24-Jan 1st**  
No School – Holiday Vacation

## Saddle up for a fun night!

The Texas Roadhouse has partnered up with the NP PTO Playground Committee to offer you a night you won't soon forget. On Wednesday, January 27th this fun family restaurant will host Nelson Place Night to benefit the playground maintenance fund! Flyers will come home a couple of weeks before. Send them to family, friends, co-workers and more. We earn 20% for every meal (to go and bar included) and gift certificate sold to persons who present our flyer. Dust off your cowboy boots and stay tuned for more information!

## The Holiday Store is coming December 7th, 8th, 9& 10th!

A shopping budget envelope and a schedule of class times and days children will be shopping at the Holiday Store will be coming home soon. This is a fun time for the students to buy surprise presents for family, friends, and even pets. So start making your list and checking it twice! If you are writing a check, make it payable to Nelson Place PTO, and if you put the dollar amount on the check in advance, we ask the maximum should not be greater than \$20.00. Please contact David Francis with any questions at 508-304-7224 or justdave3@hotmail.com.



## Scholastic Book Fair 2010

The Scholastic book fair will be held the first week of March 2010. Volunteers are needed! Please contact Gretchen Switzer at [switzers4@verizon.net](mailto:switzers4@verizon.net) if you would like to help out.

## Last Call for Great Holiday Gifts!

The NP cookbook, bursting with family friendly (in other words fast and easy!) appetizers, entrees, desserts and more is on sale now for only \$10 each! This makes a great gift and a fun school keepsake. Holiday orders due by Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Order forms were sent home in backpacks. They can also be found on the playground page of the PTO website.

There will be no PTO meeting in December. The next PTO Meeting will be held on January 20th at 7p.m., in which a survey will be conducted to choose a set day of the month for upcoming 2010 meetings.

Minutes of the monthly PTO meetings can now be found on the website!

[www.nelsonplacepto.org](http://www.nelsonplacepto.org)

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