

Keeping Pace with Nelson Place

Nelson Place School
Parent Teacher Organization
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Student Highlights

Congratulations to Hannah Foster, Thomas Doherty, and Christian Irene for their essays published in the Worcester Telegram's Happy Times Pages!

Hannah Foster, Grade 4

New Year's Eve is one of my favorite times of the year because I get to stay up really late; most of the time until midnight, maybe even later. I get to be with my family for the whole night, there is a lot to do like going out with my friends, going to parties, and all different and fun things like hearing the big bang at midnight. It is fun to wake up in the morning and say it's a new year. That is why I love New Year's Eve!

Fun by Thomas Doherty, Grade 4

*Friends
Unique, amusements
Nice times*

Christian Irene, Grade 4

My preferred hobby is collecting rocks and minerals for my collection and I love the different types of minerals you find. Some of the rocks and minerals you can find are as tough as a nail and can withstand five hammer blows. Some of the other rocks and minerals would melt under pressure. It is also exciting to get another specimen for my bigger than life collection. I love to get other rocks and minerals because like a snowflake, not two of them, are shaped or look alike in any way. When you hold one up to the light it seems to shine like the mid-morning sun. That is why I like to collect rocks and minerals.



Movie Day at Showcase Cinema

The Family Night Committee will be hosting a Movie Day at Showcase Cinema on Tuesday, February 16th at 10:00am, and the movie will be Tooth Fairy. Tickets are at a reduced rate of \$3.00/each, and it will be first-come, first-serve until the theatre is full. Order forms will be going home on Monday.

Scholastic Book Fair 2010

ARE YOU HUNGRY
FOR A GREAT BOOK??

YUM! Come find one (or more) at this year's Scholastic Book Fair!!!

"The Book Fair Diner"

will be open daily

From Monday, March 8 through

Wednesday, March 10 for classroom visits.

Families will gather at school on Monday night,
March 8 from 6 - 7:30 PM

For the special klutz build-a-book event with family
book buying opportunities until 8:30 PM!

Please visit our Nelson Place Book Fair webpage at
<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/nelsonplace>

As we get closer to the fair, keep an eye out for more
information, including volunteer opportunities and a
special menu contest

FOR
THE BOOK FAIR DINER!

Reminder:
February 15th-February 19th
No School – Winter Vacation

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!

The library will be closed for class visits January 25th - February 26th for MAPS testing and March 5th - March 12th for the Book Fair.

Thanks to grant funds received from TD Bank last spring, the library was able to purchase new tables, chairs and art books. Thank you TD Bank!

Spare Some Change for the Playground

Empty those pockets and check under the couch cushions... on February 26th, Commonwealth Bank will be collecting coins for the playground fund along with the regular student deposits! Collection buckets will be at the school to collect coins beginning Wednesday the 24th. We're nearing completion of our maintenance fund goal. Every little bit will ensure that our playground will be enjoyed by NP students for years to come.

Books and Beyond

Last station reading sheets have been handed out and are due March 1st. Congratulations to our raffle winners last month! Please mark your calendars for the Books and Beyond award ceremony which will be held Friday, March 26th at 9:30 for grades K-1 and 10:15 for grades 2-3. Remember you must turn in all 4 stations to be eligible for a medal.

TRIPP

New summary and leaf sheets have been handed out and are due March 1st. Mrs. Cleary's class is looking for a new bookkeeping volunteer. If any parents are interested, please contact Jill Andros (jill@androsfamily.com). Remember, you must turn in all 6 leaf sheets and 4 summaries to be eligible for the TRRIP carnival which will be held on Friday, June 4th at 1:30. Parents, mark your calendars because we will need volunteers. Keep up the reading! If you are behind, you can turn in 2 summaries and/or leaf sheets this month to catch up.

Nelson Place Day at the Hanover Theatre Oliver!

Saturday, April 24th at 2:00pm

Tickets will only be \$11.00/ea and a reservation form will be coming home with the kids next week. Only 175 seats have been reserved, so please get your order form in right away to take full advantage of this most generous discount from the Hanover Theatre. We have secured seats in the Lower Level Orchestra Seating!!!!

Opening Night at the Worcester Tornadoes

Nelson Place has been invited back for the 3rd year in a row to sing the National Anthem at Opening Night of the Worcester Tornadoes Baseball Game, Thursday, June 3rd. All children are welcome to participate. Each child must have a ticket to the game to enter. Watch in March for the ticket orders to be coming home. Start practicing with those beautiful voices...maybe there is an American Idol in the mix!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Texas Roadhouse Night for the playground maintenance fund! Between the raffle and the meals, we raised \$813!!! Yahoo!! We were the second biggest fundraiser they have done. Congratulations to all the raffle winners!

Dinner for 2 at TX Roadhouse:	Miss Quitadamo
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3 Month Membership to the Greendale Y:	Frank Comer
Lia Sophia Jewely:	Sanjoy Lahiry
Crabtree & Evelyn Basket	Marianne Gradilone
One hour massage:	John Monfredo
One hour massage:	Bob Farquharson
Big Cup of Kitchen Goodies:	Sharon Krug

Thanks to our raffle prize donors and helpers: Texas Roadhouse, Trevor Williams, Kristy Lewandowski, Desmond Dowling, Sandra Foster and Peggi Harris. Special thanks to Mike, Mikey and Michele Sloan for as always going above and beyond!! Great job guys!!

PTO News

The results of the PTO meeting date survey are in! Upcoming PTO meetings will be held on the **third Wednesday of each month**, with a few exceptions. There will be no PTO meeting in February, as the third Wednesday falls during school vacation week. The March PTO meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 10 at 7 pm**. The March PTO meeting was moved up a week to allow families to enjoy St. Patrick's Day festivities together.

Don't forget to check out all the latest updates

www.nelsonplacepto.org

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