

Keeping Pace with Nelson Place

Nelson Place School
Parent Teacher Organization
January, 2010



Student Highlights

Congratulations to Eleni Vozikis and Thomas Doherty for their poem and essay published in the Worcester Telegram's Happy Times Pages!

If I could travel to....

by Eleni Vozikis, Grade 4

If I could travel to California it would be awesome because California is very cool! California has palm trees, beaches, and movie stars. It would be a good place to Play Spy's. They have lots of carnivals and arcades but the best part is the hotels. They have indoor pools and the hotels owner throws a party every Saturday. The beach has waiters who serve food and drinks. They even have hot tubs at the beach.

Trip

by Thomas Doherty, Grade 4

*A trip can be exciting and fun
You can say that it is number one
Boats, cars, and even trains
Go up, up and away with the planes
You will learn many new things
So go and see what your vacation brings!*

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 very soon. Send them to family, friends, co-workers and more. We will also make an electronic version available on the playground page of the website. 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 get ready for a fun family night out! We will need just a few parents to help sell raffle tickets at the door. If you can help, contact Beth Proko at bproko@charter.net!

Scholastic Book Fair 2010

Strap on the old feedbag and get ready for "**Book Fair Diner, All you can READ!**"

This year, our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held at the beginning of March, 2010. We will be needing as many volunteers as we can get to make the fair successful! I am so very grateful to Deb Wessels for offering to co-chair the Book Fair with me this year. (Thanks, Deb! - that was a great Christmas present!) Please keep an eye out for lots more information as we get closer to Fair week! Gretchen Switzer

Target Grant Inspires Library Visit

Recently third graders at Nelson Place received a visit from Mary Plummer, a retired librarian from the Worcester Public Library. Ms. Plummer has been visiting all the Worcester Public Schools sharing a story, talking about the benefits of reading, telling the students about the Worcester Public Library and giving them each their very own library card. These special visits are made possible by a grant from Target.

Upcoming Events

Friday, January 1

No School – New Years Day

Monday, January 18th

No School – Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday, January 19th

Picture Retake Day

Wednesday, January 20th

PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 27th

Nelson Place Night at Texas Roadhouse

The Holiday Store was a big success!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this year's Holiday Store a huge success and fun for all the students! We were able to donate \$500.00 to Union Hill School, while still adding to our PTO funds. We also want to thank all the volunteer bakers and staffers who helped to make this year's PTO holiday Bake sale a tasty success!

Playground Fund Getting Closer to Goal

Monies from cookbook sales and coin collections have brought us over \$300 closer to our goal of \$5000 for the playground maintenance fund. Special thanks to Sandra Foster and Peggi Harris for their help with cookbooks. We have less than \$2500 left to raise. If you are interested in donating to this fund, please send your check payable to the 'NP PTO Playground Fund' in to the PTO mailbox.

Books and Beyond

Please note – February sheets were sent home with an incorrect due date – the due date should be Monday, February 1st.

Congratulations to our station 2 raffle winners! New reading sheets have been sent home for January and will be due on Feb. 1st. If you lose your sheet, just keep track of your reading on another piece of paper. Keep up so you will be eligible for raffle prizes!

CPPAC invites Worcester Public School Parents/Guardians to join us for Parent Roundtables: The Citywide Parent Planning Advisory Committee (CPPAC) welcomes parents/ guardians from every school in the Worcester Public School District to come and share ideas and learn from each other.

January 30, 2010, 9:30 - 11:30 am
Tilton Hall at Clark University
950 Main Street

Come and be:

- Inspired
- Heard
- Informed
- An Agent of Change

Together we can make a difference for our children and our children's schools.

Translation will be provided. Light refreshments will be served. Child care provided. For more information, or to register, please contact Deb Steigman, dsteigo@verizon.net or 508-753-6419.

All are encouraged to attend the next PTO Meeting which will be held on Wednesday, January 20th at 7p.m., in which a survey will be conducted to choose a set day of the week and month for upcoming 2010 meetings. Anyone who cannot attend the meeting and would like to participate in the survey, please email dconnor@hanover.com.

Minutes of the monthly PTO meetings can now be found on the website! Don't forget to check out all the latest updates

www.nelsonplacepto.org

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