



Student Highlights

Congratulations to Thomas Doherty for his essay published in the Worcester Telegram's Happy Times Pages!

Thomas Doherty, Grade 4

For many reasons my favorite winter sport is snowboarding. You can choose to go to a regular snowboard place or go down your own hill and do your own stunts, this is called freestyle. Drifting is spectacular. Drifting is when you lean on a turn and pick up speed and sometimes try to drift. I practice snowboarding on my sled, sounds crazy, right? Actually it's very good practice, but sometime I topple over! I plan to get a snowboard in the future. That is why snowboarding is my favorite winter sport.

Scholastic Book Fair

By now, you have started receiving fliers about different aspects of the Scholastic Book Fair, which will be held Monday, March 8 through Wednesday, March 10. Please be sure to send your children in with money for books on the day of their classroom visit -- you will be getting a reminder. Also, you will have a great time if you and your child(ren) come to the "Build-a-book" event on Monday evening, beginning at 6 PM. Please send the reservation slip back to us if you can, but if not and you decide to just show up that evening, that is perfectly fine!!!! Thanks for your consistent support of the Scholastic Book Fair! Gretchen Switzer and Deb Wessels, co-chairs

During the first week of MCAS, breakfast will be served in the cafeteria starting at 8:30 for the following grades:

Grade 3 - Monday, March 22, 2010

Grade 4 - Tuesday, March 23, 2010

Grade 5 - Wednesday, March 24, 2010

Grade 6 - Thursday, March 25, 2010

The library will be closed March 22 - April 2 for MCAS testing.

Keeping Pace with Nelson Place

Nelson Place School
Parent Teacher Organization
March, 2010



Books and Beyond

Congratulations to all those who completed the Books and Beyond program this year! The final station has been collected and the awards ceremony will be held Friday, March 26th. Kindergarten and first graders will attend at 9:30. Second and third graders will attend at 10:15. Come and support your readers!

TRRIP

Only two more months left for finishing your TRRIP reading. Remember, to be eligible for the TRRIP carnival on June 4th, you must turn in all 6 leaf sheets and 4 summaries. Progress reports will be handed out this month so you can see where you stand. You can make up a missed month of reading by reading 30 minutes each day instead of 15 and having your parents sign off, then writing 2 summaries.

Reminder: Please help Miss Quitadamo's class assist people in need by putting poetry in motion. Please consider submitting an individual poem, a family poem, a parent poem, etc. to Miss Quitadamo by March 5th. Please be sure the poems are original and labeled with all contributors' names. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

Monday, March 8th

Build-a-Book event 6:00 p.m.

Monday, March 8 – Wednesday, March 10

Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday, March 10th

PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 26th

Books and Beyond Ceremony
Kindergarten & Grade 1 – 9:30 a.m.
Grades 2 & 3 – 10:15 a.m.

OLIVER!

Reserve your tickets now! The musical OLIVER! is based on the Dickens novel, OLIVER TWIST, engages audiences with its pathos and drama, while delighting everyone with its outstanding musical and dance numbers. OLIVER is the ultimate "feel good" musical.

Tickets will be reserved on a first come first serve basis. Seating will be in the Lower Level Orchestra Sections. Please fill out the form that was sent home and return it to school as soon as possible. (you can also find the form on the Nelson Place website). Tickets are dramatically reduced to \$11.00 each.

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).

Pennies for the Playground a Huge Success!

Thank you to all of the families who took part in the Pennies for the Playground fundraiser to benefit the playground maintenance fund. Mrs. Lapierre's class won hands down with a total of \$132.03!! This class will be enjoying free ice cream for their tremendous effort!! Also especially notable is Mrs. Cormier's class with \$104 in coins! The total raised for the playground maintenance fund was \$814!! WOW!! This puts us only \$493.11 away from officially being DONE with the maintenance fund!! Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers and United Bank (formerly Commonwealth) for helping to make this such a success.

Nelson Place T-Shirts

This year each child will receive a Nelson Place T-Shirt to wear to the Tornadoes Game on Opening Night. You will be receiving an order form shortly, so 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 at a very reduced rate. 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!



Stand for Children, Day on the Hill

State Legislators are facing tough budget decisions this spring and they need to see how many people care about protecting public education. The Worcester Public School budget will be devastated if the Governors' proposed budget for education is not passed. We need your help to get our voices heard. It's a fact: legislators listen to their constituents, and your presence has a real impact. Please join us to rally for public education at the State House on March 23rd. You will have an opportunity to hear from education leaders, policy-makers, and advocates during our indoor rally and to tell your legislator what's important to your community. You may register and reserve a seat on a bus at www.stand.org/ma/DayontheHill, or contact Mike Kozlowski at Michael_Kozlowski@hotmail.com, or Deb Steigman at 508-753-6419 - dsteigo@verizon.net with any questions.

PTO News

The March PTO meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 10th at 7 pm**. This 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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