



TRIPP

The last TRIP sheets have been collected! If you have turned in all 6 leaf sheets and 4 summary sheets you are eligible for the carnival on June 4th at 1:30. You will be getting an invitation to let you know if you are eligible. Parents, we will need volunteers to help man the carnival games so reserve the afternoon! If you can't come and help but would be willing to donate things like cupcakes, juice boxes, water bottles, or bags of candy, please contact Jill Andros at jill@androsfamily.com or (508) 852-1654. Thanks!

Enrichment Committee

April was an exciting month for Enrichment programs. We enjoyed motivational speaker, Molly Sullivan Sliney, who was very well received by students and teachers alike. Near the end of April, Kim Bent, "Catch the Science Bug" on PBS visited with four grades levels, grades 1-4, teaching them about where our drinking water comes from.

Enrichment has been busy planning special programs for the late spring, too. In May, we will have two visits from John Usinas and his assistance dog, "Kramer the K-9." John will meet with grades 1-6 to share his story of becoming blind, show them how his assistance animal helps him, what technology he uses to make life easier, and make the children aware of how to relate respectfully and safely to people with disabilities.

On May 20, Kim Bent of "Catch the Science Bug" on PBS will be spending this time with each Kindergarten class separately to teach them about "Polar Bear Habitats and Other Animal Adaptations." On June 8, Pumpernickel Puppets makes its annual visit to Nelson Place for the Kindergarten and Grade 1.

Thanks to everyone for all your help and support this year. Special thanks to the Enrichment Committee: Rita LaPlante, Edna Hyder, Kerry McGrath, Deb Steigman, Peggi Harris. Gretchen Switzer, chair.

Keeping Pace with Nelson Place

Nelson Place School
Parent Teacher Organization
May, 2010



Student Highlights

Congratulations to Kathleen Murphy for her essay published in the Worcester Telegram's Happy Times Pages!
Taylor Swift is my favorite singer for many reasons. First of all, I love her songs. My personal favorite song is "You Belong With Me." Secondly, she obviously has a good imagination because she writes her own songs. Thousands of Americans savor her songs and albums. Thirdly, she is in lots of movies, she was in the "Hannah Montana Movie," and she wrote a song just for the movie, it's called Crazier. In addition, Taylor Swift has really cool music videos. Finally, Taylor Swift won the Grammy Award in 2009, meaning she was the best female singer in the country. That is why Taylor Swift is my favorite singer.

The library will be open for class visits after 12:00 each day during MCAS testing. MCAS testing will be from May 10th through May 19th.

Upcoming Events

Week of May 3rd

Teacher/Staff Appreciation week

Wednesday, May 19th

PTO Meeting 7pm

Friday, May 28th

Memorial Day Show 1pm

Monday, May 31st

No School – Memorial Day

Spree Day

Spree Day is June 11th! We are in need of the following items for Spree Day:

- Face painting supplies
- Hair spray color
- Paper towels
- Q-tips
- Cotton balls
- Baby wipes
- Small sponges
- Small plastic bowls
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If you would like to donate any of these items, you can forward to Eileen Gallagher through the office or your child's classroom teacher. Any donation is greatly appreciated!

The Sixth Grade Bake Sale Is On Its Way!!

On Tuesday, May 11, children in all grades will have an opportunity to buy goodies at a **BAKE SALE** put on by grade 6 students and parents, benefiting Ms. Snell and Mrs. Emery's classes. The money raised through the sale will help pay for special sixth grade end-of-the-year events. Small items, like cookies and bars, will be sold for 50 cents each. Students will make their purchases and eat their goodies during their midday recess. Thanks for supporting this "tasty" event!



PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISING COMPLETE!!

Between the April yard sale, some additional coins we got in last week, and an anonymous donation of \$48.35, WE'RE DONE!!!

A HUGE thank you to Lea Jordan and Madelyn Carnes, as well as Morgan and Delaney Proko, who braved the weather for the yard sale. We had a good turnout, and then donated all the remaining items to the Worcester Animal Rescue League for their upcoming yard sale.

Thank you to each of you that believed that we could accomplish this important project for our children. With the maintenance fund now in place, we can be assured that monies are available to make needed improvements down the road.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR TREMENDOUS EFFORTS AND SUPPORT!!

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.

PTO News

The next PTO meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 19th at 7:00. Don't forget to check out all the latest updates at

www.nelsonplacepto.org

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