



Keeping Pace with Nelson Place

Nelson Place School
Parent Teacher Organization
October, 2009



9th Annual Pumpkin Night

Over 500 people signed up last year, and we are looking for the numbers to increase again this fall. Pumpkin Night will be held rain or shine Friday, October 16th, from 5-7pm. Information sheets will be sent home soon. There is no charge for the event, and the kids will be able to paint pumpkins, dance to the DJ music, and parents can mingle and meet. We will be selling hot dogs, chips, popcorn, drinks, and glow sticks. Bring your carved or decorated pumpkin from home and enter the Pumpkin Contest! Enter the raffle basket drawing for a chance to win an awesome theme basket. Anyone who would like to donate a basket or volunteer for the event, please contact Lisa Lussier at 508-854-0545 (mlussier1@aol.com) or Meg Mulhern 508-667-2480 (mmulhern@intlceramics.com)

Enrichment Programs

On Tuesday, October 27, we will be welcoming David Garrity, Magical Artist, to do two programs for our students. This is the "kick-off" event for both of our reading programs -- Books and Beyond (K-3) and TRIPP (grades 4-6). The title of this special event is **"Unleashing the Magic in Books."**



Keep an eye out for more information on a "Night of Stargazing" at Nelson Place in October!

The library needs volunteers for the following classes:

- Mrs. McGrath (Kindergarten) Wednesday 2:00 - 2:30
- Mrs. Costa (1st Grade) Thursday 1:15 - 1:45
- Mrs. LaPierre (Kindergarten) Thursday 2:00 - 2:30.

If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact Peggi Harris (chaz@charter.net 508-853-2112) or Karen Naylor (karennaylor@hotmail.com 774-239-4336). Thank you.

Student Highlights

Miss Quitadamo is happy to report that several of her fourth grade students from last year have been selected to be published in a poetry anthology called 'A Celebration of Poets.' The students include Daniella Aboagye, Avery Andros, Jourdon Cyr, Maegan Daly, Matthew Keating, Tyler Lufkin, Sam Milewski, Miguel Ortiz, Taylor Pritts, Nunzio Rosselli, Colin Shea, Andrew Tully, Nicholas Weaver, and Sandra Zhao. Congratulations to all our young writers!

Upcoming Events

October 1st-13th

Yankee Candle Fundraiser

Friday, October 9th

No School: Staff Development Day

Monday, October 12th

No School: Columbus Day

Friday, October 16th

Pumpkin Night 5-7 p.m.

Monday, October 19th

PTO Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Mayoral Candidate Night, Beechwood Hotel, 7-9 p.m.

Wednesday, October 21st

Know your school committee candidates night, Worcester Technical High School, 7-9 p.m.

Thursday, October 22nd

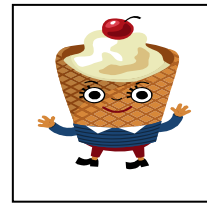
All students released at Noon
No afternoon pre-school
Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 30th

Halloween parade for Kindergarten and Grade 1 students – 1:30 p.m.

Here's the Scoop!

Ice cream is being sold on Fridays at lunchtime for all classes for .75 each.



PTO Fundraising

Back by popular demand – Our biggest fundraiser of the year will be the Yankee Candle fundraiser, starting October 1, through October 13. Products will be delivered to the school the week before the Thanksgiving holiday. Please look for your free gift going home with each brochure package. All proceeds will go in the PTO general fund, which supports programs such as enrichment, field trips, and teacher/student supplies, just to mention a few. Please call Deb Steigman at 508-753-6419, dsteigo@verizon.net, or Kristy Lewandowski at 508-854-1031, klewandowski9@msn.com, with any questions. If you would not like to purchase any products, but would like to support the good works of the PTO, please feel free to send in a donation made out to the Nelson Place PTO.

Playground Fund

We have about \$2800 left to raise for our playground maintenance fund. Important things that you can do that will benefit the fund, but require little effort, are to register your Shaw's card so that a percentage of money you spend there goes to the playground and collect cans... we raised over \$1000 just in cans for our playground installation! We still have Nelson Place Cookbooks available for only \$10. Check out the playground page of the PTO website for more details.



Please join us for the following Candidates Nights :

Stand for Children, Worcester Chapter, October 19 - Mayoral Candidates Night, October 19th from 7-9, at the Beechwood Hotel. The topic for discussion will be focused on the Worcester Public Schools. Each candidate will also be participating in a Q&A session.

CPPAC – Citywide Parents Planning Advisory Council, October 21 – Know your School Committee Candidates Night, October 21st from 7-9 at the Worcester Technical High School. Hosted by Jordan Levy.

For more information on these events, please call Deb Steigman, 508-753-6419.

Don't forget to check out the website for all the latest updates
www.nelsonplacepto.org

Coming in November.....

- The **PTO meeting for November** is scheduled for November 19th at 7:00 p.m.
- **Papa Ginos Night** – November 19th

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