

Keeping Pace With Nelson Place

Nelson Place School
Parent Teacher Organization

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Student Highlights

Congratulations to Madelyn Carnes, Gracie Andros and Ryan Le for their essays published in the Worcester Telegram's Happy Times Pages!

Madelyn Carnes, Grade 4

My favorite singer is Taylor Swift. She is fantastic! I like her for many reasons. First, she is a good role model because once there was a flood where she lived in Tennessee and she did a charity concert to raise money. I love her songs and out of all of them my favorite is "Better Than Revenge." Sometimes I just like to sit back, relax, and listen to some of her music. She is really popular and I know that because all my friends and family are fans of her. Taylor Swift also sings country rock. Everyone likes different musicians. I know my favorite is Taylor.

Ryan Le, Grade 4

My favorite singer is Jaden Smith. He is my favorite singer because he sings rap music and rap music is my favorite type of music. He was in an awesome movie called "Karate Kid." The movie was one of my favorite movies ever. Jaden Smith sang a song called "Never Say Never."

Grace Andros, Grade 4

Do you want to sing a song with me?
Do you want to sing a melody?
All songs are different as can be
As I am sure that you'll soon see
All songs are beautiful in their own way
Though some are about night
And some are about day



A Note from the Library

The library will be open for class visits at noon each day during MCAS testing (May 10th– May 24th). The last day to check out books is Friday, May 27th. ALL books are due back in the library on Friday, June 3rd.

Books & Beyond and TRRIP

Congratulations to all our Books and Beyond medal and trophy winners! Thanks to all our volunteers for their help.

Our TRRIP carnival will be held on Friday, May 13th from 1:45 to 2:45 in the gym. Invitations have been handed out to all eligible students. If any parents are willing to help out, please contact Jill Andros at jill@androsfamily.com.

MCAS Starts next Tuesday, May 10th

Grade 6	Tues. May 10th & Wed. May 11 th	Breakfast	May 10th
Grade 3	Thurs. May 12th & Fri. May 13th	Breakfast	May 12th
Grade 5	Mon. May 16th & Tues. May 17th	Breakfast	May 16th
Grade 4	Wed. May 18th & Thurs. May 19 th	Breakfast	May 18th
Grade 5	Fri. May 20th & Mon. May 23rd		

In the spirit of Earth Day, Nelson Place held an Essay contest for grades 4-6. Congrats to **Emma Mungovan** who was the winner! She will be reading her essay on the **Jordan Levy show on WTAG 580am on Wednesday, May 11 at 5:30 p.m.**, in preparation for our own Clean Up Day. Nelson Place PTO will be holding an **Electronic Waste and Scrap Metal Collection Day on Saturday, May 14th from 9am to 1pm** in the school parking lot. Electronic waste and appliances can be especially challenging to dispose. For a small fee, these items may be dropped off to be disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner.

There are important lessons to be learned through recycling. The project teaches us all about the value of recycling and how we can make a big difference by doing our small part. All monies raised will be used to fund books, supplies and enrichment programs for students. A full list of accepted items will be sent home soon. Please print up 10 and put in your neighbor's mailboxes! Together we can continue to take care of our earth for today and future generations.

Upcoming Events

May 2-6
Teacher Appreciation Week

Friday, May 13th
TRRIP Carnival (Gr. 4-6)

Saturday, May 14th
Electronics & Metal Recycling Day
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Monday, May 16th
PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 27th
Memorial Day Show, 1:00 p.m.

Monday, May 30th
No School – Memorial Day
NP Night at the Worcester Tornadoes
7:00 p.m.

SPREE Day is Coming!

We are accepting donations of supplies for upcoming SPREE day. Face paint supplies, hairspray color, tattoos, paper towels, plastic bowls, q-tips, small sponges, etc. would be greatly appreciated! They can be dropped off at the school, sent in with your child, or you can call Eileen Gallagher at 508-852-4868 or MILESIA38@aol.com for pickup.

Open Committee Positions

Thank you to all the wonderful parents that stepped forward to fill open committee chair positions for next year!! We are still in need of co-chairs for the following committees: Library, TRIP and Website. If you can help with these important roles, contact the committee chair or contact Pam Landry at pamlandry@gmail.com who can provide you with more information.

PTO Officers for 2011/2012 School Year

Please consider running for a PTO board position. Elections will be held at the next PTO meeting on Monday, May 16 at 7 pm. To place your name on the ballot, simply write a note, indicating in which position you are interested (President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer), and place it in the PTO mailbox in the office by Monday, May 9. Questions? Contact Pam Landry at 508-852-8395 or pamlandry@gmail.com.

Enrichment

What's the nice weather without a Circus? Our friend, Gary the Clown will arrive at Nelson Place on Wednesday, May 25, to spend two weeks working with our students during their regular physical education time. Gary Girouard is a former Barnum and Bailey clown who shows kids how to be circus performers while teaching them self-esteem and confidence, character-building and teamwork. Students will present a circus show on his final day with us, Thursday, June 9. Gary the Clown was a huge hit two years ago and we know he will be again!

Help Cleanup our School

On Sunday, May 15th, the Nelson Place PTO School Pride/Landscape committee will hold a school cleanup from 9am to noon. All NP families are encouraged to help. Donations of dark mulch, flowers, and refreshments would be greatly appreciated. As part of this effort, we will rototill the playground base material. Anyone that can bring a rototiller to help in this process would surely expedite this task. Any questions, please contact Beth Proko at bproko@charter.net.

Hole in the Wall Update

Due to the generosity of many students in the classrooms of Miss DeCiccio, Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Backlin, Mrs. Cleary, Miss Quitadamo, and Mrs. Cormier, a \$538 donation was sent to the Hole In The Wall Gang Camp the week before April vacation! Please continue to support our charitable partner by: sending book donations to Mrs. Backlin's room any Friday in May; purchasing arts and crafts supplies for the collection box in the main hallway; and dropping your spare change in any of the collection jars set up by the students themselves in many of our classrooms. Thank you!

Remembering Our Soldiers

Many of our Nelson Place families have been forced to deal with the challenges and worry of having a loved one overseas. The NP PTO will be placing yellow ribbons outside the school as a reminder to keep our soldiers and their families in our thoughts every day. This is completely optional for families. However, those wishing to have their soldier recognized can download a form at www.nelsonplacepto.org and return it to their student's teacher by Friday, May 13th so we can have them on display for the upcoming Memorial Day show. Mom, dad, uncle, aunt, son, daughter... any close relative of a Nelson Place student or faculty member that is currently serving overseas is welcome to be acknowledged in this effort.

2011 Nelson Place T-Shirts are ready to be ordered!

Get your 2011 Nelson Place T-Shirt to wear for singing the National Anthem at the Tornados game, Memorial Day show and Spree Day. Shirts are \$6.00/ea and can be purchased by filling out the form that was sent home and sending it back in with payment. **All forms must be received at school by May 9th** for your order to be filled. Please contact Meg Mulhern at mmulhern@intlceramics.com or 508-667-2480.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Breakfast

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make this year's Teacher/Staff appreciation breakfast a great success! The generous outpouring from the Nelson Place families was truly appreciated. So to all the cooks, set up and cleanup crew again, thank you all for your help! We also would like to give special thanks to the families who so generously contributed to the staff raffle!

Fundraiser at Wild Willy's

The sixth grade class of 2011 will be holding a fundraiser at Wild Willy's. 15% of all purchases (take out counts too), will be donated by the restaurant. Please look out for the flier with the date and time of the event!

PTO Website

The website still needs 4 sponsors to meet this year's goal! If you have a business, please support us! We are offering \$150 through 2012. Sarah is looking for a co-chair for the website. No web skills necessary, this person will be in charge of handling sponsorship renewals, soliciting new sponsors and keeping track of paperwork. Please email sarah@newmarketmedia.biz if you are interested. Finally, we would like to spruce up the website with the students' artwork. If you would like to contribute a piece of artwork, either take a photo or scan it in and email it to Sarah! Don't forget to check out the website at www.nelsonplacepto.org!

2010/2011 PTO OFFICERS

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