



Nelson Place School
Parent Teacher Organization
December, 2011



Student Highlights

Congratulations to the following students for their essays published in the Worcester Telegram's Happy Times Pages!

Sydney LaFlash, Grade 4

If I could travel anywhere it would be New Orleans. It is a very calm and quiet place. I love the beautiful sounds and sunlight.

The craziest thing is the houses are 40 stories high and almost every house smells like pumpkin pie. I always see people going down to the old mill stream to get a pail of water. I would miss my home, pets and all my friends. I like to say everyone needs an adventure.

Cody Sealey, Grade 4

If I could travel to Boston College's arena I would watch a hockey game. Then I would get some buttery popcorn. Boston College is a great school. Their arena name is Conte Forum. They have a really good hockey team, right now they are number one in the country. Their nickname is the Eagles. Boston College's colors are maroon and white. Their arena is really clean. The school is in Boston. The street name that it is on is Chestnut Hill.

Kalob Purrington, Grade 4

Train trip to Tennessee
River boat to Russia
Iceland
Plane to Paris

New PTO Treasurer

Welcome Jessica Holmes! At our November PTO meeting, Jessica was voted our new treasurer. The books will be transitioned to Jessica over the next couple of weeks. Thank you, Jessica for coming forward to help in this important role.

Family Nights

Worcester Sharks Family Night will be Saturday, January 21st. Notices will be coming home to order tickets in advance. Ticket orders need to be received by December 19th. Thank you!

Operation Turkey

We were wonderfully overwhelmed by the generous donations of food and money to Operation Turkey this year. It was a great success! Thank you so much to all our students and families for giving so much; your donations will be so helpful and appreciated. A special thank you goes out to our Nelson Place custodians, Mr. Kevin and Mr. Joe, for collecting the donations from around the building and having them together in the library for us. We'd also especially like to thank all the volunteers who helped us with Operation Turkey this year, we couldn't have done it without you!

Lori D'Antonio
Liz Goodness
Peggi Harris
Pam Landry
Beth McGinn
Tara Prentiss
Michelle and Joe Smalley
Deb Steigman
Rich Webster

With thanks and Happy Holidays to all,
Gretchen Switzer and Kristina McGrath

Just a reminder that ice cream is being sold at a new price of \$1.00 on Fridays after lunch.

Upcoming Events

December 12-16th
Holiday Store

Thursday, December 15th
Holiday Concert
9:30 A-L
1:00 M-Z

December 23rd-- January 2nd
Holiday Vacation

Books and Beyond and TRRIP

By now all Books and Beyond and TRRIP should have been turned in. You should also have received new sheets for December, so make time during the busy holiday season to read, read, read!

PARKING REMINDER

Please remember that the parking area at the corner of Nelson Place and Grove Street is private property. Dr. Danko kindly allows the crossing guard only to park in this area at the beginning and end of the school day.

Fundraising

There is still a limited supply of **Entertainment Books** available for purchase. They make a great Holiday gift! Please contact Deb Steigman at dsteigo@verizon.net if interested.

The Holiday Store is coming!

A shopping budget envelope and a schedule of class times and days children will be shopping at the Holiday Store will be coming home soon. This is a fun time for the students to buy surprise presents for family, friends, and even pets. So start making your list and checking it twice! If you are writing a check make it payable to Nelson Place PTO, and if you put the dollar amount on the check in advance, we ask the maximum should not be greater than \$20.00. Please contact David Francis with any questions at 508-304-7224 or (justdave3@hotmail).

Hit the Slopes!

Our friends at Wachusett Mountain have partnered with us again to offer super savings to family and friends of Nelson Place School. Anyone ordering tickets online between 11/26/11 and 2/29/12 can enter code DON-NPS and save \$5 off each lift ticket!! For each lift ticket sold using our code, Wachusett will donate \$10 to our PTO!!

Ways to help our school everyday!

Check out the Fundraising Committee's page on the PTO website for ways you can help every day. From registering store cards to cutting Box Tops on commonly used foods, every little bit helps provide our students with fun and valuable programs to compliment their educational experience.

Hole In The Wall Gang Update

Please keep The Hole In The Wall Gang drop-off box in mind when shopping during this holiday season. Much needed items including ribbon, yarn, wrapping paper, duct tape, glue sticks, markers, and crayons often go on clearance at this time of year. With our help, the Outreach Specialists can bring the playful spirit of the camp to seriously-ill hospitalized children all year long!

Be part of Karina's Crew!

We have a brave first grader having some health challenges right now. Consider purchasing a bracelet to show her and her family the love and support of their Nelson Place family. Bracelets are \$2 each and all proceeds go to the family to help with incidental expenses traveling to and from appointments. They will be sold at lunchtime on Monday, December 5th for those wishing to purchase.

Don't forget to check out our website at www.nelsonplacepto.org!

Coming in January....

- Nelson Place at the Worcester Sharks – **Saturday, January 21, 2012**
- PTO Meeting – **Monday, January 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**

2011/2012 PTO OFFICERS

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