



## **Keeping Pace With Nelson Place**

Nelson Place School  
Parent Teacher Organization

January, 2011



### **Family Night Committee**

Grease Is The Word!

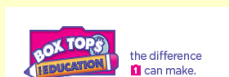
Happy New Year and welcome back to the second half of the year. The Family Night Committee is excited for our next event, which is Grease at the Hanover Theatre on February 19th at 2:00pm. The ticket reservations went very quickly. Parents and staff that have reserved tickets, please look for an email in the coming days for the information you will need to send your payments in. If you have any questions, please email Meg Mulhern at [mmulhern@intlceramics.com](mailto:mmulhern@intlceramics.com).

Coming Soon: Movie Night for the upper grades, and Roller Skating night! And don't forget to mark your calendar again this year in the beginning of June for our Third Annual Opening Night at the Worcester Tornadoes, where all children from Nelson Place in attendance will be asked onto the field to sing the National Anthem!

If anyone is interested in joining the Family Night Committee, and hopefully taking over after this year, please contact Meg Mulhern at [mmulhern@intlceramics.com](mailto:mmulhern@intlceramics.com) or 508-667-2480. All the information has been saved from year to year, so it is pretty much just execution now!

### **Box Tops**

Thank you to everyone for bringing in so many Box Tops!! Nelson Place just received a check for \$1190! Keep up all of your collection efforts because they really add up and are very much appreciated. **Go Nelson Place!!** Any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact me at [tonyamaureen@verizon.net](mailto:tonyamaureen@verizon.net) or 508 853-1948. Maureen Economou



### **Books and Beyond and TRRIP**

December reading sheets were due Monday, January 3rd. Please turn them in if you have not already done so. Also, in December we sent a notice about the Six Flags reading program. As you read books for B&B or TRRIP, log your time for the Six Flags reading program so you can earn your Six Flags ticket while completing B&B or TRRIP. Remember, Six Flags reading sheets are due February 14th.

### **MAP Testing**

Measured Academic Progress (MAP) testing will be given to students at various times between February 1st and February 28th. This math and reading testing is typically given three times throughout the year to students in grades 2 through 6. It helps track the students' progress and helps identify areas that may need further review.

### **Upcoming Events**

**Monday, January 17th**

No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

'Savings Makes Sense' Deposit Day

**Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

PTO Meeting – 7p.m.

### **'Savings Makes Cents' with United Bank**

United Bank will be visiting the school to accept deposits for the 'Savings Makes Cents' program on January 18th, February 1st and 15th (visit [nelsonplacepto.org](http://nelsonplacepto.org) for more dates). If your child is not already enrolled in this fun savings program, visit the United Bank branch at 1 West Boylston Street in Worcester.

The **Scholastic Book Fair** will be held March 7-9th in the library. Students will be able to shop with their classroom teachers during an allotted time. The theme of this year's Book Fair is "Book Fair Carnival". More details to come!



### **Fundraising**

Nelson place had a very successful fall fundraising Campaign, breaking our goal of raising over \$11,000! We also would like to thank the many volunteers who helped sort the Yankee Candle orders. There are still a few Yankee candle boxes waiting for pick up in the office. We also have a limited supply of Entertainment Books available for purchase at a reduced price of \$20. Please call Deb Steigman at 508-753-6419 if interested.

The **Holiday Store** had a record breaking number of shoppers this year! Thank you to the many volunteers who made it all possible and fun for all the Students!

### **NP Families Save \$\$\$ When You Hit The Slopes!!**

SAVE \$5 when you order lift tickets for Wachusett Mountain online! Enter code DON-NPS when you place your order at [www.wachusett.com](http://www.wachusett.com) through 2/28/2011. In addition, each time the code is used, our friends at Wachusett make a \$10 donation to our PTO! Pass on to family and friends!! A flyer for forwarding is on the PTO website!

### **Website Sponsors Needed**

The **all new Nelson Place PTO website** is up! Check out our brand new look at **[www.nelsonplacepto.org](http://www.nelsonplacepto.org)**! Information on upcoming events, committees, fundraising and more can be found on this informative site. We are looking for 5 more sponsors at \$100 each. Contact Sarah Kyriazis at 508-341-7172 or [sarah@newmarketmedia.biz](mailto:sarah@newmarketmedia.biz) for more information.

***PTO Meetings will continue to be held on Mondays at 7pm through the remainder of the school year. Following are the meeting dates: January 24, February 28, March 21, April 25, and May 16. As always all parents and Nelson Place staff are welcome!!***

### **Cancellations and Delays**

Please listen carefully to the radio and television for school closings and delays due to inclement weather. The following stations make school delays and closing announcements:

WTAG 580 AM; WORC 1310 AM; WBZ 1030 AM; WXLO 104.5 FM; WSRS 96.1 FM; WCUV 93.1 FM.

You can also find them on Channels 4, 5 and 7. They usually have them scrolling at the bottom of the screen.

If there is a one or two hour delay, the children should get the bus one or two hours later.

### **2010/2011 PTO OFFICERS**

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