



Keeping Pace With Nelson Place

Nelson Place School
Parent Teacher Organization
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Student Highlights

Congratulations to Gracie Andros and Ella Zementowski for their essays published in the Worcester Telegram's Happy Times Pages!

Gracie Andros, Grade 4

Grab your skis we have to go
We don't want to be late no, no, no
Let's climb the mountain so high
We'll wave to people as we zoom by
We're fast as lightning, watch us go
As we ski through the soft, white snow
But now it is time to go
So we'll com back tomorrow

Ella Zementowski, Grade 4

There are many amusing winter sports and there are many types of ice skating. Though, the one I am very passionate about is free skating. Free skating is simple and anyone can do it! Just pick up a pair of skates, get on ice and...magic! So many things are entertaining about free skating! Loop, turn, jump, speed, spin, go on one or two feet, front or backwards, whatever works for you. Feel the glide and feel the breeze. It's like a calm ride in a new car with new tires on a freshly paved hill in spring. Feel the chill on your nose turning it bright red like Rudolph's. You know, it is fun! Whether you skate alone or with a friend, free skating is spectacular! What a gigantic amount of fun.

Family Night Committee

Grease was an excellent show. Thank you to all the NP families that came! Stay tuned for a movie night in April. Tornadoes night will be held on Monday, May 30 at 7 pm. Children can go out on the field to sing the National Anthem before the game. Tickets will cost \$7 each and every ticket holder will receive a hat. More information will come home in May. A friendly reminder - this is Meg's last year at NP so she is looking for someone to take over as Family Nights chair. Interested volunteers should contact Meg at 508- 667-2480 or mmulhern@intlceramics.com.

Books and Beyond and TRRIP

Reading sheets were due Monday, February 28th. Please turn them in if you have not already done so. The Books and Beyond ceremony will be held on March 31st. Kindergarten and 1st grade will begin at 9:30, and the 2nd and 3rd grade will begin at 10:15. Volunteers, please get your final tallies done quickly so we can order medals and trophies. TRRIP still has one more month. If you are behind, you can read 30 minutes a day instead of 15 and write two book summaries instead of one. You will only be eligible for the TRRIP carnival on May 13th if you have turned in 5 leaf sheets and 4 summaries.

Enrichment Committee

A NEW ENRICHMENT PROGRAM IS COMING! This Thursday, March 3, Nelson Place students will receive a visit from "Harriett Tubman" in observance of Black History Month (February) and Women's history month (March). The schedule is as follows:

9:15AM Grades 1-3; 10:15AM Grades 4-6

Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 3rd

A visit from "Harriet Tubman"

March 7th-9th

Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday, March 8th

Family Night Event – Scholastic Book Fair, 5:30-8:30

Monday, March 21st

PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 31st

Books and Beyond Ceremony
Grades K&1 at 9:30
Grades 2&3 at 10:15

New Website Sponsor The PTO welcomes A.L. Puritan Locksmith as a new sponsor for the PTO website!! Many thanks to Mark and Deb Cormier!! Several spots are still available. Contact Sarah Kyriazis at sarah@newmarketmedia.biz.

Mark your calendars! Spree Day is scheduled for **June 10th**! We are looking forward to having many volunteers this year, as in the past, to make this a great success!

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held **March 7-9** in the library. The theme this year is **Book Fair Carnival – Your Ticket to Read!** Posters advertising the book fair are up in the library, so please check them out! Children in K-6 will visit the book fair with their classroom teachers during the school day at scheduled times March 7-9. More information about exact times and order forms, which will highlight this year's featured books, will go home in backpacks the week before the fair.

The book fair will also be open one evening for our **Family Night Event**. Families can shop the book fair together on **Tuesday, March 8th from 5:30-8:00 pm**. This year, to go along with the carnival theme, the PTO has hired a magician! Thanks to the generous donation from the Enrichment Committee and the PTO, the Stupendous Mr. Magichead (www.mrmagichead.com) will perform that evening to entertain our K-4 children. He will be performing in the cafeteria for about an hour beginning at 6pm. The book fair will be open before, during, and after the show. Scholastic now accepts all major credit cards, along with cash and personal checks (made payable to Nelson Place PTO).

Playground Maintenance Fund Continues to Grow

Cutler Associates, Inc. recently started sending cans to benefit our playground maintenance fund. The first load actually took three trips to pick up!! Many thanks to our friends at Cutler Associates!!!

Ever dreamed of visiting the White House?

If you are planning a trip to Washington DC, Congressman McGovern's office will coordinate times for NP families to visit both the White House and the U.S. Capitol! The sooner you know your dates the better, but they will do their best to accommodate your plans, no matter when you are traveling. Contact Caitlin R. Hodgkins at (202) 225-6101. Email and website link will be on the PTO website.

MCAS Testing

The MCAS testing will begin on Tuesday, March 22 with grade 4. Grade 3 will be tested on Wednesday, March 23. Grade 5 will be tested on Thursday, March 24 and grade 6 will be tested on Friday, March 25. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. to the children who will be taking the test each morning. The breakfast will be prepared and served by Mr. Kelley and other staff members.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS WANTED! Every Nelson Place parent and teacher is a member of our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). Volunteering at or for your child's school is rewarding for both parents and children. Please consider attending our monthly PTO meeting. In addition to our regular volunteer opportunities, there will be many fun chances to get involved this spring... assisting with the Scholastic Book Fair (day and evening hours), Teacher Appreciation Week, SPREE Day, Kindergarten Open House and much more!! Watch for more details coming soon or visit the PTO website: www.nelsonplacepto.org.

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

2010/2011 PTO OFFICERS

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