

Friday Quick Notes for Families

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Monthly Character Education Focus:

RESPONSIBILITY (Grade 2 - November) / CARING (Grade 1 – December)

Inspirational Words: A smile is the light in your window that tells others that there is a caring, sharing person inside. – Denise Waitley

Calendar Outlook:

Saturday, December 3 – Holiday Gift Making (9 AM and 10:15 AM) / \$2 Book Sale

Week of December 5 – School Security Drill

Monday, December 5 – Student Visitation of \$2 Book Fair

Tuesday, December 6 – Student Visitation of \$2 Book Fair

Nixon's Knick Knacks GRAND OPENING

After School BSI Begins

Wednesday, December 7 – Latin & Hispanic Heritage Dance Program

- PreK-2: 9:30 – 10:30

- 3&4 – 10:45 – 11:45

Friday, December 9 – School Spirit Day

- Parents as Reading Partners (Reading is a Gift!) – 2:45-3:10

Week of December 12 – Fire Drill

Tuesday, December 13 –Market Day Pick-Up

Thursday, December 15 - Book Swap (Grades 1-4: Lunch / Kindergarten 11:15 & 1:25)

Friday, December 16 – School Spirit Day

Tuesday, December 20 –Nixon's Knick Knacks (8:52-9:15 – PreK-2 & 2:45 – 3:10 – Grades 3, 4, & KPM)

Wednesday, December 21 - I&RS

Thursday, December 22 – K Holiday Party (10:30 & 2:00)

Friday, December 23 – Early Dismissal / Winter Celebrations

- Whole School Sing Along 9:50 – 10:30 in Gymnasium (Families welcome)
- Classroom Party Times Dependent Upon Individual Teachers



News:

- **Special thanks to Dr. Connell, the Nixon School PTA and all the volunteers that came out to help us with our Wi-Sci Day.** The experience was a positive one for all students! I am looking forward to hearing about all of the wonderful things that first-fourth graders who are interested in participating in the Science Fair are planning to do for their experiment.
- **\$2 Book Fair** – Individual Classroom Book Fair Schedule at end of Quick Notes
- **Holiday Giving Tree** – Happy Holidays! Just a quick note to explain some changes to the giving tree this year. We have partnered with multiple organizations to reach as many children as possible during this holiday season. So, in order to simplify our gift giving, you will find that the mittens on the giving tree are not labeled with specific items to be purchased. Instead, they have a sticker on it where you can label whether or not the gift is for a boy or girl and then indicate the age it is appropriate for. Blank mittens are also available if you choose to purchase for a senior citizen in Roxbury and would like to label it.
- **Parents as Reading Partners** – On Friday, December 9th from 2:45 – 3:10, parents/grandparents are invited in to join us for a whole school read-in. If your child is in a special during this time, I would ask that you meet him/her in his/her special. You are encouraged to bring books with you to read to and with your child(ren). If you have children in multiple grades, I am going to ask that when it is time that you stop by your oldest child's classroom to pick him/her up and then bring him/her with you to your YOUNGEST child's classroom to read.

- **Involvement of Senior Citizens** – If you have a suggestion on how we can involve Roxbury’s Senior Citizens in our Nixon School community, please share with me! I just sent an invitation to them to visit our \$2 Book Fair on Saturday and suggested to Dr. Connell that we ask the Senior Citizen groups if any of them would be interested in serving as a judge at our Science Fair. We will also be joining forces with one of our Girl Scout troops to run a Community Book Swap in February. Thanks in advance for any ideas that you can offer!

Reminders:

- The PTA Holiday Gift Making event and \$2 Book Fair will occur tomorrow, Saturday, December 3, 2011. Sessions are at 9:00 AM and 10:15 AM. Hope to see you there!
- Shop & earn money for Nixon Elementary School this holiday season by purchasing gift cards & certificates thru the Scripp program. For more information, please go to the Nixon website and check out the PTA Fundraising section. An email will also be sent out with all the details!
- The school store will open for business on December 6th. For KAM, 1, and 2 – the school store will be open from 8:52 – 9:15. The mobile school store will station itself by the Kindergarten rooms, so second grade teachers; you will send students down to that area to purchase from the store. For KPM, 3, & 4, the school store will run 2:45-3:10 and it will be located just outside of Brian Sferra’s classroom (where the new and old wings join together).

Character Education Morning Announcements (2 per day):

5- Jason S. (M), Jason S. (Q)

6 – Taylor G. (Q), Nicolas F. (Q)

7 - Chloe A. (V)

Grade 1:

8- Eric M. (F), Brooke F. (W)

9- Matthew F. (W), Jackson B. (Mo)

12- Brendan W. (Mo), Alexis J. (W)

13- Maya A. (F), Victoria G. ©

14- Kayla S. (F), Dominick B. ©

15- Nicholas A. ©, Peter H. (F)

16- Payton M. (F), Dana M. (W)

19- Daniel A. (W), Ava C. ©

20- Georgia S. (F), Haylie R. ©

21- Timothy T. ©, Gemma H. ©

22- Ashley C. (F), Max M. (F)

23- Gabriel F. ©, Kirsten M. ©



Birthdays:

3 – Paul C.

5 – Joshua R., Jaymar R.

7 – David S.

8 – Logan C.

9 – Mrs. Graba

11- Mrs. Vaccacio

13 – Kaitlin S., Daniel A.

17 – Justine K.

19 – Cole Z., Mr. Goldsholl

20 – Robert W., Ava C.

21 – Arianna S., Kayla M.

23 – Mrs. Melillo

26 – Zachary O., Georgia S.
28 – Sofia D.
29 – Ahjional C.

\$2 Book Fair Schedule:

Monday, December 5th ...

- 9:30 AM – Mrs. Kaufman
- 9:45 AM – Ms. Quinty
- 10:00 – Mrs. Brajer
- 10:15 – Mrs. Montgomery
- 10:30 – Mrs. Prescott
- 10:45 – Miss Pennella
- 11:15 – Ms. Cullen
- 1:30 – Mrs. Vaccacio
- 2:00 – Mrs. Watkinson
- 2:15 – Mrs. Brajer
- 2:30 – Mrs. Cherry
- 2:45 – Mrs. Milde

Tuesday, December 6th ...

- 9:30 – Mrs. O'Malley
- 10:00 – Mr. Start
- 10:15 – Mrs. Graba
- 10:45 – Miss Luettchau
- 12:15 – Mr. Goldsholl
- 12:45 – Mrs. Freund
- 1:00 – Mrs. Ralston
- 2:30 – Miss Clark