

Friday Quick Notes for Families

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Monthly Character Education Focus:

CARING (Grade 1 – December)

Inspirational Words: “Life has taught me that respect, caring and love must be shared, for it's only through sharing that friendships are born.” – Donna Favors

Calendar Outlook:

December 9 – School Spirit Day

- Parents as Reading Partners (Reading is a Gift!) – 2:45-3:10
- Holiday Gift Collection ENDS – Gifts will be picked up and delivered



Week of December 12 – Fire Drill

Monday, December 12 –

- 4:15 PM – Mrs. Vaccacio and Miss Pennella @ Merry Heart for Holiday Celebration

Tuesday, December 13 – Market Day Pick-Up

- Morris Museum Storybook Forest – beginning at 3:30 @ Morris Museum

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

Friday, December 16 – School Spirit Day

- RHS Advanced Photography Students visit to make presentation to Kindergarten AM (10 AM)

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

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

Friday, December 23 – Early Dismissal / Winter Celebrations

- 4th Grade Concert / Whole School Sing Along 9:50 – 10:30 in Gymnasium
- Classroom Party Times Dependent Upon Individual Teachers



Week of January 2 – Fire Drill

Tuesday, January 3 – First Day Back

Wednesday, January 4 – (different day due to return from vacation)

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

Friday, January 6 – School Spirit Day / Family Fun Night (New Years Dance)

Friday, January 13 – School Spirit Day / Family Fun Night Snow Date

Monday, January 16 – Closed

Tuesday, January 17 - Nixon's Knick Knacks (8:52-9:15 – PreK-2 & 2:45 – 3:10 – Grades 3, 4, & KPM)

Wednesday, January 18 – PTA Meeting (Kindergarten & 2nd Grade)

Thursday, January 19 - Book Swap (Grades 1-4: Lunch / Kindergarten 11:15 & 1:25)

Friday, January 20 – School Spirit Day

Week of January 23 – School Security Drill

Tuesday, January 24 – Market Day Pick-Up

Friday, January 27 – School Spirit Day / 2nd Marking Period Ends

News:

- **\$2 Book Fair** – Thank you to everyone for your support in the Book Fair. As a result of our sales, we are able to purchase \$388 worth of free books (all of which are valued at either \$2 or \$5), which means we will be adding up to 194 books to our Media Center! Wow!
- **Thank you, PTA!** Thank you to the PTA and all its parent and teacher volunteers for offering such an amazing Holiday Gift Making experience for our students. Also, thank you to the PTA for funding our Latin and Hispanic Dance Cultural Arts event on Wednesday... Nixon School is extremely fortunate to have a PTA that cares so much about our school and that offers such wonderful things for our students. If you have a student or students that would like to share thoughts / pictures / Quick Writes regarding the assembly with the PTA and/or the Phyllis Rose

Dance Center, please just send them in to my attention and I will forward them onto Mrs. Rose, as well as our PTA. Thanks!

- **Nixon's Knick-Knacks** – Our Grand Opening was a success!!! One of the best things about the store is that there are items priced from 5 cents to \$1.25, which really provides everyone with an opportunity to find something that they like and can afford. For teachers and families: Nixon's Knick-Knacks offers Store Tokens. Each wooden token costs and is worth \$1. You can purchase these as gifts, incentives, etc. When a student cashes it in for merchandise, the school store keeps the token... it is the "green" version of gift certificates ☺ Teachers and parents can purchase these at any time, simply by sending an email to me with a request for a particular number of tokens. I will have our Purchasing Department put the order together and get it to you ASAP.
- **January Birthdays & July Birthdays:** So that all students have their birthday recognized during the school year AND so that we are not inundated with summer birthday recognitions in June, January will be a time to recognize JANUARY and JULY (half-birthdays). Please be sure to share this news with your children.
- **Morris Museum Storybook Forest** – Miss Wall organized an opportunity for our 2nd Graders to participate in the Morris Museum's Storybook Forest. The children designed a tree around the theme of a picture book. First, they read the story, *Snowflake Bentley* by Jacqueline Briggs Martin, illustrated by Mary Azarian. Then, each child cut, colored, and painted a miniature piece of artwork to hang on the Storybook Forest tree, supplied by the Museum. They are currently on display at the Museum through the end of December. *The Morris Museum has generously granted free admission tickets to participants in this exhibit.* I have included the invitation and coupon for admission at the end of these Quick Notes. Cablevision will be filming the exhibit and interviewing willing artists! Enjoy the show!

Reminders:

- **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.
- Shop & earn money for Nixon Elementary 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!

Character Education Morning Announcements (2 per day):

- 12- Brendan Wronko (Mo), Alexis Jackson (W)
- 13- Maya Atanasio (F), Victoria Groschopp ©
- 14- Kayla Stevens (F), Dominick Bartlett ©
- 15- Nicholas Ammiano ©, Peter Howell (F)
- 16- Payton Marx (F), Dana Mendelshon (W)
- 19- Daniel Avila (W), Ava Cacchiola ©
- 20- Georgia Seeger (F), Haylie Redner ©
- 21- Timothy Thiel ©, Gemma Holloway ©
- 22- Ashley Christie (F), Max Moynihan (F)
- 23- Nathaniel Strelec ©, Kirsten Mans ©



Birthdays:

13 – Kaitlin Simon, Daniel Avila
17 – Justine King
19 – Cole Zeris, Mr. Goldsholl
20 – Robert Wright, Ava Cacchiola
21 – Arianna Schein, Kayla Monterroso
23 – Mrs. Melillo
26 – Zachary O’Connor, Georgia Seeger
28 – Sofia DiBlasi
29 – Ahjional Cobb

January:

2 – Malaika Mohammad, Lily Stein
4 – Amanda McCarthy
6 – Freddy Inoa, Amanda Jaspon, Aliana Alexander (PM)
8 – Thomas Conselyea
9 – Aylia Puluse
11 – Annika Szardening (PM), Haylie Redner
12 – Taylor Beers, Mrs. Brajer
17 – Makayla Camp
19 – Miss Krincek
21 – Aidan Rosenfield
24 – Jonathan Sivertsen
27 – Max Schabel, Aidan DiCarlo
28 – Michelle Mecca
30 – Karmen Giannlkopo (PM)
31 – Timothy Thiel

Half Birthdays (JULY):

1 – Alan Traverso
2 – Emily List
5 – Eric Shumaker, Andrea Ioshpa
7 – Sophia Damelio (PM), Nahshan Swift
8 – Mrs. Saveth
10 – Sebastian Planas
11 – Jason Stevens, Ms. DiAgostino
13 – Ashley Rodriquez
16 – Jason Schwartzma
17 – Juan Espinosa
18 – Logan Dexter
19 – Michael Ratigan, Mrs. Milde
22 – Mrs. LaCapra
24 – Anthony Benfield, Michael Tanner (PM)
25 – Valerie Nagle
26 – Megan Roddy, Carolina Castillo, Gabriel Figueroa, Diego Fernandez
27 – Carly D’Agosta
28 – Audrey Villasin
29 – Kaia Grose, Mrs. O’Malley
31 – Aiden Kakoullis, Mrs. Freund

You are invited to...



The Morris Museum's

Storybook Forest Exhibit & Family Night at the Museum!

When: Tuesday, December 13th 2011
3:30pm

Where: The Morris Museum
6 Normandy Heights Road
Morristown, NJ 07960

For More Info: 973-971-3718

**On Family Night, participating teachers, parents, and students
are welcome to attend free of charge.**

To visit the Museum on another day,
use the coupon below for free admission for the participating artist.

Please note that the Museum is **free for all on Thursdays**, and is **closed on Mondays**.

