

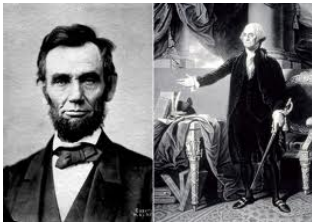
# Nixon Elementary School Newsletter

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## Letter From The PTA President

It's February and we are half-way through the school year. The time at the Nixon School goes by so quickly, I hope everyone is doing all they want to do at the school and enjoying the time they spend with their kids here.



Mark your calendars our Tricky Tray, Dinner and Comedy show will be held on Friday, April 29th. Make sure to reserve your table soon for this fun-filled, basket winning event.

I'd like to thank Dee Merring and the Family Fun Night committee for the rocking New Year's Eve Dance. The children danced the night away and were excited by the balloon drop at the end of the event. In January, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade participated in the Making Headlines Program and created color newspapers for everyone to see. Stop by the office to get a look at their work.



Coming up, we are looking forward to Bingo Night on Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8:30 pm in the cafeteria. There are lots of winners and many great prizes.

We need you! The PTA is looking to fill officer positions (President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Secretary and Treasurer) for the 2011-2012 school year. I urge you to please consider volunteering for one of the officer's position. Submit a letter of intent for any position to Stuart Marcus by March 31st.

Our next PTA meeting will be Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and we will be featuring the 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Meet teachers and hear what the students have to say about school.

Come join us,

Audra Sarafin, Nixon PTA President

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### Box Tops

Thank you all for sending in your boxtops. The 1st submission was a huge success and the school received a check for \$534.60.

Our next submission is March 1st, 2011. Please continue to support the boxtop program.

### Market Day News

The Market Day program offers great food at great prices, and it is also a fundraiser for Nixon School.

**Orders must be received by Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00pm. Pick-up is Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:45 – 7:45 in the Nixon cafeteria.**

## Book Swap – February 17<sup>th</sup>



Kids, do you need something new to read? You can bring in one or two of your age appropriate books you've already read and swap it for another one. **Book swap** is held once a month on a Thursday during 1st-4th grade lunches. Kindergarten book swap is held during their class. AM classes are at 11:15am and PM classes are at 1:40pm.

## Family Fun Night

We had a great New Year's dance, once we got past the snow. As a reminder, the Family Fun Night committee is having its Bingo Night on Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. Snow date is February 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Trick Tray

The Nixon PTA will be hosting our annual Tricky Tray Friday April 29, 2011. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year & provides means for the students to have cultural arts assemblies, classroom supplies, & other student educational materials. We have been working hard on the event since the beginning of the school year, and have been receiving great donations so far. This event entails a lot of work and if anyone can offer any help or if you have any questions please feel free to contact Toni Koenig, Committee Chair, @ 973-476-4578, or [ynkgirl83@aol.com](mailto:ynkgirl83@aol.com).

## Who's New At Nixon



Hi! My name is Isabel Wall and I am the new Art Teacher here at Nixon School. This is my first teaching job and I am thrilled to be here! Although I live in Randolph, Roxbury has been a part of my life for many years. For the last 2 ½ years, I have worked in Roxbury as a Special Education Aide and my mother, Maggie Wall, is the French Teacher at Roxbury High School.

Born in Lancaster, England, I am the youngest of six children and I am an identical twin. After receiving my Bachelor's of Fine Arts in Painting from Montclair State in 2007, I went on to gain certification through the Alternate Route to Teaching program in 2008. Besides creating art, I love to sing and play soccer. I enjoy spending quality time with my family and my fiancé, Joe.

I am so excited to get to know all the students, staff, and families of Nixon School. Thank you for making me welcome in my first weeks here. See you at the upcoming Art Shows as we celebrate Youth Art Month in March!

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Every Friday is School Spirit Day. Students should wear their Nixon apparel
- ◆ Feb 4 – Family Night Bingo
- ◆ Feb 8 – PTA Meeting
- ◆ Feb 11 – Family Night Bingo (Snow Date)
- ◆ Feb 17 – Book Swap
- ◆ Feb 17 – Parents As Reading Partners (9:30am – 10:00am)
- ◆ Feb 18 - 21 – School Closed
- ◆ Feb 22 – Market Day Pickup 6:45pm

## REFLECTIONS - ROXBURY CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

The Roxbury PTA *Reflections* Program and the district's art departments will proudly celebrate our student artists the evening of Tuesday, March 10, 2011 from 5:00 -8:30 p.m. at the Ledgewood Mall. We are presently in the process of coordinating live student performances, film screenings and other events representing various art forms. Come out and enjoy the festivities, view the large display of artwork and celebrate the accomplishments of our student artists



### DISPLAY OF ARTWORK AT LEDGEWOOD MALL

All "Together We Can" PTA *Reflections* program entries will be on display at the Ledgewood Mall from March 8 – March 31. For this same period of time, all Roxbury School District art departments will be displaying many pieces of art as well, so be sure to check out the art teachers' displays throughout the mall.

### SAVE THE DATE~DISTRICT-WIDE REFLECTIONS RECOGNITION CEREMONY

All *Reflections* participants and their families will be invited to a district-wide recognition ceremony which will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 in the auditorium of Eisenhower Middle School. Our students' performance entries (film production, dance choreography and musical composition) will be screened at 6:30 p.m. and the ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m. At that time, all district participants will be recognized and will receive a certificate. Students whose entries were Morris County PTA winners will be awarded medals.