

Nixon Elementary School Newsletter

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Letter From The PTA President



Happy 2011 Everyone! I'd like to welcome in the New Year and welcome students, parents and staff back to school. We closed out 2010 with a school favorite, Holiday Gift Making. It was a wonderful event and a special thank you goes out to Toni Ann Fabiani, Amy Rust, and the volunteers for a joyous morning of gift making. Also, thank you to the generous Nixon families who donated gifts under the giving tree which were donated to less fortunate children in Roxbury. Great job Barbara Hartos and committee!

This Friday, January 7th will be our second family night, the New Year's Dance. Get ready to move and groove and count down the New Year once again. I'm sure the kids will stay awake for this one.

Other happenings in January are the chemistry assembly, Burble, Fizz, Kaboom on Tuesday, January 18th at 10am and the 4th grade will be participating in a two week in-class workshop starting January 25th where they will be creating, writing and producing newspapers.

Another reminder our Tricky Tray, Dinner and Comedy show will be held on Friday, April 29th. This is our only major fundraiser which proceeds directly benefit all of Nixon's students. Make sure to attend and invite your family and friends to this fun-filled, basket winning event.

Our next PTA meeting will be Tuesday, January 11th at 7pm and we will be featuring the 2nd grade.

Come join us,

Thank you, Audra Sarafin, Nixon PTA President

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Tricky Tray

There is still a route available for soliciting donations for the upcoming Tricky Tray. Also, once donations and baskets start coming in, volunteers will be needed for sorting. If you are interested, please contact Toni Koenig at ynkgirl83@aol.com.

Family Fun Night

Just a reminder, the Family Fun Night committee is having its New Year's Eve dance on Friday, January 7th with a count down with ball drop and balloons!! Snow date is January 14th.

Market Day

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, January 19th at 11:00pm. Pick-up is Tuesday, January 25th from 6:45 – 7:45 in the Nixon cafeteria.**





Book Swap – Jan. 20th

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 is 11:15am and PM is 1:40pm.

If you have any questions, wish to volunteer or drop off books, please email Patty Padakis at booboopad@verizon.net.



Holiday Gift Making Committee

Thank you to all the parents and teachers that volunteered and made this year's Holiday Gift Making event a success. We were also lucky enough to have an overwhelming amount of support from various Girl Scout troops and Roxbury High School Key Club students. Everyone's help was greatly appreciated.

ToniAnn Fabiani & Amy Rust

Enrichment Ahead in January

The 4th grade will be participating in a two week in-class workshop where they will be creating, writing and producing newspapers. **Making Headlines** will guide the students through the project which will run from January 25th through February 5th. On Tuesday, January 18th at 10am, Box of Light Theatre will be at Nixon School with their chemistry assembly, **Burble, Fizz, Kaboom**. Afternoon kindergarteners are welcome to join us with their parents.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

I'd like to thank everyone for their generosity during the Thanksgiving food drive and the "Giving Tree." I know I can always count on my Nixon "families" and staff to make these a better holiday for those less fortunate in Roxbury. A special thanks to Meredith DiCarlo and Linda Ortega in lugging boxes and boxes of goodies to Social Services!!

Barbara Hartos

Who's New At Nixon

My name is Mrs. Anna Beth Prescott and I have been a special education teacher for 20 years. I am a graduate of Kean University and County College of Morris. I pursued a career in music and theater before finding Special education. I have worked with Pre-school thru High School students in many areas including children with auditory processing and sensory integration difficulties, behavior disorders, learning disabilities and Autism.

I came to Nixon school last school year to cover during a leave for another teacher and am very happy to have become part of the Nixon staff in a newly formed class. I am no stranger to Roxbury though. I am a Roxbury graduate, beginning at Jefferson School as a Kindergartener. It was the dedication and expertise of Roxbury's special education staff that inspired me to pursue it as my passion.

I am married and has one ten year old daughter. My family is an active member of Cornerstone Playhouse, the community theater of Sparta, where I hold the position of Vice-President on the Board of Directors. I couldn't be happier to have been welcomed into the wonderful and caring staff at Nixon School. Once a Gael always a Gael!

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Every Friday is School Spirit Day. Students should wear their Nixon apparel
- ◆ Jan 3 – School Reopens
- ◆ Jan 7 – Family Night – New Year's Dance
- ◆ Jan 11 – PTA Meeting 7:00pm
- ◆ Jan 14 – Family Night – New Year's Dance (Snow Date)
- ◆ Jan 17 – School Closed
- ◆ Jan 20 – Book Swap
- ◆ Jan 31 – Parents As Reading Partners

