



January PTA Newsletter

PTA Sponsored Calendar of Events for January

- **January 4 (Monday) - School reopens**
- **January 5 (Tuesday) - PTA Meeting 7:30**
- **January 8 (Friday)- Family Night New Years Eve Dance**
- **January 15 (Friday) - Snow Date for New Years Eve Dance**
- **January 18 (Monday) - School Closed**
- **January 21 (Thursday) - Book Swap**

A Note from PTA President Donna Mangano

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season with your friends and family. The PTA ended the year with one of our favorite events...Holiday Gift Making. I would like to thank Toni Ann Unis, our holiday gift making chair, for another successful event. She was even able to accommodate an extra craft for the 2nd session of students without delay when the entire bag of extra snowflake ornament kits disappeared. What an overwhelming sight to see all the gifts surrounding the Nixon giving tree! Our Nixon families were very generous this year in helping those less fortunate in Roxbury. Thank you Barbara Hartos for chairing the holiday gift drive. Thank you to all the volunteers that worked so hard in keeping our programs running smoothly in 2009.

Our next PTA meeting is Tuesday, January 5th. Remember, babysitting is available at all PTA meetings.

Again, I would like to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy & Safe New Year!

Donna Mangano

Family Fun Night Committee - New Year's Dance

It is a Rockin' New Year's Dance! It will be held on Friday, January 8th (snow date of January 15th) from 7 pm to 8:30 pm in the Nixon Gym. We will have 300 balloons drop and a count down into the New Year. Please join us for a night of fun and dancing! If anyone has any questions, please give Deanne Merring a call at (973) 398-4003 or (973) 219-8441.

Reflections

County results are in! Congratulations to the following county winners. We wish them "Good Luck" as their entries advance to the state level of judging!

LITERATURE

Robbie Sarafin

PHOTOGRAPHY

Rhiannon VanOrden

Kaitlyn Ammon

VISUAL ARTS

Andrea Serrano

Holiday Gift Making

Thank you to everyone who helped at this year's Holiday Gift Making event! All the children had a great time and are very excited to give family & friends their handmade presents this holiday.

Committee Chairperson, ToniAnn Unis

4th Grade Baby Pictures Needed

If your child is in 4th grade and has not yet sent one in, please send their picture in an envelope addressed to the PTA with their name and class on the envelope. All pictures will be returned when the yearbook is completed. Any questions please contact Deidre Sparano at deidresparano@hotmail.com

Book Swap - Thursday, January 21st

Kids, do you need something new to read? You can bring in one 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 at 11:15am and PM is 1:45pm.** If you have any questions, or wish to volunteer, please email Patty Padakis at booboopad@verizon.net.

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 January 20 at 11:00pm . Pick-up is January 26th from 6:45 - 7:45 in the Nixon cafeteria.**

Save The Date

Friday February 5th - Family Bingo Night

(Snow date - Friday February 12th)

Don't Forget - Easy Fundraisers

The PTA will continue to collect Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Soup labels (which include Pepperidge Farms Goldfish & V8 products), and empty ink cartridges. Collection containers are located in the office. ****We are now collecting Nabisco cookie wrappers.** A collection box will be located in the cafeteria.



Examples of Acceptable Wrappers:



*** Keep clipping those BoxTops, the next submission is coming soon.***

Tricky Tray

Save the Date! The Nixon PTA Tricky Tray, Dinner & Comedy Show is on Friday, April 30, 2010. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year. The committee is always looking for volunteers and any unwanted baskets or picture frames. They can be dropped off in the PTA box located in the office.

Yearbook

Yearbook is looking for great shots of your kids and their class. Make sure when you visit your child's class you also bring your camera. Your help is needed to make the yearbook a success. We will need photos from all school events: 1st day of school, class trips, parties, assemblies etc. All photos can be sent via email to Donna Mangano at mmdm520@optonline.net or sent to the office in an envelope labeled "PTA Yearbook." Do not write on the back of the photos. Any questions, please contact Deidre Sparano 973-770-5558.

Newsletter

In efforts to '*Go Green*', this newsletter will be emailed only. If you did not receive this letter in your inbox, and would like to be added to the PTA General Distribution list (which also includes PTA meeting minutes and various reminders), please email me at jshirkey@optonline.net If you do not have access to a computer and would like to request a hard copy delivered via backpack please call 973-770-0150. If you no longer wish to be on this list please email me at the above address. Thank you, Jill Shirkey, PTA Secretary