

Nixon Elementary School Newsletter

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Letter from the PTA President

It is already March so go away snow. I want to start by thanking all the parents that have come to the PTA meetings thus far. It is great to see new faces as well as old. We know everyone's time is valuable so we have been very conscious not to go over an hour at these meetings. So, if you have not attended a meeting, please take the time to do so. You will get a ton of information in a timely manner.

Please support the Nixon PTA by donating a basket and attending the Tricky Tray, Dinner & Comedy on April 29th. Make sure to reserve your table soon for this fun event. This is Nixon PTA's only major fundraiser and with your help, we will be able to continue to provide the numerous cultural arts programs, educational student materials and many other programs offered to Nixon students by the PTA.

Thank you to Dee Merring and her committee for another wonderful Family Bingo Night. The students had a blast and loved seeing several of the Nixon's teachers in attendance calling numbers. The next and last PTA family night is The Nixon Talent Show on March 25th. I can't wait to see what our talented students have in store for us this year.

It is time to start thinking about PTA Officer Elections. Several officers' positions will need to be filled in May. The positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Please consider volunteering your time as an officer of the Nixon PTA. The nominating committee is now accepting applications for PTA officer positions. Anyone interested in filling a position, please send in your letter of intent to Stuart Marcus. The deadline is March 31th.

Join us at our next PTA meeting on Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00pm. This month we will feature some of our special subject teachers.

We would love to see you there. - Audra Sarafin, Nixon PTA President



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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, March 16th at 11:00pm. Pick-up is Tuesday, March 22nd from 6:45 – 7:45 in the Nixon cafeteria.**

March Assemblies

Join us for **THE MAGIC OF MATH** assembly on Thursday, March 10. Explore the fascinating and fun world of mathematics with two 45-minute shows. The You Can Solve It show is for grades K-2 at 1:00 pm and then grades 3-4 at 2:00 pm. **BURBLE, FIZZ, KABOOM** assembly is coming to Nixon on Monday, March 28th at 9:30 am. The Box of Light Theatre will present this chemistry assembly.



Book Swap – March 17th

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.

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

Who's New at Nixon



Hi. My name is Nicholas Colicchio. Everyone calls me Mr. Nick. I'm the new head custodian at Nixon School. Before coming to Nixon, I was a custodian at a school in Wharton for 5 years. My responsibilities were to fix and repair all plumbing and electrical throughout the school, maintain and repair lawn tractors and copy machines, and to keep the boilers running properly. I also helped the teachers by setting up for plays and lined the fields outside for sporting events. I'm very happy to be working in the Roxbury school system, especially at Nixon. Before becoming a custodian, I worked at an aerospace company for 20 years and met some really interesting astronauts. I was also a cook and used to manage a couple of restaurants. Cooking is still one of my hobbies.

I live in Lake Hopatcong with my beautiful wife Janice and our unique dog Bandit. I have one beautiful daughter Jessica. A couple of my favorite hobbies are scuba diving and fishing off of my boat. I enjoy playing all sports and in the spring I usually umpire baseball and softball games. I enjoy being outdoors. In the nice weather we have many family gatherings which are always a lot of fun, especially because I have over 25 nieces and nephews. The fun and games are constant.

I feel so honored to be part of and working with the Nixon staff. I really enjoy how so many children high 5 me in the hallway. Some have even acknowledged me in the school's newspaper and some have given me little cards of thanks for the nice job that I'm doing.

Family Fun Night

Bingo night was another success on Friday, February 4th! Over 100 prizes were handed out with the grand prize being a free bowling pass at Circle Lanes along with various other prizes such as toys and free skyscraper ice creams from Cliffs. Many parents, teachers and students were in attendance and fun was had by all. No one walked away without a prize as we also had beaded necklaces of blue and gold (Nixon's colors) that were handed out at the end of the night. Free, Healthy kid programs were also handed out to all of the parents and adults in attendance. Extras were left in the main office for your convenience.

The next family fun night event is the talent show with rehearsals on Thursday, March 24th and the real talent show on Friday, March 25th. Sign-up sheets and information will be sent out to the students shortly.

Nixon Yearbooks on Sale

Yearbooks are on sale until March 4th
Cost is \$12.00 plus \$2.00 per booster (no more than 100 characters per line)

Box Tops

Please keep saving your BoxTops. Also please check the dates on the coupons for the expiration dates. Any coupons that are expired cannot be submitted.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Every Friday is School Spirit Day. Students should wear their Nixon apparel
- ◆ Mar 1 – 3 – HSPA testing
- ◆ March 8 - Celebration of the Arts – 5:00 – 8:30 (Ledgewood Mall)
- ◆ Mar 8 – PTA Meeting 7:00pm
- ◆ Mar 10 - Craig Collis' You can Solve It Assembly
- ◆ Mar 10 – Fundraiser at Bensi - Ledgewood
- ◆ Mar 15 – 4th Grade Grandparents Luncheon
- ◆ Mar 16 – Science Fair Set up
- ◆ Mar 17 – Book Swap
- ◆ Mar 17 – Science Fair presentations by 4th graders
- ◆ Mar 18 – Science Fair
- ◆ Mar 18 – Parents As Reading Partners (9:30am – 10:00am)
- ◆ Mar 22 – Market Day Pickup 6:45pm
- ◆ Mar 22 - 23 – Kindergarten Registration
- ◆ Mar 24 – Family Night Talent Show Rehearsal
- ◆ Mar 25 Family Night – Talent Show
- ◆ Mar 28 - Science Fair winners to present at BOE Meeting
- ◆ Mar 29 – Kindergarten Orientation
- ◆ Mar 30 – Kindergarten Visitation

The Roxbury School District Art Departments
And

The Roxbury PTA *Reflections* Program
Proudly come together to celebrate

YOUTH ARTS MONTH

Roxbury Celebration of the Arts

**ALL ARE INVITED TO COME CELEBRATE THE
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR STUDENT ARTISTS!**

WHEN: Tuesday, March 8, 2011 5:00—8:30 p.m.

WHERE: The Ledgewood Mall, Route 10,
Ledgewood

WHAT: “Monster Parade”

Artists’ Reception (Light refreshments)

Live student drama, vocal and instrumental performances,
a screening of short films produced by our students and
a large display of artwork, compliments of the entire
Roxbury School District.

****Refreshments provided by the Ledgewood Mall****

****Sound equipment provided by Music Den****

Almost 1,000 pieces of art created by Roxbury students
in preschool through 12th grade will remain on display at the
Ledgewood Mall throughout the month of March.

Be sure to check out the presentation of the Reflections Visual
Art entries on
Roxbury District Website homepage!