

# Nixon Elementary School Newsletter

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## Letter From The PTA President



Where has the year gone? We have done so many exciting things at Nixon School this year. I was honored to be PTA President. I am so proud of this PTA and the parents that really take the time to make a difference. It is so admirable and very much appreciated. I would like to especially thank Stuart Marcus for being an outstanding PTA Secretary this year. Whatever I threw at Stuart, he would do with a smile so thank you from the bottom of my heart. I will really miss him next year. I would also like to thank Rob Geraci, who has worked so hard with the Tricky Tray and Field Day, Kellie Ann Keyes, who has done a fantastic job with the Fall Festival, Tricky Tray and the Post Office & Susan Mendelsohn, who we all could not live without.

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Another huge THANK YOU goes out to Toni Koenig, Christine O'Connor, Helena Geraci, Nancy Loizou and the entire Tricky Tray Committee. The time and dedication that you have brought to this event is a true testament to the kind of people you are. The night was a blast and a huge success! Thank you to all the volunteers that helped setup during the day or ran baskets and sold tickets at night and everyone who donated baskets. It really takes a lot of support to hold such a monstrous event and we are able to pull it off every year.

The kids enjoyed a carnival at Book Fair this year and it was wonderful. Thank you to Deidre Sparano, Patty Padakis and the Book Fair committee for all your time. Excitingly, due to the success of the Book Fair, Scholastic will be providing Nixon School with another smart board for one of our classrooms. HOORAY!



Get ready for the events in May including Staff Appreciation, the Plant Sale and Field Day. Be sure to look for volunteer flyers in backpacks or emails. This month our PTA meeting will be on Tuesday, May 17th at 7:00pm for a combination PTA and Meeting/Officer's installation. Come get a look at the new crew who will be guiding the PTA next year.

Bring on the Sun - Audra Sarafin

## Book Swap – May 19<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 is 11:15am and PM is 1:40pm. This is the last Book Swap for this school year.

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

## Field Day

Tuesday May 24 is our annual Field day at Nixon School (Rain Date Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup>). Field day is a day of sports and games for all Nixon students. We are currently seeking parent volunteers to help on that day. A form will be coming home with your child shortly (first week of May) seeking help in the AM session (9am-11:50am) and/or the PM session (12:30pm-3pm) or if your daring All DAY. Please feel free to call or email any questions or to advance volunteer to Rob Geraci cell 201 615 2099 email [rgpta\\_nixon@yahoo.com](mailto:rgpta_nixon@yahoo.com).

## All 4<sup>th</sup> Graders & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents

It is hard to believe that June is right around the corner, and our children will be moving on to Lincoln/Roosevelt. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade dinner committee is in the process of creating a memorable presentation for the dinner.

Please forward candid pictures of your 4<sup>th</sup> grader from kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 4<sup>th</sup> grade; total of 5 pictures (can be with other 4<sup>th</sup> grade Nixon students).

If you are sending us the actual pictures of your child; send them to the attention of the Fourth Grade Dinner. Please be sure their name and teacher information is clearly written on the back so we may return the pictures promptly. If you prefer to email the pictures; please send them to Barbara Hartos at [babsjh@optonline.net](mailto:babsjh@optonline.net) or Chris Carroll at [theeman@optonline.net](mailto:theeman@optonline.net).

The deadline for pictures to be included in the presentation is **Friday, May 13**. If you would like to volunteer to help during this exciting event, please contact us.

## Mother's Day Plant Sale

The Mother's Day Plant Sale will be on May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. This is an excellent opportunity to get "something special" for a special Mom.

Prices will remain at last year's levels. The plant sale runs from 9:15am until 3:15pm on both days.

## 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, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00pm. Pick-up is Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:45 – 7:45 in the Nixon cafeteria.**



## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Every Friday is School Spirit Day. Students should wear their Nixon apparel
- ◆ May 5 - 6 – Mother's Day Plant Sale
- ◆ May 9 – 13 – NJASK (3 & 4 Grades)
- ◆ May 17 – PTA Meeting & Officer Installation 7:00pm
- ◆ May 16 – 20 – NJASK Makeups (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grades)
- ◆ May 24 – Parent Workshop (Positive Parenting)
- ◆ May 24 – Field Day
- ◆ May 24 – Market Day Pickup 6:45pm
- ◆ May 26 – Field Day (Rain Date)
- ◆ May 30 – School Closed (Memorial Day)

