

Friday Quick Notes for Families

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Monthly Character Education Focus: TRUSTWORTHINESS (Grade 4)
Inspirational Words: "As we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same." – N. Mandela

Calendar Outlook:

Friday, October 28 – PTA Halloween Dance, 7-8:30 PM

Week of October 31 – November 4: *VETERAN'S DAY COLLECTION* (see description below)

Reserve time this week to complete your PTA Reflections Entry (see REMINDERS for more information)

Monday, October 31 – Halloween Parade & Parties

- Halloween Parade (Kindergarten AM - 10:30 & School wide, KPM, & WrapAround - 2:00)

Week of November 1 – Fire Drill

Thursday, November 3 – Picture Retake Day

Friday, November 4 – Fall Festival Rain date (Take 4: Rain or Shine)

- School Spirit Day / Wi-Sci (Family Science Night, 7-8:30 PM)
- PTA Reflections Entries Due

Tuesday, November 8 – Election Day

Wednesday, November 9 – Veteran's Day Assembly / 1st Marking Period Ends

Thursday, November 10 & Friday, 11 – NJEA Convention / School Closed

Week of November 14 – School Security Drill

Monday, November 14 - Grade 1 Mini-Science Assembly

Wednesday, November 15 - PTA Meeting (2nd Grade) – 7:30 PM

- Market Day Pick-Up

Thursday, November 17 – Parent Visitation Day

- Book Swap (Grades 1-4: Lunch / Kindergarten 11:15 & 1:25)

Friday, November 18 – School Spirit Day

Monday, November 21 – Bus Safety Program

November 23 – Early Dismissal Day (1:42 Dismissal) / Report Cards Launched

Thursday, November 24 & Friday, 25 – Closed



Happy



Thanksgiving

News:

- Thank you to everyone who was able to come to Parent/Teacher Conferences this week. It was wonderful having an opportunity to talk with many of you as you waited for your conference to begin. Nixon School is a very special place because of the wonderful school community that we have!
- Our School Wide Character Trait for November is RESPONSIBILITY. Second grade students will be assigned to help with morning announcements.
- Halloween: Nixon School's Halloween Parade will take place on Monday, October 31st. The Kindergarten AM parade will take place @ 10:30 and the school wide parade (inclusive of PM Kindergarten and Wrap Around). Families coming to watch the Kindergarten or school-wide parade are to gather on the driveway in front of the school, as it will be blocked off from traffic. Students will parade on the sidewalk, loop through the building and then back outside again. As a result, you will have two photo opportunities as your child marches in the parade. Once the parade is finished, children will return to their classrooms for their Halloween party. In order to ensure safety that all children are safe and have an opportunity to enjoy the day, I would ask that the following points be adhered to. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.
 - Costumes should be brought to school in a bag with your child's name on it. ALL children will change into their costumes prior to their parade. Costumes will be removed and placed in the same bag for the child to go home with at the end of the day.

- No Masks should be worn over faces. If a child has a mask, they can wear it on top of their head.
 - Children should not bring any toy weapons to school (i.e. swords, Numb-chucks, toy guns, etc.). These can be used when your child enjoys his/her trick or treating adventures.
 - Please remember to pack an individual snack for your child to enjoy during the Halloween party.
 - Face Paint/Make-up should NOT be worn to school in the AM, as it is distracting to others. Please do not ask or include directions in your child's costume bag for the application of elaborate make-up, as there isn't enough time to apply make-up on all students. Please keep it simple!
 - Prior to and following the parade, ONLY parents that have been assigned to help with the preparation of costumes and Halloween parties will be permitted down to the classroom. A sign in table will be located in the front lobby for these individuals.
 - Again, thank you for your attention to these points. Your cooperation will help to ensure that everyone can have an enjoyable and safe afternoon.
- During the week of October 31-November 4, Nixon School will be collecting personal care grooming products in honor of Veteran's Day. Corporal Luis Garcia, bother-in-law to a Nixon School student, is currently stationed in Afghanistan. As a way to thank him and the other Marines in his troop for their service, we will be collecting items such as: toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, shaving cream, dental floss, Q-tips, deodorant, etc. During our assembly on November 9th, the boxes will be presented to Mrs. Garcia; they will then be shipped to Corporal Garcia and his fellow Marines. Thank you in advance for your support.
 - Following is a message from the Roxbury High School Key Club: The Roxbury High School Students in Action Committee has assembled representatives from the service-based organizations at the high school to coordinate the first annual *Join the Fight Walk!* This event will raise money to be split between the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in Nick Russo's honor and the Amanda Nagy Memorial Scholarship in Mrs. Nagy's honor. The event begins at 1 pm at Horseshoe Lake Island and will continue throughout the afternoon on Sunday, November 6th. The minimum donation is \$10 per person to participate, with children under 10 free with an adult participant. Let's try to raise as much money as we can to preserve their memories! If you are interested in this event, the Pledge form is at the end of the document. The actual flyer can be found on the Principal's Newsletter page on www.roxbury.org/nes
 - Please be sure to check out www.roxbury.org/nes. With the end of the month approaching, many teachers are updating their newsletters and web sites. The information is valuable and helps to provide you with a means to support all the learning that is taking place in the classroom.
 - In this past Sunday's Star Ledger, there was an article regarding how Comcast is offering students from low-income families the opportunity to obtain broadband service at the rate of \$9.95 a month. Families can call 1-855-846-8376 to find out if they are eligible and apply for the service.

Reminders:

- Market Day is due on Friday, November 4th. Internet orders can be placed until November 9th at 11 PM. Nixon School earns extra money this month for all pies that are ordered.
- PTA Reflections: This year's theme is "Diversity means..." Due date for all entries is November 4, 2011. For a complete description of the program, please visit: <http://www.ptareflections.org> All students who participate will have an opportunity to enjoy lunch and a read-in with me on a to be determined date!

- All students will be participating in a school-wide mural project later this year. A flyer explaining the project went home earlier this week. Entries are due on November 14. If need a copy of the flyer/entry form, you can visit www.roxbury.org/nes and look under Principal's Newsletter. I have provided a link to the form there. Special thanks to Miss Wall, Nixon School Art Teacher, for assisting with this exciting and worthwhile project.
- ATTENTION PARENTS OF FOURTH GRADERS - We need your 4TH grader's baby picture for the yearbook! Please send in your picture to Deidre Sparano/PTA yearbook or email your picture to Donna Mangano at mmdm520@hotmail.com.

Character Education Morning Announcements (2 per day):

31- Justin D.(M), Joshua B.(M)
 1- Jason S. (M), Jason S. (Q)
 2- Morgan L. (V), Helena G. (V)
 3- Bleaon M. (V), Zachary H. (V)
 4- Jenna M. (Q), Paul C. (V)
 7- Logan C. (Q), Kaitlin S.(Q)
 8- Cole Z. (V), Ahjional C. (M)
 9- Makayla C. (Q), Aidan R. (Q)
 14- Jonathan S. (Mo), Aidan D. (M)
 15- Francisco T.(Q), Lauren E. (V)
 16- Angela G.(M), Isaiah M. (Q)
 17- Jana M.(M), Rick B. (Mo)
 18 – Mahad K.(Pre), Kayla M.(V)
 21 – Kori G. (V), Jacyln G. (M)
 22 – Christina H.(Q), Ashley A. (M)
 23 – Samantha R. (M), Ryan G. (M)
 28– Rocco N. (Q), Alexander R. (M)
 29 – Nevaeh C. (Q), Alexander D. (M)
 30 – Rowan H. (V), Justin Batista (V)
 1 – Carly Y.(V), Tyler H. (Mo)
 2 – Christian Ro. (M), Joanne R. (M)



Birthdays:

31 – Natalie Z., Jonathan K.
 1 – Ethan S., Sebastian A.
 2 – Thomas S.
 3 – Zachary H.
 5 – Jon E., Nicholas A.
 7 – Daniel J. (PM)
 8 – Peter H, Miss Wall
 12 – Ms. Cullen
 14 – Payton M., Alexander B.
 16 – Alexsandra O.
 18 – Claudi C.
 24 – Dana M.
 25 – Kyle M., Garrett S.
 26 – George P., Alexandria Lynch (PM)
 27 – Rodante A., Jenna M.
 28 – Kyle F.
 30 – Matthew D., Miss Baker

