

.....April 30th.....

It's the count-down to the Tricky Tray!

Get ready for an exciting night out that benefits your child's school.

It's one night you don't want to miss.

All forms are attached to this newsletter for more information.

Prizes Galore!

See inside newsletter for a sneak peak!

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April PTA Newsletter

PTA Sponsored Calendar of Events for April

- April 2-8 (Friday-Thursday) - Spring Break
- April 9 (Friday)- School in session
- April 12 (Monday) - PTA Meeting 7:30 (Dr. Rossi attending to speak about budget)
- April 15 (Thursday) - Book Swap
- April 19-23 (Monday-Friday) - Scholastic Book Fair
- April 20-23 (Tuesday-Friday) Early Dismissal/conferences
- April 28 (Wednesday) - Kindergarten Visitation
- April 30 (Friday) - Tricky Tray

A Note from PTA President Donna Mangano

The year has flown by - only 2 1/2 months left of school and still so much fun to look forward to. Upcoming PTA events... Book Fair, Kindergarten Visitation, Tricky Tray, Mother's Day Plant Sale, Staff Appreciation and Field Day to name a few. Many thanks to all who have supported the PTA this year - we could not have done it without you!

Thank you goes out toBarbara Hartos for organizing the Easter food drive for Roxbury Social Services, Deanne Merring for Nixon's final family night "Talent Show" this school year and Jill Shirkey for creating and spreading all the upcoming PTA news in the Nixon monthly newsletter. I would also like to thank all the committee members for their help and support to all our committee chairs this year.

The Nixon PTA also is in need of a President and Secretary this coming school year. This will be my final term as President and this is Jill Shirkey's final year at Nixon and Secretary. These are 2 vital positions that need to be filled by May for the PTA to function next year. Please contact me if you are interested or would like to know more information that is expected of the officers that hold these positions. With the school budget crisis we are facing this year; our students really need our support to be able to continue to offer them the various events and items provided by the PTA each year to enhance their educational experience. This cannot happen when a PTA board is missing positions. Please consider one of the PTA officer's positions still vacant.

Have a wonderful Spring Break and please join us at our Tricky Tray on April 30th.

Please also join us at our next PTA meeting on Monday April 12th at 7:30 PM. Dr. Rossi will be attending to speak to us about the school budget. Attend the meeting and you could be the lucky winner of a drawing of a \$25 dining certificate for a local restaurant.

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Book Fair Coming Soon

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Nixon April 19th -23rd. Your child will have an opportunity to select and buy many wonderful books. The fair will be during conference week, so be sure to stop by when you visit your teacher. More details will be coming home soon!

Family Fun Night - Talent Show Thank You!

Family Fun Night committee had its annual talent show on Friday, March 26th over 30 acts were in attendance from dancing, singing to playing the piano and harmonica! Everyone had a great time and the committee wants to thank all of its volunteers, the teachers and Mrs. Azar for their support and most of all a special thanks to the parents and the children who made this all possible.

Attention 4th grade parents! - Photos requested for 4th Grade Dinner

Attention 4th grade parents!

It is hard to believe that June is only 4 months away and our children will be moving on to Lincoln/Roosevelt. The 4th grade dinner committee is in the process of creating a memorable presentation for the dinner.

Please forward candid pictures of your 4th grader from kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade, 3rd grade and 4th grade; total of 5 pictures (can be with other 4th 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 Audra Sarafin at asarafin@optonline.net

The deadline for pictures to be included in the presentation is ***Friday, April 30.***

If you would like to volunteer to help during this exciting event, please contact us.

Thanks-

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Audra Sarafin
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Reflections

Thank you to all the students and parents for attending the Award Ceremony at EMS in March. It is always nice to see Nixon represented every year in such abundance. A "Special Principal

Luncheon" will be held in May to acknowledge all the students that participated in Nixon's Reflection program this year. The date and more info will be sent home later this month.

Tricky Tray

Aren't you so glad that your child this year did not bring home fund raiser after fund raiser? Happy you did not have to help sell coupon books, magazines, chocolates, popcorn, pizza, wrapping paper? The Nixon PTA knows how much of a hassle fund raisers can be on parents...so please, join us for our only major fund raiser...and it's the opposite of a hassle, it's a great night out with dinner and a comedy show. Order your tickets now to support our Nixon students! You certainly would have spent the Tricky Tray ticket price if your child participated in 5 or 6 small fundraising events. Call a neighbor, family member, friend, or parent of your child's classmate and order your tickets today. What a great way to get to know more parents of Nixon students. To order your ticket/s please contact Audra Sarafin @ 973-601-3034 or (asarafin@optonline.net).

It's just around the corner...an exciting night out is awaiting you! 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. To order your ticket please contact Audra Sarafin @ 973-601-3034 or (asarafin@optonline.net).

Tricky Tray Forms - Please see attachments to newsletter

Here's another Sneak Peak of just a few of our Tricky Tray prizes

that could be yours on April 30th!

Great Wolf Water Park Overnight Stays

Roxbury Recreation Beach Membership

Admissions to Tomahawk Lake

American Girl Doll

Dance Lessons at Arthur Murray Dance Studio

Flat Screen TV

Nintendo Wii

Keurig Coffee Maker

Sports Memorabilia

Gift Certificates to popular restaurants such as Apple Bee's, TGI Fridays, Panera

Overnight Get-Aways to various hotels

Book Swap - Thursday, April 15th

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 April 21st at 11:00pm. Pick-up is April 27th from 6:45 - 7:45 in the Nixon cafeteria.**

Save the Date

May 6-7 Plant Sale

May 25 Field Day

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:



*****Please visit www.boxtops4education.com to register for a chance for Nixon to win thousands of Bonus BoxTops!*****

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