



December PTA Newsletter

PTA Sponsored Calendar of Events for December

- December 1 (Tuesday)- "Giving Tree" begins
- December 5 (Saturday) - Holiday Gift Making
- December 18 (Friday)- "Giving Tree" ends
- December 21(Monday)- Holiday Assembly 9:30
- December 24- January 1- School Closed

A Note from PTA President Donna Mangano

With the holidays approaching and everyone so busy, I would like to thank everyone who has taken time to volunteer and support the PTA this year. If you haven't had a chance yet to volunteer, the perfect opportunities will be here shortly. Nixon had a great turnout at our family night events this year with many more to come. Thank you Dee Merring for organizing our family fun nights they are a huge success. Thank you Nixon families for donating your food item to Nixon's holiday food drive. This allowed Nixon School to help social services fill their pantry and be able to provide Thanksgiving meals for those less fortunate Roxbury families. Thank you Barbara Hartos for organizing our holiday food drive. Thank you to our student reporters for a wonderful presentation at our November PTA meeting. I look forward to our next group of student reporters in January.

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

Have a wonderful and safe holiday season!

Donna Mangano

Holiday Gift Making- Saturday December 5th

Just a reminder: Session 1 begins at 9 am and Session 2 at 10:15 and they are each an hour long. Also, please don't forget to bring in a 3 1/2" picture.

The Giving Tree

Once again, the Nixon PTA will be sponsoring our annual "Giving Tree" for the holidays. Beginning December 1, the Giving Tree will be displayed in the lobby at school and decorated with "ornaments" with the names and ages of children of 100 children (50 boys and 50 girls). Please choose a child/children (you can definitely sponsor more than one!) to give a new, unwrapped toy to. You can drop the item(s) off in the main office where there will be a box for collection or you can send in the item(s) with your child until Friday, December 18, 2009 (no later). The Holiday Fund Committee.

Cultural Arts Assembly- The Holiday Show - December 21st

The Holiday Show is coming to Nixon School on Monday, December 21st at 9:30 am. This multi-cultural show will be celebrating the various cultural Holiday observances. With the use of costumes, musical instruments, storytelling and a large screen video the program will familiarize the students with the wonderful significance of holidays such as Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanzaa, Ramadan, Diwali and Happy New Year. All afternoon kindergarten students are invited to attend with a parent and all parents of course are welcome. Hope to see you there!

Reflections

Thank you to all the students that submitted entries in the PTA Reflection program this year. We had many wonderful entries! Twenty-seven entries advanced to the county level of judging and names were announced during morning announcements. A list of students can also be found displayed in the main entry. County results will be in mid-December. Congratulations and good luck to all the students!

New Year's Party Decorations Needed

If anyone has any New Year's decorations or party favors that they would like to donate for our next Family Fun night (New Year's Dance- 1/8/10) please give Deanne Merring a call at (973) 398-4003 or (973) 219-8441.

Thanksgiving Food Drive - A Success!

Our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive was once again a success! Your food donations made what may have otherwise been a lean Thanksgiving for lots of families into a feast! Thank you to Co-Chair Meredith DiCarlo for making the collections easy for the classrooms. Despite these challenging economic times, I know I have lots to be thankful for, especially the generosity of our Nixon families. Barbara Hartos/Chair

4th Grade Baby Pictures Needed & Ms. McCarthy's Class Wins Contest

We have a winner! The first fourth grade class to all send in a baby picture was Ms. McCarthy's class. Congratulations - you each receive a free ice cream treat! The Yearbook committee is still collecting 4th grade baby pictures from the other classes. 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, December 17th

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 near the end of am/pm sessions. 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. December orders must be received by December 9th at 11:00pm . Pick-up is December 15th from 6:45 - 7:45 in the Nixon cafeteria.

Save The Date

Rockin' New Year's Dance!
Friday, January 8th from 7 pm to 8:30 pm in the Nixon Gym
(snow date - January 15th)

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:



Important -We received a memo from Nestle stating that they are not doing the "Go Play Labels" program for the 2009/2010 school year. We will no longer be collecting these labels.

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