



November PTA Newsletter

PTA Sponsored Calendar of Events for November

- 11/4 (Wed.) Family Fun Night - Roller-skating
- 11/5-6 (Thurs., Fri.) School Closed
- 11/10 (Tues.) PTA Meeting 7:30
- 11/10 (Tues.) Reflections Entry Deadline
- 11/17 (Tues.) Market Day Pickup
- 11/19 (Thurs.) Book Swap
- 11/24 (Tues.) Lights, Camera, Action Assembly
- 11/25 (Wed.) Early Dismissal
- 11/26-27 (Thurs., Fri.) School Closed

A Note from PTA President Donna Mangano

We have many PTA events coming up over the next couple of months -Roller Skating, Holiday Gift Making, Bingo, New Year's Dance to name a few. These events would not be possible if it were not for our caring and creative Nixon families that donate their time and contribute to our fundraisers. Just a reminder our Tricky Tray, Dinner and Comedy show will be held on April 30th. This is our only major fundraiser which proceeds directly benefit all of Nixon's students. This is a great time to start collecting items for your family basket or even think about combining with another family. We will be asking our Nixon families to please support our Tricky Tray by donating a themed basket or item that has a \$35 value.

In the theme of giving thanks in November,... I would like to thank Kellie Ann Keyes and all the parent volunteers for helping make the Fall Festival a huge success for our children. The students had a fun day despite the brisk weather. Nixon has had several assemblies to start off the year. Thank you Audra Sarafin for arranging such wonderful cultural art assemblies for

Nixon students, and there are many more to come. Nixon book swap is up and running once a month. Thanks goes out to Patty Padakis and our parent volunteers for allowing our students to have the access of swapping a book each month to enrich their reading skills. Student reporters attended our last PTA meeting. They did a fabulous job reporting what their classrooms have been up to. I look forward to hearing the next group of Nixon's student reporters and having you join us at our next PTA meeting on Nov. 10th at 7:30 pm.

Get Ready to SKATE!

Remember the date to roller skate! Wednesday, November 4th will be a roller skating night at Excel Skating in Hackettstown from 6 to 8 pm. Don't worry we have the next day off from school! It is \$5 to attend and \$3 to rent skates. The fun zone is also available for an additional \$2. Friends and family members are all welcome. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please give Deanne Merring a call at (973) 219-8441.

Reflections ~ "Beauty is..."

The Reflections program has officially been presented, and the children really seemed interested and excited! The Reflections program is the most popular National PTA Program conducted annually. Official entry forms and rules regarding this theme-based program was sent home with students and is also available on Nixon's website at www.roxbury.org/nixon. To make the program even more accessible to all students, supplies will be available for students to create an entry during "Time To Soar." The Reflections deadline is November 10, 2009. Don't delay! Start sending those entries in. The reflections entry box is located in the main office. Any questions, contact Donna Mangano at 973-398-7267 or mmdm520@optonline.net.

Lights, Camera, Action!

The PTA is hosting Lights, Camera, Action on Tuesday, November 24th. This all-day assembly exposes the children to a mobile television studio and how to make a TV production. Each grade will do four different age appropriate projects throughout the day. The fourth grade will edit the projects and the final assembly will be the finished production for all the school to see. It should be very exciting!

4th Grade Baby Pictures Needed

The Yearbook committee is starting to collect 4th grade baby pictures. If your child is in 4th grade 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, November 19th

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. November orders must be received by November 11th at 11:00pm. Pick-up is November 17th from 6:45 - 7:45 in the Nixon cafeteria.

Save the Date!

Holiday Gift Making event- Saturday December 5th
(Volunteers needed. Sign-up sheets will be coming home soon.
Any questions, please contact ToniAnn Unis toniann.unis@yahoo.com)

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.

* We haven't been receiving many **Box Tops** recently! We can get some cool things for our kids with this easy fundraiser. Be sure to clip them and send them in! *

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