

Norrisville Elementary School Newsletter

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"Where Bright Futures Begin!"



From the Principal's Perspective

Happy New Year! As the 2nd Quarter draws to a close, I want to thank each of you for your support of your children's teachers and your children's academic growth. May 2012 be your best year yet!

We are fortunate to have been chosen by Keene Dodge in Jarrettsville to be the recipient of their FEBRUARY community outreach fund-raiser. During the month of February, Keene Dodge will tally all "Facebook Friend Requests" for Keene Dodge and award \$1 to our school for each Request. In addition to that, for every car purchased at Keene Dodge in the month of February (not necessarily by a Norrisville parent;-), Keene Dodge will also award \$25 to our school. Thank you, Keene Dodge General Manager Mike Baldwin. You may expect an Alert Now phone call in early February reminding you to "Facebook Friend Keene Dodge!"

Happily, we have yet to have a school closing, delayed opening, or early closing due to inclement weather. NOW is the time to review your procedure for these unforeseen circumstances. If you're not sure, check the HCPS website, or local radio or television stations. If you haven't updated emergency contact information recently, please call the main office - 410.692.7810.

As we transition to a new year— some "Gentle Reminders"

- Please do not drop children off at school before 8:40 a.m.
- Be sure that children are prepared for outdoor recess on the coldest of days!
- Make sure you know how to access School Closing Information - especially late starts and early dismissals - and have a plan for what your children will do.

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HOLIDAY MUSIC EVENTS!

Congratulations to Mrs. Engelke, Mrs. Capp, Mrs. Berrell, Mrs. Havran and the 4th and 5th Grade Chorus & Instrumental Performances.

The month of December was full of heartwarming music to celebrate the holiday season.

Everyone did a fabulous job!

CORRECTION of November Newsletter:

We want to extend our heartfelt THANKS to Rustin Newbold and his parents Tammy & Ritch. The front flower bed around the marquee was weeded, mulched and planted with fall mums by the Newbold family in October.

And now the winter flare looks wonderful.

Green School Update

Norrisville Elementary School is collecting PLASTIC bottle caps of all shapes, sizes, and colors. Parents can collect them and then send them in with their children. The bottle caps will be used to create murals to hang in the school!

Many thanks, The Green School Committee

ANNUAL BOX TOPS & CAMPBELLS CONTEST

Box Top & Campbell's point program continues throughout the year, but in **January-February** Norrisville has a friendly competition to collect the box tops & sku points for each homeroom. Details will follow.

January is Reading Month

The theme for January Reading Month is "Color Your World with Books!" Students will be challenged to read 250,000 minutes. If they are successful, Mr. Wallace has agreed to dye his hair--either yellow or blue. The class with the most minutes will choose.

The culminating activity will occur on
Feb. 3rd, 2012

SIX FLAGS

The new Six Flags Read to Succeed Program, sponsored by the PTA, is due on January 31st. If your child reads for 6 hours and returns their form on or before the deadline, they will receive a FREE ticket to Six Flags to be used this summer! Flyers were sent home in early January... please request any additional flyers from: PTA Secretary: Keri Demos 410-452-0111
kdemos@zoominternet.net

Destination Imagination

Thank you to everyone that sent in items for the Destination Imagination teams. We greatly appreciate your generosity. We will continue to accept donations throughout the year.

*8:8:30—Breakfast with books- Parents/Guardians or Grandparents come to school to read with their children in the cafeteria: (muffins and juice served)
*9:15-9:30—Parade of Book Characters
*9:35-9:50—Assembly with Mr. Wallace "coloring" his hair

Read to Succeed

This is a "book club" type of program sponsored by the PTA. The 3rd 4th and 5th grade students have the opportunity to read a book chosen by an adult volunteer. On their own time, they read and enjoy the book, then meet for a discussion during lunch and a special snack is provided. The students get an appreciation of others' views, and theme based lunch & snack that is different from their typical schedule. The "Read to Succeed Program" meets just about every month in the new year. We could use your help... Volunteers still needed for 3rd and 5th grade groups. One lunch break a month is all it takes.

Please contact Darlene Binns at

443-299-2553 or

busybee875@hotmail.com

5th Grade Service Projects

Many many thanks to those of you who contributed to our November and December service projects! Because of generous contributions to the Salvation Army Canned Food Drive, the 5th grade was able to send over 800 nonperishable food items to their distribution center. These will go a long way in supplying food for those in need. In December, our Neighbors in Need program was highly successful providing toys and clothing to three families with children.

The NOES community can feel very satisfied with their part in contributing to the joy in the children's homes on Christmas morning.

Sincerely, Mr. Grove, Mrs. Wimer & the 5th Grade



READING MONTH REQUESTS:

We need assistance with counting the THOUSANDS of minutes the children and families are reading.

Please help with an hour of your time on Tuesdays–
Fridays...

Contact Darlene Binns
@ 443-299-2553

busybee875@hotmail.com

In addition, Please refrain from cutting apart the slips of reading times for one child/family. These may be left together in groups. Please mark "FAMILY" or "SELF" in the left column of paper in accordance with the minutes tallied for the student.

(This helps us to track individual # minutes and class minute totals.)

NATIONAL PTA ART PROGRAM—REFLECTIONS

*Congratulations to the following students who chose to enter artwork for the annual competition known as "REFLECTIONS".
This year's theme was "Diversity Means..."*

- ❖ Kyle Demos... Primary Visual Arts... "Faces of Different Feelings"
- ❖ Ryan Demos... Primary Photography... "Leaves of Color"
- ❖ Henry Prosser... Primary Photography... "Diversity in the Fire House"
- ❖ Anna Boegner... Intermediate Literature... "Different and Yet the Same"
- ❖ Evan Demos... Intermediate Literature... "Everyone's Different"
- ❖ Nicholas Pappas... Intermediate Literature... "Diversity is Explained"
- ❖ Cole Ettenhofer... Intermediate Photography... "Diversity is... Not Chickening Out"
- ❖ Mark Boegner... Intermediate Photography... "Fall Leaves and Winter Snow Together in Norrisville"
- ❖ Christopher Pappas... Intermediate Visual Arts... "Diversity Means Birds"
- ❖ Sophia Murray... Intermediate Visual Arts... "Diversity in Animal Worlds"
- ❖ Anna Boegner... Intermediate Visual Arts... "Friendships Around the World"
- ❖ Zachary Demos... Intermediate Visual Arts... "Edgewood Farms"
- ❖ Evan Demos... Intermediate Visual Arts... "Everyone's Different Around the World"
- ❖ Lila Murray... Intermediate Visual Arts... "3 Cool Penguins"

PTA PROGRAMS NEED YOUR HELP!

Many of your children's favorite programs that are sponsored by PTA will end in JULY 2012

Parents & Grandparent that have headed up many committees will be moving on from our Norrisville Elementary "Family" as their children proceed onto Middle School. It is time for the next generation of volunteers to ease into volunteer positions by "shadowing" our current chairpersons...

Please take a few minutes to become familiar with the committees that will have openings after the Spring of 2012. Co-Chairs are always welcome, and "shadowing" a current member of PTA will help you to see just how easy it is to help our PTA programs.

Please contact any PTA Board Member or:

Kim Tulp, Vice President, NES PTA
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Please consider becoming part of our school's commitment to our children's growing educational and social needs in order to continue their development.

Without chairpersons for these committees, the programs will no longer exist !

Thank you for your support and attention

NES PTA

Book Fair
Chick-Fil-A Family Night
Easter Candy Fundraiser
Field Day
Giant A+ Rewards
Lunch Duty
Math-A-Thon
Movie Night
Original Artwork Fundraiser
Ravens Breakfast
Reflections
School Store
Spaghetti Dinner
Teachers Appreciation

Spring Carnival

Date has been set: June 1st, 2012 in the afternoon.
(Annual 5th grade Kick Ball game will be on the same day in the morning)

FUN FUN FUN!!!

A NEW IDEA: The 5th Grade Parents will build a committee to host the Annual Carnival. Help is still necessary from ALL volunteers of various student grade levels, but the 5th Grade Parent Committee will make decisions about the carnival, as a "farewell" tribute to their beloved Norrisville Elementary School. We hope this works out as a new tradition.

HCPS HEALTH SERVICES NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

Below are releases on studies appearing in the August issue of Pediatrics, the peer-reviewed, scientific journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

AAP OFFERS UPDATED GUIDANCE ON TREATING HEAD LICE

Head lice are often a fact of life for school-aged children. While inconvenient, head lice cause no medical harm and can be effectively treated. A revised clinical report from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), "Head Lice," published in the August print issue of Pediatrics (published online July 26), clarifies and updates protocols for diagnosis and treatment, and provides guidance for the management of children with head lice in the school setting. Head lice are not a health hazard or a sign of poor hygiene and, in contrast to body lice, are not responsible for the spread of any disease. No healthy child should be excluded from or miss school because of head lice, and no-nit policies for return to school should be abandoned. Informed school nurses can help with diagnosis and suggestions about treatment. Because head lice are usually transmitted by head-to-head contact, parents should carefully check a child's head before and after attending a sleepover or camp where children share sleeping quarters. There are many ways to treat active infestations, but not all products and techniques have been evaluated for safety and effectiveness. One percent Permethrin Lotion is recommended as initial treatment for most head lice infestations with a second application 7-10 days after the first. Parents and caregivers should make sure that any treatment chosen is safe; preferred treatments would be those which are easy to use, reasonably priced, and proven to be non-toxic. All products must be used exactly according to manufacturer's instructions. Your pediatrician can help with diagnosis, treatment choices and management of difficult cases.

Harford County Public Schools has adjusted their pediculosis procedures to reflect this current scientific information. Students with live lice will be sent home from school; students with nits will be monitored for a period of 2 weeks to determine if there is an active infestation. Working with families, our school nurses will participate in strict case management and education of our school community.

Please note a hair salon in our county called me to ask that we not refer students to have haircuts until the lice are gone

Using Acetaminophen to Treat Pain and Fever

Acetaminophen (a.SET'a.MIN.o.fen) is a drug used to relieve pain, reduce fever, and reduce inflammation. It is found in many hundreds of over-the-counter (OTC) and prescription medicines including medicines that treat colds and flu, allergies/ and sleeplessness. But taking too much acetaminophen can cause serious liver damage.

Before you take acetaminophen:

- *Make sure the other medicines you are already taking Do Not contain acetaminophen. On prescription pain relievers, acetaminophen may be listed as "APAP" or "ACET."
- * Acetaminophen can increase your risk of severe liver damage if you take 3 or more drinks of alcohol a day.
- *Don't take acetaminophen if you are taking the blood thinner Warfarin (also known by the brand name Coumadin), as it can increase your risk of bleeding.
- * Ask a doctor before using acetaminophen if you have liver disease. Acetaminophen may not be right for you.

To Use Acetaminophen Safely:

* Read and follow all the information on the medicine label.

*Make sure you understand:

- ~ how much acetaminophen you should take at one time (dose)
- ~ how many hours you must wait before you should take it again
- ~ how many times you should take it each day
- ~ when you should stop taking it
- ~ when you should talk to your doctor

*Call your doctor for help if you followed the medicine's label directions and your problem is not getting better.

Taking more acetaminophen (taking a larger dose, more often, or for more days than directed) will not help and will increase your risk of liver damage. You need your doctor to help you decide what to do next. You can develop liver damage after taking too much acetaminophen but do not know it. Symptoms may not appear for days. Or, you may mistake the symptoms of liver damage (loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting) for something else, like the flu. Liver damage can quickly develop into liver failure and you could die. If you take too much, don't wait. Get medical help right away, even if you don't feel sick.

For immediate help, call the Poison Control Center 1-800-222-1222 or 911.

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Deadline for February NL Jan. 27th. gwpntp@verizon.net