



January 2010

Dear Families,

This month's newsletter pays homage to the former format. It still works!

Our January PTA meeting was very productive. We heard activity reports from nearly every committee, which are detailed in the Meeting Minutes that are posted online at [www.norrisville.org](http://www.norrisville.org), and plugged many events into the calendar. While we tried to spread out the fun, the month of May is, as usual, quite busy. Every day is an adventure during May! There are some fresh new events to look forward to in the coming days like SNOW-TUBING! and Word-a-Thon, Walk-a-Thon and Social Studies Fair as well as old favorites like Patriot Assembly, Math-a-Thon, Book Fair, and Field Day. Lots for everyone!

As the weather warms, we are more likely to be cleared for Outdoor Recess on Tuesdays after lunch. It has not been just the weather that has stymied recent efforts - but a loss of volunteers too. We are down to 6 helpers from a pool of 10 as some of our parents have returned to the workforce. These 6 helpers would have to work nearly every week for this program to continue, which may be too much of a drain. If you have ever considered helping with getting all the kids outside for extra time and play - which is so good for them and they love! - now is the time to do so! Tuesdays from 12:00 to 1:30 pm.

Thanks, Julie Marindin, PTA President, [JMarindin@netzero.com](mailto:JMarindin@netzero.com)

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

You will be receiving the Second Quarter Report Cards this Friday. Yes, the school year is officially  $\frac{1}{2}$  over already! Your child's teachers have spent significant time in preparing information to share with you about the result of your child's educational progress so far this year. Please review it carefully and contact your teacher as necessary for any follow up. Our Second Quarter Honor Roll celebration will take place on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 8:00 a.m. in the cafeteria.

We will be sponsoring "Pennies and More for Haiti" beginning Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday February 12<sup>th</sup>. I know that many of you have contributed individually. This is an opportunity to show our students that we can reach out to others in times of great need. The proceeds will be collected and a check will be written to the American Red Cross Haiti Relief Fund.

Please consider attending the Citizens' Advisory Committee and/or PTA meetings on Tuesday, February 9 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Joe Licata, Chief of Administration of Harford County Public Schools, will be joining us to share information about the Countywide Elementary Redistricting Process and its possible implications for Norrisville Elementary School. He will also be available to address other questions you may have about the operation of public schools during these difficult budget times.

We have only used two Inclement Weather days so far this year. Keep your fingers crossed that we won't need to use many more!

January - Reading Month is every day all month long!

29th - Report cards distributed

February

- 1st-5th - Spirit Week
- 3rd - 2nd Quarters Honor Roll Breakfast
- 3rd – Chick-fil-A Spirit Night, Shrewsbury, PA 5-8 pm
- 5th - Reading Month Celebration (see below)
- 9th - CAC 6 pm/PTA 7 pm
- 12th - Playground Hop, 1:00 Dismissal
- 15th - Schools Closed
- 21st - Snow Tubing!

**Save the Dates:** April 19-30 **Word-a-Thon**; April 20 **Social Studies Fair**; April 28th - **Patriot Assembly**; May 3-14 - **St. Judes Math-a-Thon**; May 14 - **Walk-a-Thon**; May 17-21 **Book Fair**; May 21 **Field Day**

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KUDOS

YOU!

Volunteers have logged in-the-building 142 hours for November, and 181 in the short month of December.

Chick-fil-A

Nearly \$200.00 raised so far. Thanks to Patty Preston for organizing, and you all for attending!

Recycled Cards for St.Judes Ranch

Thanks everyone for donating your holiday cards! We filled one half of a large box, and will update you on the total weight once we mail it off.

Apparel

Nearly \$2,000.00 in sales and snow on the delivery date! Thanks, Diane Murk and Kathy Groh.

United Scrip

Total sales of \$5,600.00 and profit of \$430.00! Thanks to Patty Preston for handling this paper tiger.

### Movie Night

135 attendees in sand chair and sleeping bags filled the auditorium to see "Up".

Thanks to Patty Preston and Rebecca Rommelman for organizing our first movie night of the year.

Another Movie Night coming soon.

### Engineering Challenge

Thanks to Linda Boegner and Nancy Pappas for helping Ms. Sigwort with this worthy program.

### Bags to Benches

The NES PTA has applied for a playground bench (or two!) from the Giant Food Stores Grant Program.

These benches are made from the white recycled plastic grocery bags.

Julie Marindin and Melissa Dick co-wrote and submitted the grant.

Keep your fingers crossed!

### Ravens Breakfast

Special thanks to Mr. Joe Aiken, NES Parent, for donating prizes and rewards - and time on the serving line - to the Ravens Breakfast kids.

Also, thanks to Miss Dawn, Darlene Binns, Kim Tulp, Toby Marindin, and Melissa Dick for supporting this effort.

### Reflections 2009-2010

In November, we were pleased to accept 53 entries from our students for the National PTA Reflections Program.

We hosted thorough review and judging of the artwork, and forwarded 23 entries from our school to Harford County Judging in January 2010.

Most of the Reflections Artwork was displayed in the school corridors for families to observe during National Education Week.

We will soon find out if any of our Norrisville students won honors at the Harford County Level!

\*\*\*Start thinking about next year... Let your children know that the 2010-2011 PTA theme is "TOGETHER WE CAN..."

Nancy Pappas, Chair & looking for a co-chair.

Participants from Norrisville Elementary School  
(in no particular order...)

**Primary Visual Arts (K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade)**

Charlotte McElwain  
Anna Boegner  
Julia Birchfield  
Mark Boegner  
Zane Kraus  
Christopher Pappas  
Sophia Murray  
Cole Ettenhofer  
Sophia Cunningham  
Nicholas Pappas  
Riley Gilmore  
Kylee Testerman  
Trinity Testerman  
Patrick Shrodes  
Ethan Walters

**Intermediate Visual Arts (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade)**

William Pappas  
Hannah Blosser  
Lila Murray  
Kayla Mangin  
Kirsten DiBastiani  
Aerionna Long  
Summer Weaver  
Grace Patsche  
Sierra Giordanno

**Primary Photography (K-2)**

Anna Boegner  
Charlotte McElwain  
Mark Boegner (2 entries)  
Lauryn Warfield  
Sierra Warfield  
Henry Prosser

**Intermediate Photography (3-5)**

Kirsten DiBastiani

Kayla Mangin  
Andrew Preston (3 entries)  
Brenna Grumbach  
Eliza Rommelman  
Bethany Birchfield  
Paul Boegner  
Savannah Dieter  
William Pappas  
Grant Harvey

**Primary Literature (K-2)**

Mark Boegner  
Anna Boegner

**Intermediate Literature (3-5)**

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Kayla Mangin  
Hannah Blosser (3 entries)  
Audrey Dick

**Intermediate Film Production**

Hannah Blosser  
Hunter Kurgan

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Upcoming NES Events

**Spirit Week**

Every day during the first week of February. Flyer and details coming home soon!

**Reading Month**

The pages are turning fast as NES students log astonishing amounts of reading time every single day in order to meet our goal of 175,000 minutes whereupon Mr. Wallace will eat bugs! Recipes may be sent to Dianne Van Pelt.

The celebration and culminating activity takes place during the school day on  
February 5th with  
8-8:30 Breakfast with Books - Parents come to school to read with children in the  
cafeteria; muffins and juice serves  
9:15-9:30 Parade of Book Characters - students, teachers, parents  
9:35-9:50 Assembly with Mr. Wallace dining on bugs!

### **Playground Hop**

Remember how much the kids loved this in years past? It's happening again.  
Forms and information to be forthcoming.  
Proceeds to benefit NES PTA Technology Goals.

### **Birthday Book Club**

Ms. Erin Traub, Media Specialist, is sponsoring a Birthday Book Club to honor  
students and to help the library grow.  
Details to follow!

### **Snow-Tubing**

NES PTA has negotiated a discounted group rate of \$22.00 per person (steep,  
but not much more than a movie rate if one tubes for a few hours and a whole lot  
more fun!)  
for **Sunday** snow-tubing anytime from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm on **February 21st**  
at Heritage Hills in York, PA.  
This facility makes snow, has a play area for younger kids, and serves food at a  
cafe and hot chocolate and snacks  
at outdoor kiosks so customers don't have to climb out of snowsuits to take in  
nourishment.  
Check it out at [www.avalancheexpress.com](http://www.avalancheexpress.com).

Tickets must be purchased in advance - Send checks to Melissa Dick c/o  
Audrey-Stahl by Feb. 17th.

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### Community Events

The Monkton hills will come alive on Feb. 12, 13 and 14 as St. James Academy  
students perform  
the classic musical "The Sound of Music". It stars NES Alum Ellie Marindin as  
Louisa Von Trapp!  
Show times are Feb.12 at 7 pm; Feb. 13 at 1:30 pm and 7 pm; and Feb. 14 at 2  
pm.

Tickets are \$8 and may be purchased at SJA lobby weekdays from 3 to 4:30 or work your connection by contacting Julie Marindin at [JMarindin@netzero.com](mailto:JMarindin@netzero.com).  
This show is good family fare with stadium-style seating.

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## Help Wanted

Lunchtime helpers (every day but especially Mondays) , Outdoor  
Recess Supervisors (Tuesdays from 12:00 - 1:30 on fair days)