

Upcoming Events

- **PTO Meeting**
February 9 6:30
- **Market Day Sale**
January 20 — 31
- **Scrip Sale**
February 13—27
- **Book Fair**
February 13—27
- **Market Day & Scrip Pickup**
February 4 5:00-6:00
- **Roller Cave**
February 11, 6:30-8:30
- **Movie Night**
March 5, 6:30-8:30

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NPE Carnival: Road Trip

Are you ready for a road trip? PTO is in the process of planning an awesome one! This year's Carnival is a destination adventure...Road Trip 2010! Be prepared to go places you have never been and revisit the ones you have. Make sure to mark Road Trip 2010 on your calendar for Saturday, March 13th, from 2 – 6 p.m. and get geared up for an exciting ride!

Our vision is to have each classroom decorated as a specific state, focusing on what makes that state unique to our country. The teachers have already chosen the state of which they want their class to represent. Therefore, as you tour the school, you will feel as though you are on a road trip through America... NPE style! It is our hope that this carnival will not only be fun, but educational, too. View the chart below for each class's state assignment and

game.

Many exciting activities will be available for you along the way. Live and Silent Auctions, an inflatable Bounce House and Obstacle Course, twenty-five carnival games, an awesome Prize Zone, a Rest Area to refuel with fresh baked Papa Murphy's Pizza and drink, and many other new activities that are sure to please! Activity cards will be available to purchase in advance, so make sure to watch the Dragon Express for more details.

In order to avoid "bumps in the road," we will soon be asking for more volunteers as the time draws near. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know new people, including the NPE staff, and help your child's school with the biggest fundraiser of the year!

Kindergarten

Mrs. Rose – Ohio
Mrs. Smith – Alaska
Mrs. Tiede-White – Maine

1st Grade

Mrs. Armstrong – Illinois
Mrs. Neumeister – Florida
Mrs. Yount – California

2nd Grade

Mrs. Crull – Oklahoma
Mrs. Meyer – Wyoming
Miss Oliver – Indiana
Mr. Romeril – Louisiana

3rd Grade

Mrs. Reasner – Washington
Mrs. Canada – Tennessee
Mrs. Hawley – Colorado
Mr. Martin – Texas

4th Grade

Mrs. Chappo – Michigan
Mrs. Floyd – Hawaii
Mr. Meo – South Carolina

5th Grade

Mrs. Forgey – American Samoa
Mrs. Jameson – New Mexico
Mrs. Shepler – Arizona
Mr. Thayer – Massachusetts

NPE Auction

Our upcoming auction is on March 13, 2010. The silent auction will be held from 2-4 pm and the live auction from 3-5pm. Be on the look out for a listing of baskets and items very soon! You won't want to miss out on some great deals...Holiday World, zoo passes, restaurants, lodging,

airline tickets and even Disney World tickets as well! And, we're still getting more and more donations every day!

We are still accepting donations at this time. We would love to advertise your donation in our upcoming flyers. Please contact

Kori Murphy at 861-0475 or kmurphey@npepto.com. We'd also love any donations of baskets or containers in any size, shape and color. Thank you and we hope to see you on March 13th!





The NPE annual book fair is January 29th to February 5th. We traditionally make a 25% profit and we use the money to pay for the sleep over, the limo ride to O'Charley's, the library helper luncheon, author visits, books, decorations and book-marks. Last year we sold over \$10,000 in books, posters and merchandise. I would like to see us top that amount. We are open during Parents' Breakfast and Market Day. We also have a drawing for a \$10 gift certificate and a guess the number of gum balls in the jar.

We also participate in the "\$1 for Books" drive for raising money for Kids In Distress Situations (KIDS), National Center for Family Literacy, and Toys for Tots. Scholastic Book Fairs will match the amount we donate to these worthy causes. We have always had terrific parent support.

Everybody Counts

NPE School is presenting the Everybody Counts Program to students in 1st through 5th grades in March. This is a program designed to teach children about various ability and learning styles that we share together in school and out in our community. As we learn to understand and respect each individual, we can create a climate of acceptance, friendship, and self-worth.

March 22 afternoon:

5th grade Learning Disability

March 23 morning:

4th grade Autism Spectrum

March 23 afternoon:

3rd grade Physical Disability

March 24 morning:

2nd grade Hearing Disability

March 24 afternoon:

1st grade Visual Disability

Parent volunteers are needed to assist with the program during UA. Training sessions are planned for February. If you are interested in helping, contact Jenni Tanksley or Claudia Lagler

Help Needed

NPE PTO is currently looking for a Chairperson for the 2010-2011 Entertainment Book Fundraisers. This is a very important Fall Fundraiser for NPE. This year we combined the book sale with cookie dough to receive a profit over \$11,000. Chairperson duties include organizing the kick-off, distribution and collection of seller's packets, handling money, and distribution of orders and prizes. There will be a lot of help along the way from NPE PTO volunteers! If you are interested in being the Chairperson for this fundraiser please contact Missy Ackerman at 861-5979 or mackerman@npepto.com.

Are you interested in getting involved at NPE? Spending time with parents, teachers and students? The PTO is the perfect opportunity for you. The PTO is starting fill several positions for the 2010- 2011 school year. The positions range in commitment level and responsibility. Watch for details to come. Also, plan to attend the February 9th PTO meeting. If you have any questions or certain area of expertise please contact Missy Ackerman at 861-5979 or mackerman@npepto.com

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Box Top Update



Collections for Box Tops, Tyson Tags, and Campbell's Labels continue to go well. Although December was lower than prior months, we're anticipating a higher January with the busy holidays behind us. We received a check in early January from Box Tops for just under \$1,000 for our submission date of 10/31! We'll do another submission on 3/1. We also submitted 6,500 points to Campbell's Labels bringing our available balance to 11,075 points. We continue to collect Tyson Tags and will submit at the end of the school year.

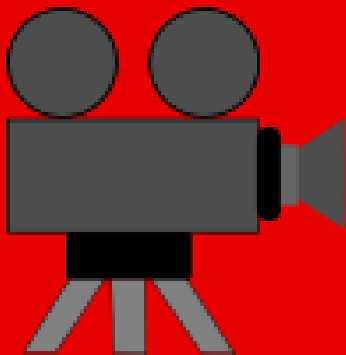
The Box Top Contest display in the cafeteria is coming along pretty well. Hopefully the kids (and the teachers too!) will enjoy seeing the monthly results and will be motivated to collect and earn even more for NPE!

December's winning classes will receive a Ring Pop party on Friday, January 29!

Our next collection date will be Friday, January 29. Winners will receive a Popcorn Party in February!

Roller Cave

The third roller skating party of the 2009-2010 school year will be February 11 from 6:30 to 8:30. All NPE families and friends are welcome.



BRAX Spirit Cups™

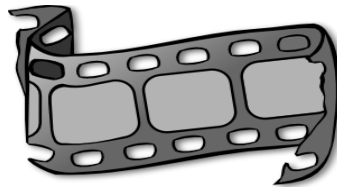
NPE - PTO would like to thank each and every family that participated in the Spirit Cup Fundraiser. Due to your efforts, the PTO was able to profit \$2,676.51, after all expenses were paid! Top sales earners were Jacob Bain – 3rd Grade, with 87 sets sold and Garrett Evans – KG, with 51 sets sold. Jacob received an iPod Touch and Garrett received an iPod Shuffle for their sales...CONGRATULATIONS to each of them! Mrs. Hawley's 3rd grade class also

earned a pizza party for having the highest total number of sets sold, which was 150!

Also, a big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who volunteered their time for the benefit of our school...we could not have done this without you! Due to our combined efforts, we were able to successfully deliver 809 sets of Spirit Cups before Christmas! Way to go NPE!

Movie Night

Mark your calendar for the March 5th Movie Night, popcorn and fun with friends! Check your Dragon Express for the Movie Night announcement and permission slips in the next couple of weeks!



Year Book

Don't miss your last chance to order your NPE Yearbook!! The deadline for all orders is **February 1st**. Yearbooks are only \$15.00 each, and for an extra \$5.00 we will add your child's name and photo to the front. You will find a lot of new and fun features in this yearbook, so don't miss out, order your yearbook today!!



Market Day

A fundraiser like no other.

NPE profit so far for the year is \$1,475.81. We are always looking for volunteers on pick-up night. Dates for the rest of the year are as follows: February 4, March

4, April 8, May 6, and June 3. All dates are Thursday evenings with pick-up time starting at 5:00pm, with the exception of April 8---pick up time will begin at 4:30pm.