From the PTA President

Hi Everyone,

Has it been cold! Just another 50 days until spring! In the meantime, there are a lot of activities going on at Nash! The Father-Daughter dance is this month, as well as report cards and conferences! Thank goodness we have an extra day in February. It is Leap Year! Happy birthday to all who have a birthday on Feb 29th!

I want to thank Tamara Fink for spearheading the “Mittens on a Clothesline” project on short notice, helping those who needed a few extra things for the holidays. Also, Elizabeth Daghfal did a wonderful job on the Reflections program along with her committee. The students worked very hard on their projects and they were showcased at the celebration. Hopefully, everyone had the opportunity to view the projects which were displayed in our halls.

This month voters will have the opportunity to cast their vote on the Referendum for the expansion of Indian Trail Academy into a comprehensive high school. Make your vote count and vote on February 19, 2008. More information on the Referendum can be found on the KUSD website and in this newsletter.

Elizabeth, Lori, Regina and I want to thank everyone for their efforts and volunteerism. Your help has made our job as your PTA board less demanding than we expected when the school year began! We truly appreciate everyone’s involvement!

Sincerely,

Diann

Diann
A MESSAGE FROM MR. PITTS, OUR PRINCIPAL...

Black History Month

The Month of February is Black History Month. I invite you to reinforce what will be taught and promoted in our school by sharing with your children information on some of the many men and women of color who have made positive contributions throughout our society’s history. We, as a school, have made a commitment to promoting and celebrating diversity. It is in the spirit of respecting diversity that we recognize people of all cultures who have helped to make our nation great. Happy Black History Month!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Our next round of parent/teacher conferences will be held Wednesday, February 27th and Thursday, February 28th. There will be no school Friday, February 29th. Wednesday, February 27th will be a normal Wednesday schedule followed by conferences from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 28th, our students will be dismissed at 11:45 a.m. Conferences will commence from 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. (Break from 3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.) and continue from 4:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m. Look for conference slips to be sent to parents during the second week of February.

Open Enrollment Information

Wisconsin’s inter district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live. Parents must submit application forms to the Office of K-8 Instruction, located at the Educational Support Center, no earlier than February 4, 2008, and no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 22, 2008.

We Need You!

Our Nash Family is in need of parents who are willing to assume a variety of leadership roles within our school and PTA. One area we’d love to have additional parent involvement is in the area of Playground Supervision. We can never have too many adults supervising our children during recess. If you’re available during the week and are willing to help our staff members supervise recess one or more times per week, please let me know. I’ll be happy to share with you each grade-level’s recess times and introduce you to staff members who have recess duty on the days upon which you would be volunteering.

Becoming involved in our PTA is truly a great way to meet new friends and make a positive difference in our school community. Please consider getting involved, and call me at 925-1501 or leave a message for our PTA President, Diann Root. One of us will be happy to get back to you and inform you of the many opportunities available.
Thank You

On behalf of our students and staff members, I would again like to thank all of the parents who support our Nash Family in so many ways. Thank you for sending your children to school ready to learn. Thank you for volunteering in so many capacities. Thank you for providing homework support and reading with your children. You are having a profound influence on the over-all success of our school!

Mr. Pitts

Drop Off / Pick Up Safety Considerations

Please, please, please remember that we have many cars in our circle driveway dropping off children in the morning and picking them up again after school (and in the early evening hours). If you plan on stopping your car in the circle, YOU MUST PULL OVER TO THE CURB! CHILDREN MUST EXIT YOUR VEHICLE THROUGH THE PASSENGER DOORS DIRECTLY ONTO THE SIDEWALK. Please do not stop or park your car in the left lane of the circle drive. This creates an extremely unsafe situation where children are walking in front of moving traffic, and traffic is being blocked behind you.

We also ask that you please pay attention to the crosswalk and DO NOT STOP YOUR CAR IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CROSSWALK (even for a few moments)! Finally, if you plan on exiting your vehicle after school, we ask that you please park in the parking lot if you will be longer than two minutes.

If we are all courteous and cooperate, our traffic flow for drop off and pick up times will be much safer and quicker. Please know that the teachers and/or parents who are aiding with supervision during these transition times are there for the safety of all members of our school family. We appreciate you considering this and responding to them in a kind, respectful manner.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Bundle Up!

On days when the weather is extremely bad, listen to local radio stations WLIP – 1050 AM, WRJN – 1460 AM, WGTD – 91.1 FM, WEXT – 104.7 FM, and WIIL – 95.1 FM. These stations will provide information on the status of public school closings. The District's Cable Channel 20, available to local Time Warner Cable subscribers, also carries school status information. No news by 6:15 a.m. means the schools are open as usual.

During this time of year, we require our students to wear proper winter attire to school. Please know that unless students have a doctor's excuse they are required to participate in outside recess. Please be sure to send your child/ren to school wearing coats, hats, gloves, and boots when necessary. Please be advised that each morning, adult supervision of students begins at 8:10 a.m. We discourage parents from sending students to school before that time, especially during cold weather conditions. Students will not enter the building prior to 8:20 a.m. unless the outside temperature with wind chill is below 0 degrees F or it is raining. The only exceptions to this rule will be situations in which students have doctor's excuses requiring special accommodations.
Upcoming February 19th
High School Overcrowding Referendum

Vote is Tuesday, February 19, 2008

KUSD is urging parents and families at all grade levels to get informed about the upcoming High School Overcrowding Referendum, scheduled for vote on Tuesday, February 19, 2008. The proposal focuses on relieving our serious high school overcrowding issues by expanding and renovating Indian Trail Academy to serve as a third boundary high school for approximately 1,500 additional students grades 9-12 while also maintaining it’s current academies that serve over 1,000 students.

Residents have the opportunity to vote on the following, separate yet related referendum questions on the February 19th ballot:

- Question #1 requests approval of a bond referendum to expand and renovate Indian Trail Academy at a cost not to exceed $52,500,000.
- Question #2 requests approval of a tax rate referendum to exceed the revenue limit by $2,427,000 per year to support the increased operating costs associated with a third high school (programs, services, support staff, utilities).

There is NO tax rate increase associated with Question #1 because the District has been steadily paying down its existing construction debt. The new money required for the Indian Trail project would simply replace the former construction debt. If Question #1 is not approved, taxpayers would note a small decrease (or savings) in their tax bills. Question #2 does have a modest tax increase associated with its approval. If approved, taxpayers would see an increase of approximately .11 cents per $1,000 of assessed home value. For example, for a home valued at $200,000, the cost would be approximately $22 more per year.

Students will soon be bringing home a special information brochure that provides detailed information about the proposed referendum. Additional information can be found immediately on the district website (www.kusd.edu) and on Cable Channel 20. You can also attend a Referendum Information Night on Wednesday, January 30 or Tuesday, February 5 from 7:00-8:30pm in the Center Commons at Indian Trail Academy. You can also email the District your questions directly at referendum@kusd.edu.

Make an informed decision on Tuesday, February 19, 2008!
Kenosha Unified School District No. 1

Kindergarten Registration

Wed. and Thurs., Feb. 27 & 28, 2008
7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*
at the school in the attendance area
in which the child lives.

At the time of registration,
parents/guardians must present the
child's birth certificate or other acceptable proof
of age, immunization record, and
proof of District residency.
Children must live in Kenosha,
Pleasant Prairie, or Somers and be 5 years old
on or before September 1, 2008
to be eligible for kindergarten.

For school attendance area information,
please call 653-6391.

*Registration packets will be available during evening Parent-
Teacher Conferences being held at some elementary schools
on Feb. 27 & 28. Please call the school your child will attend
for specific registration times or to make alternate arrangements.
A Message from Your School Nurse

Dental Health

Dental decay is the single most preventable chronic disease in the nation. Bacteria in the mouth cause tooth decay. Lack of treatment for cavities/decay can cause serious infection.

Ways to prevent dental decay
• Schedule regular visits to your child's dentist
• Brushing twice per day and flossing regularly
• Use pea size amount of toothpaste for children two and over
• Replace toothbrushes every 3 months
• Avoid soft drinks
• Limit intake of sugary foods.
• Avoid putting babies to bed with a bottle which could cause baby bottle tooth decay.
• Eliminate the use of baby bottles at about 12 months of age.
• Encourage your child to tap drink water containing fluoride (most bottled water does not contain fluoride)
• Avoid exchange of saliva by using separate beverage glasses or containers and separate utensils.

Clerical/nursing/forms/message from your school nurse dental
7/30/07/jr

during the week of 2nd through 5th grades

2007/2008 PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD
Diann Root, President diannroot@yahoo.com Elizabeth Daghfal, Vice-President edaghfal@sbcglobal.net
Regina Scheppa, Treasurer rscheppa@yahoo.com Lori Jozefiak, Secretary cbjozefiak@sbcglobal.net
Look What’s Coming!!

Keep an eye out for our newest program “Original Works”
Our kids have been hard at work producing their best artworks.
Soon you will be able to order their artwork in a variety of keepsakes.
Art and order forms will be coming home in early March.
Keepsakes will be back in time for Mothers Day!!!
What a Great Gift!!!
**Campbell’s Labels for Education**

Congratulations to Mrs. Sacks class, room 113 for winning the Labels for Education contest in December. They will be enjoying a pizza party the last week of January. Mrs. Sacks class submitted a total of 250 Campbell’s soup UPC’s. Nash has a total of 2429 Labels for Education. Please continue to submit your labels in the container in the front office.

**Lost Library Books**

Two library books have gone missing from one of our classroom library carts. If you know the whereabouts of the following titles, please return them to the library ASAP. Thank you!

- **Cats** (non-fiction #636.8)
- **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** by Roald Dahl

**Birthday Book Club News**

Nash families have donated 31 books to our library so far this year! A flyer will come home with your child on his/her birthday month. (Summer birthday flyers will go out in May.)

Thank you to those who have so generously donated books. Please keep in mind that the books should be new hard cover books. Although paperback books are very nice, they do not hold up as long as hard cover books. Happy reading!!!

**Recently, a number of our fifth grade students participated in the National Geographic Geography Bee School Competition. Congratulations to our Geography Bee finalists! They are:**

- Ashton K.
- Valarie S.
- Andrew C.
- Yesenia V.
- Karli S.
- Kenny R.
- Andrew D.
- Brandon H.
- Kira I.
- Larry M.

Our over-all Nash Geography Bee champion is KARLI S!

Congratulations to all of our finalists! We wish you the best of luck in future academic competitions.

The yearbook deadline is approaching quickly and we only have a quarter of the pictures we need to complete the book. **We still need approximately 300 useable pictures.** Pictures or disks can be left in the PTA mailbox for Cindy Landini. Please label the pictures or disk with your name so it can be returned to you.

If you have time to help in the library, please see Mrs. Klappa in the library to arrange days and times.

**Popcorn Machine for Sale**

If you or your organization is interested in having your very own 8 oz. Royal Home Theater popcorn machine and cart, please contact Donald Lowe at dlowejr01@yahoo.com. The machine has only been used twice and is in mint condition. Price - $200.00.
Every day you are helped by many people — bus drivers, teachers, doctors, coworkers, cafeteria workers — and they sincerely appreciate when we thank them for all they do. One special group of people who are so very deserving of receiving our appreciation is our excellent men and women in the military who travel far away from their families to serve all over the world.

Lucy Stewart, our Nash Military Family Coordinator, along with our 4th and 5th graders in our Nash Good Shepherds Project Based Learning group is hosting a collection for our Troops. Now that the holiday season is over, we have found that the number of donations sent to our Troops drops dramatically and we find our troops in need again. The items of which they are in desperate need can be found on the back of this newsletter. Our hope is that ALL of our Nash classrooms will participate, and we are eager to see which class can collect the most items to send to our soldiers.

Items can be brought to your child’s homeroom teacher and will be collected throughout the week of February 4-8, 2008. The class with the most items donated will receive a pizza party. On Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. We invite all parents from both military and non-military families along with their children to gather in our multi-purpose room to help package the items into USPS boxes. Mrs. Katie DeBartolo, a Nash Special Education Teacher and Realtor of Prime Realty, along with Ms. Mini Samuel of Prudential Premier Properties have generously agreed to pay for the shipping expenses overseas.

We are looking forward to a very successful drive and would appreciate school wide participation in this event. Together, we can show our friends serving overseas that we sincerely appreciate all they do for us!

Sincerely,
Katie DeBartolo and Lucy Stewart
Good Shepherds Group

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”
Winston Churchill

Ideas

- Beef Jerky/Slim Jims
- Coffee (Ground or Whole, Instant Drip)
- Hot Chocolate Packets, Herbal Tea, Jelly Beans
- Pumpkin Seeds, Sunflower Seeds
- Gum and Hard Candy
- Granola Bars, Cereal Bars, Power Bars
- Small Packages of Fig Newtons, Oreo, Crackers
- Trail Mix, Dry Nuts, Microwave Popcorn
- Girl Scout Cookies
- Condiments, Spices, Sugar, Hot Sauce
- Batteries, DVD Movies, Xbox Games, Ps2 Games, Pens, Pencils, Stationary, Envelopes, Tape, Blank Cards, Day Planners, Games, Nerf Footballs, Disposable Cameras Linens, Pillow Cases, Twin Sheets, Towels (Green and Tan) T-Shirts (Cotton Green and Tan), Undershirts M, L, XL, Socks (Black, Olive Green and White)
- Patriotic Knickknacks: USA Flags, Flags from Your State, Bandanas, Baseball Hats, Football Jerseys, Banners

The Marketing Group’s school store has opened! The Nash Pit Stop is open during lunch on Wednesdays and Fridays.

REGULAR MARKET DAY ORDERS ARE DUE BY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21 (INTERNET ORDERS TIL NOON ON FEBRUARY 25)

The next Bake Sale is Friday, February 8th. 2nd graders will be providing the treats.

The next Campbell’s Labels for Education collection date is March 31, 2008

Next Box Tops for Education collection date is February 6th

Market Day Pick Up will be February 28th From 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Save Kemps, Swiss Valley Farms, Foremost Farms, Golden Guernsey, Morning Glory, Milk Moola & Donut$ to Dough milk caps and price ovals. Please wash milk caps before sending them to school!

Deadline for collection is March 31, 2008

Don’t Forget 4th and 5th Grade Choir Students

Choir Rehearsals are
Wednesdays after school from 2:00–2:45 p.m. in the music room for 5th graders.

Thursdays before school from 7:50 – 8:20 a.m. in the music room for 4th graders.

“The Enchanted Evening”

Nash Elementary’s First Father / Daughter Dance
For your Little Girl and That “Special Man” in her life
dad • grandpa • uncle • friend • daddy • papa

Saturday February 16, 2008
6:00pm to 9:00pm

Bristol Oaks Country Club
16801 75th Street (Hwy 50)
Bristol, WI
(262) 857-2302

Admission tickets must be presented at the door

The Scholastic Book Fair will take place during conferences, the week of February 25-28

Next Box Tops for Education collection date is February 6th

Watch for more information to come home regarding Dominos Pizza Night the weekend of February 22-23

The next Bake Sale is Friday, February 8th. 2nd graders will be providing the treats.

Next Box Tops for Education collection date is February 6th

Market Day Pick Up will be February 28th From 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Save Kemps, Swiss Valley Farms, Foremost Farms, Golden Guernsey, Morning Glory, Milk Moola & Donut$ to Dough milk caps and price ovals. Please wash milk caps before sending them to school!

Deadline for collection is March 31, 2008

Don’t Forget 4th and 5th Grade Choir Students

Choir Rehearsals are
Wednesdays after school from 2:00–2:45 p.m. in the music room for 5th graders.

Thursdays before school from 7:50 – 8:20 a.m. in the music room for 4th graders.

“The Enchanted Evening”

Nash Elementary’s First Father / Daughter Dance
For your Little Girl and That “Special Man” in her life
dad • grandpa • uncle • friend • daddy • papa

Saturday February 16, 2008
6:00pm to 9:00pm

Bristol Oaks Country Club
16801 75th Street (Hwy 50)
Bristol, WI
(262) 857-2302

Admission tickets must be presented at the door
### CALENDAR OF EVENTS...

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event Details</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| February 4 | **GRADE 4 FAMILY LIFE**, Room 418  
Boys: 8:30 - 9:15 a.m. & 10:15 - 11:00 a.m.  
Girls: 12:10 - 1:40 p.m. |
| February 5 | **PTA MEETING**, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Library & Cafeteria  
Pack Meeting (Cub Scouts), 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
**REFERENDUM INFO NIGHT** - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Indian Trail |
| February 8 | **BAKE SALE, GRADE 2 SPONSORED**  
Scouts Banquet, 5:00 - 8:30 p.m., Cafeteria & Kitchen |
| February 11-15 | **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART DURING GYM 2nd thru 5th GRADES** |
| February 12 | **TREATS FOR TROOPS**, 6:15 - 8:00 p.m., Library  
Pack Meeting (Cub Scouts), 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. |
| February 13 | **EARLY RELEASE - PROFESSIONAL IN-SERVICE**  
**REFERENDUM & ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES FORUM**, 7:00 p.m., Library, Gym or Cafeteria - to be determined |
| February 14 | Daisies, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria |
| February 16 | **FATHER - DAUGHTER DANCE**, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., BRISTOL OAKS |
| February 19 | **VOTING DAY - PRIMARIES AND REFERENDUM**  
Pack Meeting (Cub Scouts), 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Cafeteria |
| February 20 | **KINDERGARTEN PARENT MEETING**, 6:00 p.m. Dinner,  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Meeting |
| February 26 | Pack Meeting (Cub Scouts), 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Cafeteria |
| February 27 | **PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES**, 4:00 - 7:30 p.m. |
| February 28 | **EARLY RELEASE**, 11:45 a.m.  
**PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES**, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
**MARKET DAY PICK-UP**, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m., Cafeteria |
| February 29 | **NO SCHOOL** |

---

**F.Y.I.**

Watch for yearbook order forms to come home with your child beginning February 6th. Yearbooks will be $14.00. Prices will increase March 1st.