Keeping Kids Academically Sharp Throughout Summer

By Sherri Wilson, Senior Manager, Family and Community Engagement, National PTA

It's impossible to overestimate the role that parents can play in their children's education. In addition to being their children's first teachers, parents are also their children's teachers year after year. While a student moves from classroom to classroom, parents and families stay the same. In fact, nobody else knows my children and the struggles they face from year to year better than I do.

That consistency is one reason why parents are so vital to their children's education. More importantly, it's the reason parents must work to maintain a learning environment at home over the summer and during extended breaks. Research proves that the home-school partnership plays a critical role in student academic achievement. As Anne Henderson and Karen Mapp noted in "A New Wave of Evidence," when families are involved in their children's learning, children earn better grades, enroll in higher-level programs, have higher graduation rates and are more likely to enroll in postsecondary education.

Research also shows that the biggest impact on student academic achievement is made when families engage in learning activities that reflect the work children do in school. The summer break is an excellent opportunity for parents to reinforce their children's learning and help prepare them for the year ahead.

Summer breaks are a time when students typically stop doing academic work and enjoy vacations with their families. Unfortunately, all students experience a loss of academic skill during this break, and the loss is more significant for families who have a lower socioeconomic status, according to research. In fact, one study, "Summer Learning and the Home Environment," found that the achievement gap in reading and language for 66% of high school students can be traced to summer learning loss as far back as primary school.

Families can help minimize learning loss over the summer months by staying engaged in their children's learning. Most public libraries have summer reading programs that are free and families can take advantage of other free library resources even if they don't participate. National PTA also provides several valuable tools:

- PTA's Parents' Guide to Student Success includes key items that children should be learning in English language arts and mathematics in each grade based on the Common Core State Standards. The guides also have activities that parents can do at home to support their child's learning and methods for helping parents build stronger relationships with their child's teacher.
- PTA's literacy resources include a parent tip sheet for helping children with reading and a list of fun family activities that promote learning.
- The Countdown to School Success Guide, with tips from the Department of Education and National PTA, can help parents prepare for the upcoming school year.

Families play a critical role in educating children. The summer break is an exceptional time for parents to stop learning loss and get their children a step ahead for the coming year.

- See more at: http://www.learningfirst.org/keeping-kids-academically-sharp-during-summer#sthash.cBfcYSYC.dpuf
A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!!

Throughout spring break, PTA President, Lynda Bogdala and PTA Treasurer, Steve Retherford as well as David Mikolajczak attended the 105th annual Wisconsin PTA convention in Eau Claire, WI. The event was very beneficial for all who attended as they discovered new ideas and suggestions that they plan to implement for next year. At the convention, a number of awards were also presented. We would like to recognize the award recipients who represented Nash Elementary:

Ronald Dunlap, Administrator for the Year award- Marty Pitts
Outstanding Educator of the Year award- Margo Zoerner
Katzer- Smith Volunteer of the Year award- Sue Kuryanowicz
Program of the Year, Non Traditional- Time with a Teacher

Nash was very well represented and many came to us stating what an inspiration we were. These people went on to tell our team how they plan to bring back a few of the Nash activities to their own units to be implemented.

Additionally, the following were nominated for the following positions for the local KUSD PTA Council positions:

Tonya Finch- Vice President
Emily Gerstrung- Secretary

Been anxious to get out on the golf course? Well what better time to kick off the season than to soak up the sun with the folks at Nash Elementary! Help us reach our goal of 144 golfers! Sign up asap in the Nash office!

May 31st Nash Golf Outing
Maplecrest Country Club
9401-18th Street, Kenosha, WI
Box Tops Collection Contest

We have just enough time before the end of the school year to run one more Box Tops collection contest! The contest will run from now until June 2nd. In an effort to conserve paper, collection sheets will not be sent home. Please send your Box Tops to school in envelopes or Ziploc bags (which will be recycled). For every 10 Box Tops your child brings to school, his/her name will be entered into a drawing for a $10 Urban Culture gift card. Five gift cards in total will be awarded. The top collector will automatically receive a card. The four remaining gift cards will be awarded to participants whose names are randomly drawn. Please be sure to clearly mark your child’s name on/in the envelope/bag, otherwise your child’s entry will not count. Expired Box Tops cannot be accepted and do not count towards a grouping of ten. Late submissions from our last contest have been counted and added to this contest. If you have any questions, please contact Carla Wilson at nwilson21@wi.rr.com. Thanks for your participation and GOOD LUCK!

Yearbooks will be handed out to the students that ordered on June 10th or 11th (depending when they are delivered to the committee). We will have extras on hand for those that may have missed the pre-order deadline for $15.

June newsletter

Have something you’d like to submit for the newsletter?
Submit to: daniel1978@gmail.com

Thank you to all who have turned in Campbell soup labels, cellular phones and ink cartridges. Keep them coming through the end of the school year! Want to get involved? Check out how close we are to goal and ways you can help get there faster! Visit http://www.labelsforeducation.com/My-School
Nash-tional News

(Left) Meet Aliya!!
~Aliya is in the 3rd grade!
~Aliya loves that her mom helps her with her math homework. Thus, math is Aliya’s favorite subject 😊
~Keep working on those math skills throughout the summer Aliya!

(Above) Meet Jonny!!
~Jonny is in the 2nd grade!
~Jonny was originally shy to answer, but soon became the fun in his group of friends 😊
~Jonny said what he’s most thankful to his mom for is her great cooking!
~His favorite thing his mom makes is her chocolate chip cookies! YUM!

(Below) Meet Kaden!!
~Kaden is in Kindergarten!
~Kaden is thankful to his mom because she takes him to Chuck E. Cheese
~He went on to say she’s really cool because she takes him and his friend to Monkey Joe’s 😊
~I think Monkey Joe’s should have open gym so adults can jump too!

(Right) Meet Elena!!
~Elena is in the 2nd grade!
~Elena said she is most thankful to her mom because she cares a lot about her 😊
~When I asked Elena what’s one thing she loves that her mom does, she said her mom takes her to the movies and other cool places.
~Elena was happy to get her picture taken because she just got a new haircut 😊
Milk Top Collections

Prairie farms milk caps can be donated to our school. Look for both plain and flavored milk, gallon and half gallon sizes. Each cap earns our school 5 cents!

Also remember to send in all Milk Moola milk tops, caps and labels from ‘Natures Touch’, ‘Kwik Quenchers’, and ‘Glazers’ Donuts. These can all be found at all Kwik Trip stores. Be sure to family and friends for help! Any questions, please contact Lesa Vjesurier @ lesa_vjesurier@yahoo.com

My Coke Rewards

Grab your favorite Coca-Cola beverages and get My Coke Rewards codes. Codes can be found on 14 Coca-Cola brands: Coca-Cola, Coke Zero, Diet Coke, Sprite, DASANI, POWERADE, Minute Maid, Fanta, Barq’s, Fresca, Pibb, Mello Yello, FUZE and Seagram’s.

Where to find codes: *Under caps *Inside tear-off on 12-pks *On multi-pack wraps

Any questions? Email Lesa Vjesurier at: lesa_vjesurier@yahoo.com

DON’T FORGET NASH ALSO COLLECTS SODA CAN RING PULL TABS!!

These are being donated to support the Ronald McDonald Charities. The money they bring in will help support families and pay for accommodations at the Ronald McDonald homes while their loved ones are receiving treatment. It also helps fund the building of additional homes. Please help Nash support this fantastic and much needed organization. It is something that requires such little effort and makes such a big difference. Collection tub is located outside the office. For more info visit http://www.rmhckc.org
Family Reading Night

Family reading Night was enjoyed for the last time this school year. We want to thank everyone who attended and donated books! We were able to give our teachers a nice array of books to select for use in their classrooms. The attendees had an opportunity to take home a book of their choice as well! The Scholastic Book Fair was also shopped and our attendees helped boost sales. Thank you for making it a success!

We look forward to seeing everyone next year!

Be sure to keep reading over the summer! The Kenosha Public Library will host a summer kickoff on Friday, June 6th at the Southwest Branch. This is a great opportunity to pick up a reading record and start recording time spent reading to earn prizes! You can visit www.mykpl.info.com for more details.

OUT TO EAT EVENT

Panda Express

May 21st 11:30a-8:30p

Please see attached flyer that **MUST** be given to your server at time of payment.

Be sure to spread it around to your friends and family!
May/June Calendar

May 8-9………………………………………………………………………………………………Science Fair
May 13………………………………………………Band/Orchestra/Choir Concert @ 6:30 in Nash Gym
May 16………………………………………………………………………………………………Safety Patrol Wisconsin Dells Trip
May 20-21…………………………………………………………………………………………Camp Timberlee Trip
May 22………………………………………………………………………………………………3rd Grade Music Program @ 6p in Nash Gym
May 23………………………………………………………………………………………………4th Grade Music Program @ 7:15p in Nash Gym
May 26………………………………………………………………………………………………Memorial Day- NO SCHOOL
May 28………………………………………………………………………………………………5th Grade Music Program @ 6:30p in Nash Gym
May 29………………………………………………………………………………………………Activity Day
May 31………………………………………………………………………………………………Nash Golf Outing @ Maplecrest
June 3………………………………………………………………………………………………PTA Meeting @ 6:30 in Nash Library
June 4………………………………………………………………………………………………5th Grade Celebration @ 6p in Nash Gym

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EVENT FOR:
CHARLES NASH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

EVENT DATE
Wednesday, May 21, 2014

EVENT TIME
11:30 AM - 8:30 PM

AT THIS PANDA LOCATION
HVY 50 & 104TH AVE PX
3800 76Th St.
Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158
(p) 262-697-6017