Teaching Children the Meaning of Thanksgiving

“When people ask author, Stacey Shifferdecker what her favorite holiday is, she always says Thanksgiving. She went on to discuss the importance of sharing the meaning of Thanksgiving to our children. Many may consider Thanksgiving a day between the candy and costumes of Halloween and the gifts, and bright lights of Christmas.

Sure, there have been attempts to make Thanksgiving more exciting for kids. Some purchase Thanksgiving decorations and of course, there is a Charlie Brown Thanksgiving special. But all told, in the eyes of many adults, the purpose of Thanksgiving may be to eat turkey, watch football, and, of course, kick off the Christmas shopping season. Sometimes people even call Thanksgiving “Turkey Day.”

Thanksgiving is so much more than this, though! Thanksgiving is all about giving thanks for all that we have. Thanksgiving remains a hard sell for children, though. No candy, no gifts, no surprises. Sure, you get pumpkin pie and few days off school, but other than that… How can we show our children the importance of both Thanksgiving and giving thanks?

We need to begin by making sure our children know a basic story of the first Thanksgiving with the pilgrims, the Indians, and how they set aside a day to be thankful!

So this Thanksgiving, remember to set aside some time to be thankful, and share that with others. In a 2000 survey when children were asked what they were thankful for, the most common answers were family, basic needs, friends, and teachers/school. Maybe we’re already doing a pretty good job teaching our children about thankfulness!

As part of this, we need to model thankfulness for our children. Remember to be thankful even when you’re having a less than stellar day. Take time to appreciate the little things and be thankful today, and every day. (Shifferdecker, 2007)”
**There’s Always Room for Pie!**

No need to run out to pickup those delicious pies for your family dinner or holiday event. Watch for GFS pie order forms in your child’s folders this month. Be done with that Halloween candy and satisfy your sweet tooth with a pie! Sales will support technology for our school.

**SCHOLASTIC FAIR**

Mark your calendars because the Scholastic Fair is coming to your Nash Library November 13th through the 22nd! This does fall within Grandparent’s Week as well so be sure to let them know as well. Our volunteers are also available during November Family Reading Night so be sure to take a look! Don’t forget to check out the online site for additional titles at [http://tinyurl.com/nashbookfairs](http://tinyurl.com/nashbookfairs). This site will be available November 7th through the 27th. Give the gift of reading this holiday season. All sales from the scholastic fair will be used to purchase more books for our library and classrooms.

**Spin your Dice at Casino Night!**

That’s right, the planning for this year’s casino night is underway and we could use your help! Bring your fun ideas and creativity to the forefront and join our casino night committee! First meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12th at Rivals Sports Bar at 7pm. E-mail Jen Masi with questions at Jmasi@kusd.edu or call 262-492-2768.

**Be a Part of your PTA!**

It’s not too late to be a part of your PTA! Our Nash PTA meets each first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in the school library where we discuss past and future events, as well as cover any questions, comments or concerns. The PTA is a great way to be involved in your child’s school by becoming involved in these discussions and if you’d like, by joining one of our fun committees! Each month there are goodies to win, others to snack on, and fun to be had! With membership, you also receive a state PTA registration card and eligibility to receive discounts with various businesses.

Stop in and check out our next PTA meeting December 3rd!
Nash-tional News

(Left) Meet Eli Piol!!
~Eli is in the 2nd grade
~Eli said he is thankful for his candy and toys. We’re guessing Eli must have been a happy boy trick or treating on Halloween!!

(Below) Meet Elijah Gordon!!
~Elijah is in the 2nd grade
~Elijah is thankful when he plays basketball and is also thankful for Nash Elementary. Nash Elementary is thankful for wonderful students like you as well Elijah!

~Coming to you from their playground and their halls, the students of Nash speak out!
~Nash-tional news will be brought to you monthly bringing to you the latest news straight from the hearts and minds of our children.
~Each month will be new questions, different students, and new...news.
~Based on the upcoming holiday season, this month’s question is, “What are you thankful for?”

(Above) Meet Taylor Cook!!
~Taylor is in the 3rd grade this year
~Taylor is thankful to be getting good grades and is also thankful for her classroom math games. Thank you to the teachers of Nash for making learning fun!

(Right) Meet Ellie Harding!!
~Ellie is happy to be in kindergarten this year
~Ellie is thankful for sharing and for unicorns. Sharing makes playing better for sure!
OUT TO EAT EVENT

Grab the family and join us at:

Tazinos® Pizza & Salad Bistro 9901 77th Street
Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158
(Shoppes at Prairie Ridge, in front of JC Penney)

November 13th  4 - 8pm

Remember to bring the attached flyer!!! Otherwise we will not receive anything. Gift cards purchased on the night will also go towards our school.

Birthday Book Club

The Nash PTA is excited to introduce the Birthday Book Club! The Birthday Book club is a great opportunity to help out our school library and at the same time honor the birthday of your child (or any other occasion).

It’s simple! Purchase and new hardcover book at your favorite book store or during the Scholastic Book Fair and deliver it to the librarian. Please be sure to include the form that will be sent home. The book you donate will be identified with a label on the inside cover with your child’s name and birthday. They will be the first one to check the book out.

Questions? Contact the Birthday Book Club Chairperson, Tracy Brown at 412-8958 or chadandtracy1@gmail.com. Help us reach our goal of 100 books this year. For every book purchased your child’s name will be entered into a drawing for a gift basket.
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 locations. Be sure to family and friends for help! Any questions, please contact Lesa Vijesurier @ lesa_vijesurier@yahoo.com

The Chip Shoppe

Thank you to all who turned in orders for The Chip Shoppe! Pick up will be November 21st.

Target

TAKE CHARGE OF EDUCATION® PROGRAM RULES

Enroll for free and Target® will donate up to 1% of your REDcard® purchases to the eligible K-12 school of your choice.
Learn more at Target.com/redcard or stop in a Target store to apply.

My Coke Rewards

Exciting news! Collect your ‘My Coke Rewards’ codes and you could win a $10 Target gift card. What a great way to start the new school year and a fun way to help your school!

Remember to send them in a bag with your child’s name and room number. The two students who send in the most codes wins!! Enter by October 31st, 2013.

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-offs on 12-pks On multi-pack wraps
It's Not too Late for Reflections!

You can still enter submissions for Reflections until November 8th!

This is a great program to get involved in! Why? Because it allows all children to showcase their talents in visual arts, photography, literature, musical composition, film/movie making, and dance - there’s something for everyone!

~ALL CHILDREN WHO SUBMIT TO REFLECTIONS WILL BE RECOGNIZED

~Every project is showcased in the school art fair

~Each project has the chance of going on to the state program

BUT DON'T DELAY! SUBMIT TODAY!!

"Believe, dream, inspire"

Family Reading Nights

Nov 21st, 2013 (Thursday) 6-7:30 pm

Students will have an opportunity to take AR quizzes, relax with a pillow and blanket while listening to special stories narrated by one of our very own Nash teachers! Following story time, the attendees will be able to participate in a teacher lead activity/craft! We will conclude the evening with several chances to win a raffle prize! Everyone will take home a yummy treat! Hope to see you there!
**BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**

Battle of the Books, or BOB, is a contest that has its purpose the encouragement of quality reading. Only 4th and 5th graders are able to become team members. Team members read from a list of 30 books chosen by librarians and teachers. Scores are kept and winners are recognized; however, emphasis is placed on working together as a team and the fun of participating in friendly competition.

This year’s tournament will take place on two Friday afternoons, April 4th and April 11th. (Parents are responsible for transporting their child to and from the battles.)

The team will consist of 10 members. Between now and the week before Winter Break, 4th and 5th graders who are interested are encouraged to read the 30 books. There will be a test right before Winter Break to determine who qualifies to become part of our 2013-2014 BOB team. Those who qualify, will meet during lunch and as the battles draw closer, we will have before and/or after school practices to prepare for the tournament at the end of April. The meeting times will be determined based on the availability of those who qualified.

If you are in 4th or 5th grade, and would like to become part of the Nash BOB team, then see Cara Gorr in Room 408 or Jen Bertz in Room 417 for a list of the 30 books as soon as possible so you can get ready! (The books are set aside in the library, so see Mrs. Dean during your library time to check out the books.) Happy Reading!
November 2013

November 8 ................................................................. Reflections Submissions Due

November 12 ................................................................. Scholastic Fair begins in Nash Library

November 14 ................................................................. WKCE testing ends

November 18 ................................................................. Grandparent’s Week Begins

November 21 ................................................................. Fall Fundraiser Delivery

November 21 ................................................................. Family Reading Night

November 25 ................................................................. PTA Council Meeting @ESC Building 6pm

3600-52nd Street, Kenosha

November 27 ................................................................. Thanksgiving Recess Begins - 1/2 Day of School

November 28 - 29 ............................................................ Thanksgiving Recess – No School

December 3 ................................................................. PTA Meeting in Nash Library

Charles W. Nash PTA
Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month in the Nash Library at 6:30 P.M.
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