How Does Your Child Learn Best?

If your child constantly squirms and fidgets when they’re doing homework or insists on listening to music while studying vocabulary, have no worries. While it may seem they’re attempting to put off doing their work, they’re probably just using strategies that help them learn (Jumpin, 2013).

**Is your child an auditory, kinesthetic, or visual learner?**

**Auditory learner**
- Talk to themselves or others about what they’re learning
- Reciting information out loud
- Limiting background noise

**Kinesthetic learner**
- Reading aloud and tracking words on page with their finger
- Playing with toy while studying
- Moving around or taking frequent breaks

**Visual learner**
- Using flash cards
- Enjoys color coded information
- Prefers to watch a demonstration

~Most children have a combination of styles but traditionally prefer one. Understanding your child’s learning style can reduce homework frustrations and make it easier for families to communicate.

~Although it may be tempting to stick with what works, keep in mind that a child’s learning style may change as they grow.

~Remember you can change things up when your child gets bored with homework. Ex: If you’re often trying flash cards for spelling, use scrabble tiles to spell out words.

~Being aware of your child’s learning style can reduce homework battles and strengthen relationships. This is a great way to bond with your children while having fun!

~Praise your children for a job well done! Make praising a habit!
Fundraising FAQ’s: A Guide to Nash Elementary 
**PTA Fundraising**

**Why is fundraising important?**

The Nash Elementary PTA supports the educational, extracurricular and enrichment needs of the students. We work in partnership with Mr. Pitts, the teaching staff and the PTA membership to appropriately utilize the funds to support ALL STUDENTS at Nash.

**Are Nash families required to participate in fundraising?**

Absolutely not! There are many ways to support our students. Examples include:

- Volunteering in a classroom
- Volunteering at a Nash special event
- Join the PTA – come to a meeting and share your ideas
- Attend a Family Out to Eat night
- Joining a rewards program through Target, Best Buy or GFS Marketplace

**Why are there so many fundraisers?**

We don't believe in a "one size fits all" approach to fundraising. We offer several ways throughout the year for families to help financially support the PTA's initiatives. There are four general categories of fundraisers:

- **Major fundraisers** – These are straightforward selling. This year's major fundraisers are the Entertainment Books sale and the Chip Shoppe holiday buy.
- **Collections** – These are ongoing collections that are done throughout the year, including Box Tops, McDonald’s receipts, Campbell Soup Labels, Milk Caps.
- **Rewards** – You can earn money for Nash when you do your everyday shopping at Target, Best Buy and GFS Marketplace.
- **School Spirit Fundraisers** – These include activities or events that are both fun and raise money! Including the book fairs, Time with a Teacher, Original Artworks and the Golf Outing.

**How is the money used?**

For the first four years, the PTA's major initiative was to purchase and install playground equipment for both playgrounds. The school district does not provide playground equipment for elementary schools, so when Nash's doors opened in 2007 the playgrounds were empty. A committee was formed and a plan developed that spread the project over four years. The PTA, with the help of the Nash families and teachers, raised about $25,000 per year over four years and completed the project in 2011. Now that the playground project is complete, we are shifting our focus to increasing and improving the use of technology in the classrooms. During the 2011/2012 school year we purchased 35 iPads, a smartboard and six classroom sound amplification systems. The major initiative for the 2012/2013 school year is to expand the use of Promethean Boards and iPads to all classrooms.

However, the PTA also supports important enrichment activities (e.g., science fair, Reflections creative arts contest, enrichment night, academic contests, and reading nights), extracurricular activities (e.g., the Safety Patrol trip to the Wisconsin Dells, Activity Day, 5th Grade trip to Camp Timberlee) and various other classroom and school needs (e.g., Accelerated Reading awards, popcorn days, smartboards, “towers”).
BOX TOPS COLLECTION CONTEST

Welcome to a new school year! With all of the picnics, parties and family reunions that have taken place over the past few months, your kitchen drawers must be bursting with Box Tops! Gather up your Box Tops and place them in envelopes or Ziploc bags (which I will recycle) and send them to school with your child/ren. Box Tops can be found on General Mills, Pillsbury and Old El Paso products, just to name a few (for a complete list of Box Top's sponsored products please go to BTFE.com) For every 10 Box Tops your child brings to school, his/her name will be entered into a drawing for one of ten $10 Scholastic Gift Certificates! The winners of the certificates will be able to redeem them at Nash's Scholastic Book Fair, to be held this fall. Please be sure to include your CHILD'S NAME, 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. There is no need to count the Box Tops before submitting them. I count them as I check the expiry dates. The contest will run until Monday, October 28th. Late submissions from our last contest have been counted and added to this contest. Nash has been participating in the Box Tops for Education program since 2007. Since then, friends and family have submitted over 100,000 Box Tops, earning almost $11,000 in cash for our school! One Box Top by itself isn't worth much (10 cents, to be exact). But, when they are put together with hundreds, if not thousands of others, they can help us do great things for our school! Thanks for your participation and GOOD LUCK!

Carla Wilson
Box Tops Coordinator
nwilson21@wi.rr.com
~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.

~The question on parent’s minds, “What do our kids think of Next Generation Learning?”

~The question our children are being taught in school, “What kind of learner are you?”

(Left) Meet Hannah Schlater!!

~Hannah is a 3rd grader and is a part of the EMS Team Discovery Pod.

~When Hannah was asked what she likes best about her pod she said she likes that she can really work hard and likes how everyone is taught to treat all people with respect.

~When asked if she’s been learning about types of learning, she said yes and said she enjoys reading by herself. Thank you Hannah!

(Below) Meet Jamylisa Bjork!!

~Jamylisa is a 2nd grader in the HMM Team Extraordinary Learners Pod.

~When asked what she like best about Next Generation, Jami stated she likes learning.

~Jamylisa went on by stating she also likes to learn on her own.

~Thank you for your interview Jamylisa!

(Above) Meet Parker Metzger!!

~Parker is a 1st grader and is a part of the HMM Team Extraordinary Learners Pod.

~When asked what he likes best about his pod Parker said he enjoys drawing and writing.

~Parker also stated he prefers learning by himself.

~Thank you for your interview Parker!

(Right) Meet Jeffrey Ventura!!

~Jeffrey is a 3rd grader in the RSS Team Leadership Pod.

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**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!

Cara Gorr (cgorr@kusd.edu) and Jen Bertz (jbertz@kusd.edu)

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**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

The Chip Shoppe will kick off October 10th and all orders will need to be returned by October 24th. The catalogs will include gift wrap, holiday gifts, pizza and soup mixes. Pick up dates will be announced though will be ready well before winter break. Look for more information in Thursday folders!

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

Any questions, please contact Lesa Vijesurier @ lesa_vijesurier@yahoo.com
**Out to Eat Event**

**Thursday, October 10th  11:00am-9:00pm**

El Sarape & La Hacienda Restaurants (Both locations)

El Sarape and La Hacienda will donate 15% of all dine in, carry out and gift card purchases to the Nash PTA

El Sarape - located just off of 75th Street in front of Hobby Lobby

La Hacienda – Located at the Northeast corner of 22nd Avenue and Washington Rd

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**FALL Harvest FESTIVAL 2013**

*We need volunteers for the night of the festival! Please email the PTA at nashschoolpta@yahoo.com if you can help!*

FREE! GAMES

CHEAP!  FUN!

FOOD  CRAFTS

**Friday, Nov. 1, 2013 | 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**
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!

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8:10-3:10pm Monday through Thursday

Reflections

This year the theme is
"BELIEVE, DREAM, INSPIRE"

National Bullying Prevention Month

The state of Wisconsin signed Senate Bill 154 into law on Wednesday, May 12, 2010. SB 154 as a comprehensive school safety bill which was initiated by a Special Committee on School Safety. The bill includes anti-bully language taken directly from Senate Bill 202, which Senator Neal Kedzie authored in a bi-partisan effort to deal with the growing problem of bullying in schools. The bill requires a school district without a bullying policy to either craft one, or adopt a model bullying policy offered by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Please feel free to look over the School Bullying Policy for KUSD:

http://www.kusd.edu/media/pdf/policy/5000/5111.pdf
October 2013

October 8 ................................................................. Hearing Screening (Kindergarten-3rd Grade)

October 10 ............................................................... The Chip Shoppe Fall Fundraiser Kick Off

October 16 ............................................................... Conferences (Early Release)

October 17 ............................................................... Conferences (Early Release)

October 18 ............................................................... Conferences (No School)

October 22 ......................................................... Regular School Board Meeting 7:00 PM @ ESC Building

3600-52nd Street, Kenosha

October 24 ............................................................... The Chip Shoppe Fall Fundraiser Ends

October 28 ............................................................... PTA Council Meeting 6:30PM @ESC Building

3600-52nd Street, Kenosha

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