Here it is May already, in case you didn't know by the temperature, and the school year is coming to a close. First and foremost, I want to thank everyone who has stepped forward and volunteered, and there are many of you...from the parents who helped in the classrooms, helped at home, to those that sent in Box Tops, Campbell's Labels, ink cartridges, cell phones, and McDonald's receipts, and to all of those who took the challenge and chaired a committee and those who served on them, words cannot say how much your support has meant this year.

As we look at the year in review, we've accomplished an amazing amount for a new school! From the kickoff of the "Nash Bash" to the planning for the "First to Finish" for the 5th Graders it has been a marathon of activity. Because of your efforts, the PTA has been able to host a fabulous Fall Festival, Kindergarten Tissue Tea, Grandparents Week, a few Military Family Nights, charter a Cub Scout Pack, help with Kindergarten Registration, and provide our teachers with dinner during conferences. Additionally, we have been able to reach out to others with our “Mittens on a Clothesline” project during the holiday season, support our Troops through our Treats for Troops campaign, and establish a hardship fund. Dads were able to spend a special night with their daughters dancing at Bristol Oaks and moms and sons will soon spend a night of action at ‘Action Territory’.

To enhance our students' education, we have provided and supported the Bee’s (Black History, Geography, and Spelling), Battle of the Books, Reading Nights, Reflections, and the Original ArtWorks programs. The Nash “Pit Stop” was initially funded through a loan from the PTA and is now self-supporting. We are anxiously awaiting the upcoming Science Fair showcasing all of our students' scientific processes and displays.

With our children's health in mind, we provided volunteers to assist the school nurse with vision screenings and our speech therapist with the hearing screenings.

We have been able to raise funds through our fall fundraiser, brick memorials, Market Day program, bake sales, Scholastic Book Fairs, Texas Roadhouse Gift Card drive, and family “out-to-eat” nights at Culvers, Texas Roadhouse, Ben and Jerry's, and Dominos Pizza. A big thank you to those who contributed recipes, for our soon to be delivered cookbooks.
Your generosity has allowed the PTA to purchase a popcorn machine which is used monthly to provide our children with a special treat, a button machine, shelves for Mrs. Cutter in the office and for the PTA closet, and money has been set aside for a die-cut machine to be purchased this summer.

Through your donations, we have already dedicated $10,000 solely for the Playground Fund which is 36% of the PTA’s General Fund. This does not include the profits from the upcoming golf outing, Playground Pennies collection drive, and cookbook sales. The amount will be adjusted by the June PTA meeting. We are hoping to have a portion of the playground built this summer. The first to be seen will most likely be the tetherballs, basketball hoops, and funnel balls, but we need to wait for the grounds to be re-graded before installing any equipment.

I hope this clarifies what your contributions have meant to the school this year. The PTA has worked within the guidelines and goals set at our very first PTA meeting in September. We distributed our funds based upon the budget established at the beginning of the year. Although some people are disappointed that all funds were not dedicated to the Playground, you can see other programs benefited from the PTA funds.

New officers will be elected at the upcoming meeting on Tuesday, May 6th. A slate of officers has been recommended, but nominations will be taken from the floor. Mr. Pitts will be presenting a ‘State of the School’ address as well. Please be sure to attend.

Sincerely,

Diann

Start Spreading the News...about Kindergarten Registration...

If you know of parents with new kindergarteners (within the Nash boundaries) who have not yet registered for the upcoming 2008-2009 school year, please invite them to come into the school and pick up a registration packet. Kindergarten registrations will continue through the end of the school year. Students registering for 2008-09 Kindergarten must be 5 by September 1st. If they turn 5 between September 1st and September 30th, they may be eligible for early entrance to Kindergarten and can be screened. For more information on early entrance into Kindergarten, call our main office at 925-1501. Students who turn 5 after October 1st cannot be screened.

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

Thank You!

It’s hard to believe we’ve nearly completed this historic and exciting inaugural school year! The time certainly has flown. As I look back on our school days from September 2007 to today, I am amazed at the wonderful contributions made by so many parent and community volunteers at Nash School. Thanks to all who have generously donated their many talents to our students throughout the school year. It has been so inspiring to see such tremendous parent involvement and community support. Each day our students benefited from numerous volunteers working in classrooms, taking school projects home, supervising the lunch room, chaperoning field trips, attending concerts, serving on committees, providing tutorial and enrichment opportunities, and assisting the school in countless other capacities. Thank you to our parents for taking ownership in your children’s progress. By taking an interest in your children’s nightly homework assignments, reading with them and attending our parent academic support workshops you’ve shown your children that their education is among your top priorities. For all that you have done and continue to do for so many of us, we offer our sincere thanks!

Thanks to our PTA for the variety of wonderful programs and special events that they have sponsored throughout the year. Thank you again to all parents and staff members who went to such extraordinary measures to help make this Nash Family grow and develop throughout our first year. I am proud of what we’ve accomplished, and inspired over what lies ahead!

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**Summer School 2008**

Our Summer School rosters are close to being complete. Parents of registered students will receive classroom assignments shortly. Our first session of Summer School begins Wednesday, June 18th and continues through Wednesday, July 9th. The second session runs from Monday, July 14th thru Thursday, July 31st. Students required to attend either reading or math may select either the first or second session. Students required to attend Math and Reading classes must attend both sessions. Our Summer School week runs Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Individual classes are four hours in length. A reminder that the Extended Year Reading and Math programs are remediation classes limited to students scoring basic and minimal levels on the WKCE Standardized Tests. Enrichment courses are limited to Getting Ready for Kindergarten, Getting Ready for First Grade, and ESCAPE. Each of the enrichment courses are two hours in length. We still have some room left in ESCAPE. It promises to be a great opportunity for children to enjoy exciting and valuable learning experiences.

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**End of the Year Reminders**

- Teacher assignments for the 2008-09 school year will be posted on the window outside the main entrance on Wednesday, August 20, 2008. They will be sent out by mail the following day. The August letter will also include school fee information and bus assignments.
- Open House for the 2008-09 school year will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, August 29th, 2008.
- The first day of school for the 2008-09 school year is Tuesday, September 2, 2008.
The Connection of Reading to Brain Development in Children

The years from birth to age nine are irreplaceable for brain development. Vision, hearing, touch, large muscle control, and small muscle skill all develop at the same time as the baby learns to pay attention to the sights and sounds around him or her, make decisions, process information, and form those patterns of connected images, symbols, memories, needs, desires, ideas, and emotions that make him or her into a human being, capable of interacting with others who have the same complex connections.

With each physical stimulation comes an emotional one. The brain stores both. These connections between experience and emotion, researchers feel, let children exercise judgment, connect with the values of their family, understand their communities, and contribute to society.

If a child has excellent neurological equipment, he or she can probably master appropriate developmental tasks even if the nurturing he or she receives is mediocre. But for those with more marginal abilities, some intellectual and emotional aspects that make us fully human may never develop without excellent care giving.

In this context, spending twenty minutes a day consistently in happy reading, explaining, joking and questioning physically alters the way a child's brain is wired. And these effects are permanent. There are “learning windows” for some skills. Children effortlessly absorb the syntactical rules of their mother tongue (or more than one) by age five or six; after that point, rules for forming sentences have to be memorized and remembered.

And those preschool years are crucial. At about age ten, the brain begins a ruthless process of eliminating the less used synapses. (this physiological fact may explain why remediation, which usually starts in the fourth grade, is such hard work and why it is so seldom completely successful.) By about age eighteen, the brain’s internal pathways are carved out. For better or worse, the child’s unique physiology and personality are set.

Build a better brain! Read to your child!

----Rosier, Kerr, and Fielding

Hello Nash family,

I am so very proud of all our students at Nash. The Earth Day Groceries Project was a HUGE success! We collected over 500 paper grocery bags decorated with very artistic and meaningful messages about Earth Day. To all of the students, congratulations - you deserve a pat on the back! Thank you to Mrs. VanBlarcom and the staff that participated in this project. What a great way to engage the children in such an important project! Have a look online at the project's website www.earthdaybags.org in the next day or so and I'll have our full report submitted. There will be pictures too!

Again, thank you to everyone that took part in this year’s Earth Day Groceries Project!

Happy Earth Day,

Janice Bezzo
Please join us for the PTA meeting on Tuesday, May 6th, 6:30 p.m. in the Nash Library. Babysitting will be provided!

All are welcome to attend. Mr. Pitts will be giving a “State of the School” address and nominations will be taken and the PTA Board for the 2008-2009 school year will be voted on.

Members must bring their PTA membership cards in order to vote.

Attention: Kindergarten Moms

The Kindergarten Team is celebrating Mother’s Day with their first Mother’s Day Tea on Monday, May 12th from 9:30 – 10:45 a.m. The event will be held in the cafeteria. A special thanks to Ben, our local Starbucks Manager, for donating the tea for this event.

Please send June 2008 PTA Newsletter articles to Lori Jozefiak at cbjozefiak@hotmail.com By Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mother-Son Outing

Mother-Son Outing at

AMERICA'S ACTION TERRITORY

12345 75th Street
Kenosha, WI 53142
262-857-7000

An Evening of Fun!
1 Go-Kart OR Unlimited Ballocity
1 Bumper Boat
Unlimited Mini-Golf
12 tokens
FREE
one wristband per person

Slice of Pizza/Small soda available for $3.00 per person

Friday, May 9, 2008
5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

THE FLYER YOU RECEIVED IN YOUR SON’S FOLDER WILL BE NEEDED TO CHECK-IN.

Golf Outing – May 10th at Bristol Oaks

Science Fair – May 14th at Nash

Last Box Tops Collection – May 21st

Sports Day – May 30th

5th Grade Celebration Ceremony – Thursday, June 5th at 7:00 p.m. Due to space limitations, 5th graders will only be allowed to bring two adult guests.
Playground Pennies – the kids’ “fun” raise is in full “swing”. We have several full coin containers already!!! Great job kids, keep bringing in your change for your new playground equipment.

Original Artworks
A big thank you to all those who participated in our Artworks program. I hope everyone is enjoying their artwork. We raised over $1,900.00 for our school. WOW, that’s great for our first year! Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,
Michelle Polenzani

Nash Elementary’s cookbook of Tried and True Recipes is on its way! The cookbook includes over 250 recipes from our Nash families and staff. Watch for a flyer to come home in your child’s backpack. Cookbooks will cost $10.00 each.

*Due to the phenomenal amount of giving from all of our families this year to all of our programs, we are able to donate all proceeds of the cookbook sales to our playground fund!

Thank you to Melissa Spence for spearheading this endeavor!

Dominos Pizza Night was a great success. We raised over $200.00 for the school by enjoying a night of pizza!

Battle of the Books
Nash competed in its first Battle of the Books on Friday, April 25th at Mahone Middle School. The team has 10 members who had an outstanding performance. Battle of the Books is a competition for 4th and 5th grade students to read 30 books and remember what is in each of the books to obtain points. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to be able to read every book. I would like to recognize this year’s team:

Andrew – 5th Grade – Mrs. Merow
Cameron – 5th Grade – Mr. Folland
Melody – 5th Grade – Mrs. Merow
Kelly – 5th Grade – Mrs. Merow
Blake – 5th Grade – Mr. Folland
Amber – 4th Grade – Mr. Lalonde
Angelica – 4th Grade – Mr. Lalonde
Kordell – 4th Grade – Ms. Chiapetta
Madeline – 4th Grade – Ms. Chiapetta
Monique – 4th Grade – Mr. Lalonde

Diann Root
FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE...

SUN SAFETY

With warmer weather quickly approaching, a few safety precautions to review for protecting the skin while enjoying the summer months.

• The sun is strongest during the middle part of the day. Plan indoor activities during this time. Look for shaded areas to play, if unable to be indoors.

• Dress children in light weight clothing. Keeping the skin covered reduces exposure. Wear a hat to protect the sensitive areas of the head, neck, ears and face.

• Encourage children to wear sunglasses. Sunglasses need lenses that provide protection from UVA/UVB rays.

• Use sunscreen with appropriate SPF protection, at all times. Areas often missed include the ears, nose and tops of feet. Reapply per manufacturer directions. Sunscreen is necessary on overcast days due to UVA/UVB rays ability to penetrate through clouds.

• Wear lip balm with appropriate SPF protection.

A serious sunburn can increase the risk of skin cancer. Follow the Sun Safety Tips for a fun and safe summer.

As the end of the school year approaches, please remember to pick up your child’s medication on the last day of school. Any medication not picked up and taken home will be discarded. The school will not store any medication for the next school year.

As a reminder for next year:
• All nonprescription medication must be in the original bottle or package with the child’s name clearly marked on the container. All prescription medication must be in the original pharmacy container with correct information on the label. If half tablets are to be given, the parent will be responsible for sending the medication in that form.

• All medication, prescription or nonprescription, must be accompanied by a "Request for Medication Administration During School Hours" form, with parent or guardian’s signature. Prescription medications will also require a physician’s signature. Medications will only be administered at school the specified times noted on the form. Any changes in dose, time or medication will require a new form, and new container with the corrected pharmacy label.

• The above rules still apply to any medication a student may need to carry with them, such as Epi-pens or inhalers. Both the medication and the medication administration form must be checked in at the office. The physician must check ‘YES’ on the form stating “Student may carry medication for Emergency purposes.”

Medication administration forms must be renewed annually. The form and medication may be brought to school in the fall prior to the first day of class. All medication must be brought to school by an adult. Students may not transport medication themselves. Thank you for your cooperation. Have a wonderful summer!
Nash Cub Scout Pack 567

Boys who will be in 1st grade next year, come find out what Cub Scouts is all about!

TIGER MANIA
Boys that will be in 1st grade next year can join us Thursday May 15, 2008
St. Mary’s Catholic Church, 7307 40th Ave. (In the basement)
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Come see what Cub Scouts is all about. Ask questions, sign up for next year!
(We also have many fun and exciting activities planned for the summer)

What Do Cub Scouts Do?

- Learn new Skills!
- Try new Activities!
- Play Games!
- Go on Trips!
- Play Sports!
- Do Community Service!
- Explore Nature!
- Go Hiking!
- Enjoy the Outdoors!
- Make cool Stuff!
- Earn Awards!
- Make new Friends!

PARENTS: As a parent, you can be assured that Scouting: Encourages good citizenship, Teaches useful skills and physical fitness, Supports moral and ethical behavior, Offers many opportunities for self-advancement and learning, Provides outdoor experiences with an emphasis on safety, and builds future leaders.

May Schedule:

- Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20 @ 6:30 p.m. -- Den Meetings in the Nash Cafeteria
- Saturday and Sunday, May 3rd and 4th – Family Campout
- Thursday, May 15th 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Tiger Mania, St. Mary’s Catholic Church
- Tuesday, May 27 @ 6:30 p.m. -- Pack Meeting

Did you know you can join Cub Scouts at anytime? We have a year round program! Cub Scouts is open to all boys in 1st through 5th grade. (or 7-10 years old)

For more information see our website: www.nashpack567.org
Or contact: John Kiernan <john@nashpack567.org> (262) 925-8537

Cub Scout Pack 567 has earned the Centennial Quality Unit Award for 2007, and we are proudly chartered by the Nash Elementary PTA.
FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

Homes listed must sell and close by 10/31/08!

Summer Activities Think Summer, Think Fun!

The Kenosha Unified Recreation Department will again this year offer numerous summer activities for the children in Kenosha. Swim registration begins May 7th. All other class registration begins May 14th.

Swimming lessons for ages 6-14. Classes held at Bradford pool Tennis Lessons for beginners to advanced held at several sites Elementary basketball lessons held at various school playgrounds Elementary soccer lessons held at various school playgrounds Elementary baseball/Softball lessons held at various school playgrounds Competitive Swim Team with practices at Bradford for ages 7-17

Free supervised Playgrounds will run June 16- July 31, Mondays - Thursdays from10:00am-3:30 pm daily. This program consists of arts & crafts, games, storytelling; bounce ball, volleyball & other activities of interest to boys & girls ages 6-12 supervised by college student directors. You may register beginning June 16th on the playground at following proposed Playground sites; Harvey, Nash, Stocker, Strange, Southport, Whittier

You must register for any of the programs (except Playgrounds) at the Recreation Department, which is located in the west end of the Kenosha Senior Citizen Center on Roosevelt Road and 28th Avenue. A $20 fee is required for each program (Competitive Swim $25).
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