FROM THE PRESIDENT

A Beautiful Autumn “Hello”

Another school year is well underway!

This newsletter is packed with information about many wonderful opportunities for your whole family at Nash this month.

*Check out articles on school pictures and the Reflections Creative Arts Program.
*Learn how to support your child’s learning at one of the grade level meeting nights, and have fun playing at one of the gym nights.
*Plan to attend the Fall Festival, and have a significant family member or two come eat lunch with your child during Grandparent’s Week.
*Pickup your fundraiser items, both from the Catalog Sale and Market Day.
*Enjoy a night out to eat with the family at Noodles and Company, and choose great books from our HUGE Book Fair.

*And check out all the other calendar events that you can choose from!!!

We plan many events to make sure that you can find ways to connect with your school. We know that you may not be able to attend all of them, but hopefully you can find a niche somewhere that assures you that you and your child are a part of our Nash family!

And for those who have helped to bring these incredible opportunities to our school, I thank you for all your time and effort. You help to make our school such an amazing place!!!!

As always, with any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me!

Elizabeth Daghfal
942-6260
edaghfal@sbcglobal.net

PLEASE NOTE:
The PTA MEETING has been CHANGED TO MONDAY, 11/3, due to election night on the 4th.
Parent Academic Support Nights

When it comes to our NOVEMBER PARENT ACADEMIC SUPPORT WORKSHOPS, if it were possible for the principal to say “attendance is mandatory,” I would. That’s how important I think it is for ALL parents to attend. During these workshops parents will gain a clear understanding what their child/ren should know and be able to do at their specific grade level. And, teachers provide parents with concrete strategies for supporting their children’s academic development at home. Last year, as parents exited the workshops I heard dozens of comments such as, “This was the most informative and useful elementary meeting I’ve ever attended.” “We are blessed to have these teachers working with our children.” “Thank you for helping me do a better job of helping my child at home.” On the night of each workshop, we will first gather in the cafeteria for a free all-you-can-eat pizza, salad and soda dinner from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Our workshops will then take place in the library, computer lab, and gym from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Free childcare will be provided. Grade levels will hold November Parent Academic Support Workshops on the following dates:

- First Grade – Wednesday, November 12 @ 5:30 p.m.
- Grades 4 & 5 – Thursday, November 13 @ 5:30 p.m.
- Grades 2 & 3 – Wednesday, November 19 @ 5:30 p.m.

Standardized Test Information

We soon will be in the midst of our Fall standardized testing, as WKCE tests will be administered to 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students during the first two weeks of November. Tests are taking place for approximately 90 minutes each day.

I invite you to stress to your children that they are not competing against their classmates, but rather are simply doing their best to display what they have learned in school. Your words of encouragement will help motivate them, as all students are confident that they know much more than they did at this time last year.

Attendance is of paramount importance during the weeks of standardized testing. We sincerely appreciate parents making every attempt to see to it that their children are in school during the testing window. We understand that from time to time things happen which make it necessary for students to miss school. But, anything parents can do to make attendance a special priority during the weeks of testing is very much appreciated. Finally, please be sure that your children are well rested and eat a substantial breakfast prior to each day upon which standardized tests are administered. This will ensure that they are ready to focus on the test and perform optimally.

We sincerely appreciate all of your support!
Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences will be held on the evenings of Monday and Tuesday, November 24th and 25th and, if necessary, on the morning of Wednesday, November 26th. No classes will be held on Wednesday, November 26th and Thanksgiving Recess extends through the week. Classes resume on Monday, December 1st. Students will be dismissed at their normal time of 3:10 p.m. on both Monday and Tuesday, and conferences will take place from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. both nights.

After receiving your pre-conference requests, teachers will schedule your conference/s. Notices will be sent home soon. Please remember that each conference is scheduled for 15 minutes. If additional conference time is needed, another conference time and date can be scheduled. Help us maintain our conference schedule by attending your scheduled conferences on time. We pledge to maintain the established schedule so that no one is inconvenienced.

To get the most out of conferences, parents are asked to come prepared. Ask your child how he/she feels about school. Look over your child’s papers and bring any with you that raise questions or concerns. Also bring a list of specific questions you’d like to ask the teacher. These might include:

1. Is my child performing at, below or above grade level in basic skills? Math? Reading?
2. Does my child turn in homework regularly?
3. What are my child’s strengths and weaknesses? (subjects, talents, social skills)
4. Can you show/give me examples of these?
5. Does my child get along well with classmates?
6. Does my child need special help in academics or social adjustment?
7. What help is available?
8. What can I do to support my child’s learning at home and school?

Happy Thanksgiving!

I would like to wish all of our parents, staff members and students a safe, happy, and relaxing Thanksgiving holiday! May all of you have opportunities to enjoy the company of family and friends, eat heartily, and take the time to give thanks for your many blessings. I can say without hesitation that outside of my own blessings of health & family, there is no blessing for which I feel more thankful than being a part of this outstanding group of Nash students, staff, and parents. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!
History of American Education Week

The National Education Association (NEA) and American Legion were distressed that 25% of the country’s World War I draftees were illiterate and 29% were physically unfit. Both groups met in 1919 to generate public support for education.

In 1921, the NEA Representative Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa, called for designation of one week each year to spotlight education. In its resolution, NEA called for, “An educational week…observed in all communities annually for the purpose of informing the public of accomplishments and needs of the public schools and to secure the cooperation and support of the public in meeting those needs.”

2008 Theme

“Great Public Schools – A Basic Right and Our Responsibility.”

How You Can Help Us Celebrate

- Parents/Guardians and grandparents are invited to join their child/ren for lunch anytime between Monday, November 17th and Friday, November 21st (School hot lunches are available for students only. We suggest parents/guardians and grandparents bring in lunch for themselves and/or children. Our PTA will provide coffee, juice, and baked goods for our visitors.)
  - Kindergarten & Grade 4 Lunch: 11:10 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.
  - Grade 1 & Grade 3 Lunch: 11:50 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.
  - Grade 2 & Grade 5 Lunch: 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Contact teachers via phone call or email to schedule a time to volunteer in your child/ren’s classroom
- Discuss with your children the importance of attaining a quality education
- Make a special effort to read with your child/ren at least 20 minutes each night.

Thanks for all of your support and

HAPPY AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK!
Over the past two decades, the number of overweight children and teens in the United States has nearly doubled (National Center for Health Statistics). This can lead to an increased risk of cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and other serious health conditions. By calculating a person's Body Mass Index (BMI), you can determine if a child/teen/adult is overweight. It is a calculation between height, weight, and age (for children). Go to www.cdc.gov and search for BMI calculator to determine your family members' risk.

There are several factors that contribute to the growing problem of obesity in our nation. Over the past two decades, children's daily consumption of calories has increased. Some of the reasons for this are:

- An increase in food choices
- Prepackaged foods
- Fast food restaurants
- Increased consumption of soft drinks
- Increase in portion size
- Recent research suggests that friends or family who are overweight may be a risk factor for their family or friends to be overweight.

In addition to children's increased consumption of calories, the calories they use on a daily basis have decreased. This is seen because of a decrease in daily physical activity.

As parents and educators, we can help decrease the number of overweight children and teens in the United States by:

- Increasing your family's daily physical activity
- Decrease time watching TV and playing computer games
- Encourage children to eat 5 fruits/vegetables a day
- Decrease the amount of soft drinks children drink
- Increase the amount of water/milk children drink
- Read labels for nutritional information

There may be other factors such as illness, medication, and/or psychological factors that may contribute to weight gain - please consult your child's physician for further information.
A NOTE OF THANKS

To Our Nash Family

We cannot begin to express our gratitude to all who helped us during our difficult time. You saw a need and responded with such compassion and thoughtfulness. You have helped make our situation more bearable with numerous gifts, donations and emotional support. We are so grateful to be part of a community that truly cares about its members. Please extend our thanks to those of you whose family members and friends beyond our Nash school family helped us. We were truly touched by the thoughtfulness of friends and strangers alike. As we begin to rebuild our home and our lives we will be forever mindful of the compassion of this community and beyond.

With deepest gratitude,
Noel, Carla, Matthew, Zachary and Katelyn Wilson

SCHOOL PICTURES

By now, you should have received your picture proofs. You can order on-line, by phone, or by mail. Soon there will be another flyer coming home that lists prices and packages to make your choice easier.

The company has assured us that even if your child is not centered in the proof, he or she WILL be centered in your real pictures.

If your child missed Picture Day, Make-up Day has been scheduled for Nov. 13. If your child was photographed but something is wrong with the picture, please RETURN your proof, with “Make-Up” written across it. We will then schedule your child for Make-Up Day.

Any questions, please contact Elizabeth at (942-6260) or edaghfal@sbcglobal.net or Cindy at (764-1813) or cenzia@msn.com

TRANSLATOR NEEDED:
We are in need of someone who can attend PTA meetings and translate for a primarily Spanish speaking parent. If you can help, please contact Elizabeth at (942-6260) or edaghfal@sbcglobal.net
To My Fellow District 17 Citizens,

I wanted to update everyone on some criminal activities that have occurred in the last couple months. There have been several daytime home burglaries, particularly in the Whitecaps neighborhood. Most of the burglars are gaining access through windows, or as communicated earlier, through basement window wells. Many of the items that are being taken are small and easily concealed. There has not been any evidence left behind at any of the crime scenes and there is no discernible pattern. If anyone has any information, please contact the Kenosha Police Department at 656-1234. We should do our best to be aware in our neighborhoods for the welfare and safety of everyone.

I also would like to take this opportunity to solicit individuals for our Neighborhood Watch Program. Although this program can't stop every criminal, we can send a message that this district is off limits because we're looking out for each other. If anyone is interested in becoming part of Neighborhood Watch, they can contact me or Officers Jeff Wamboldt or Ron Francis at 657-EYES(3937)

Thank you,
David Bogdala
17th District Alderman

Dear Parents,

We are The Nash Creative Historians and we would like some donations. We are creating a scrapbook that will be in the library that you will be able to look at. We are looking for pictures to put in this album. We need pictures from ANY SCHOOL EVENT. (You will not get your photos back, so make sure you keep your originals.) We also need any scrapbooking supplies that you are willing to donate for this project. You can even donate gift cards to Hobby Lobby, Wal-Mart, Target, or Michaels.

You may drop off your donations to Room 308 or 408 at any time. It would be very helpful if you could have your donations to school by November 7, 2008.

Thank you ahead of time for your photos and scrapbooking supplies.

The Nash Historians
Grandparents Week is November 17th-21st!
Remember... WE COLLECT MC'DONALDS RECEIPTS!!! If you will be enjoying Mc'Donalds during Grandparents week, please keep your receipts - - we will have a collection box in the cafeteria!

Questions? Email Gillian Santoro @ dsantoro1@wi.rr.com or call 412-6272.

Veteran's Day Assembly
November 11th - 2:40pm - Gymnasium
We invite all service members (past/present/future) in the Nash Family to come in uniform or civilian clothes. Refreshments will be provided to the service members compliments of the Military Committee.

Daylight Savings Time ends November 2nd. Set your clocks back one hour.

Save the date:
2/11/09 - Science Fair
2/21/09 - Father/Daughter Dance
5/30/09 - Golf Outing (fundraiser for playground equipment)

YEARNBOOK REMINDERS:
Get your "COVER CONTEST" entries in! DEADLINE: November 7th
Please be aware that this will be a “blind judging.” Each entry will be assigned a number with the student's name being covered up (the person assigning the numbers will not be a judge). Five finalists will be chosen. These five entries will be displayed in school and all students will get to vote. The entry with the most votes will then become the cover for our yearbook!

Please take pictures!
Helping in your child's class? Chaperoning a fieldtrip? Attending any school event or function? Please don't forget to take and submit pictures for yearbook. If you forget your camera, each grade level should have two digital cameras available for use - just ask the teacher!

Also, if you haven't gotten your insert for last year's yearbook, your book isn't complete!
To obtain your insert, to submit pictures, or if you have any other questions, please contact:
Cindy Landini at cenzia@msn.com or 764-1813

Have an item for the newsletter? Contact Syndi Vazquez at 262-948-1498 or e-mail me at romsyn@aol.com
(Kindly put "newsletter" in the subject matter so I'm sure to open it!)
Fall Fundraiser

Fall fundraiser pick-up will be in the Nash gymnasium on November 18th from 5:00-7:00pm. Please be aware that **we will NOT accept checks**, only cash, money order or credit card.

What a successful year we had thanks to all of your efforts!

We earned a profit of $8,756.00 and **CONGRATULATIONS** to the top three sellers:

- Kate B. in Mrs. Davis' 1st grade class
- Faith E. in Mrs. Layden's kindergarten class
- Amir H. in Mrs. Schiess' 2nd grade class

Thanks to everyone who participated!

Lynda Bogdala

Ben & Jerry's Night

Many families ventured out in between the rain drops and enjoyed a tasty treat! Nash PTA earned $75. Thanks to all who came out to support us!

Enjoy Noodles in November!

Tuesday, November 11th is NOODLES & COMPANY NIGHT. Watch for flyers to be sent home.

Culver's Night

Thanks to those who were able to make it to Culver's on October 22nd. Culver's night earned the Nash PTA $36.17.
Hello Nash Families!

We are off to a great start in the art room! I am always very excited about and extremely impressed with what the children are doing. There is no doubt about it, our Nash children are the best anywhere! I am always working on ways to challenge their problem solving skills, and to bring as much of their classroom curriculum into the art room as I can. Many of our lessons not only cover the art standards and benchmarks, but also key concepts that the children are learning in their classroom. Because the children are so enthusiastic, I even give out “homework” as extra credit sometimes. So many of our Nash children just crave those extensions of their learning, and are bursting with pride when they show me what they have done. Having 3 children of my own however, I do know what it is like to have even one more extra thing to do along with everything else they are responsible for when they get home. Please know that the homework is always just extra credit for those who are excited about doing it, never required for those who would prefer not to, or just don’t have time.

Because the extra credit “homework” opportunities just don’t seem to be enough for some of our children, I have tried something new this year. I am offering children extra credit for their writings. They have to write about a project we are doing, or have done. It can be a make-believe story, or a paragraph about the art process (what they used, and how they used it, what they were thinking about when creating, what art concepts they used, etc…). they can also write about an artist they are interested in learning about (an idea given to me by one of the children who asked if he could do it). So far the response has been amazing! I have been posting them all over my cupboards. Some of the children have even written stories two or three pages long! I know I shouldn’t be surprised with the creativity expressed in their writings because it truly reflects the creativity they express in their artwork! If you have a child that has a little free time and loves to write, please encourage them to tell you about what we are learning in art class, and write a paragraph or two. For the younger ones, even a sentence or two would be wonderful!

I am really looking forward to another wonderful year with our children! Please feel free to stop in and see what we are learning at any time. My door is always open!

Mrs. VanBlarcom

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**Let the School See Your Child’s Creativity**

—It WILL be worth it!—

**Reflections**, our PTA Creative Arts Program, is under way. Mrs. VanBlarcom has been explaining it in art class, flyers have been handed out, and Ms. Mime came to visit the students during lunch to get them excited about entering the program.

Here’s a chance for your child to be recognized in an exciting, fun way for any idea that would cause someone to say “WOW!”

So if you’ve already gotten the rules, read them carefully and contact Elizabeth (942-6260) edaghal@sbeglobal.net with any questions.

If you haven’t gotten the rules yet, be sure to ask for them soon. Time is running out.

Projects will be due in the school office on Nov. 11th, and the Awards Ceremony, “The Evening of Reflections,” will be held on January 20th.
We’d like to thank everyone who supported our September Market Day sale. We had 38 regular Market Day orders with a profit of $233.62. Thank you to all who placed orders, and/or volunteered with our pick-up.

We will be doing a Market Day themed basket for our Fall Festival. There will be some Market Day favorites, as well as, a $25 Market Day gift certificate to be used at our December sale! What a great way to stock up on some food for the holidays!!! Look for the Market Day basket at the Fall Festival.

Our next Market Day pick-up is November 20th from 3:00 – 4:00 PM in the cafeteria. If you cannot pick-up by 4:00 on that day, please pre-pay and we will be happy to put your order in the freezer. Any unpaid orders not picked up by 4:00 on our sale date will be returned to Market Day. Orders will be due by Monday November 17th at noon.

November is Pie Sale month at Market Day. We have a great opportunity to earn extra dollars for every pie that is purchased through Market Day in November! If you like pie, please watch for the November Market Day flyers to come home, and help us earn money for our school by ordering all your favorites. All pie orders must be PRE-PAID, pies will be here in time for Thanksgiving.

If you have any questions/concerns about Market Day, please contact Kristina Dean at 697-1483 or kbdean@sbcglobal.net.

Get your Pumpkin Pie in time for Thanksgiving!

Andes Chocolate Mint Layer Pie Apple Cranberry Deep Dish Pie
Apple Deep Dish Pie French Silk Pie
Cherry Deep Dish Pie Fruit Medley Deep Dish Pie
Pecan Pie Taffy Apple Deep Dish Pie
Nash Cub Scout Pack 567

November Schedule:

- Tuesdays, November 4, 11, 18 @ 6:30 p.m. -- Den Meetings in the Nash Cafeteria
- Thursday, November 13 @ 6:30 p.m. -- Pack Parents Meeting -- Gander Mtn.
- Tuesday, November 25 @ 6:30 p.m. -- Pack Night -- Nash Cafeteria

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)

Why join Cub Scouts?

Parents of young boys face a lot of choices in after-school activities. Boys want to have fun, while parents want them to learn positive values and skills that will last a lifetime. If your boy is about to enter first through fifth grade, Cub Scouting may be exactly what you are both looking for. Here are some things to consider:

For every 100 boys who join Scouting, studies indicate:

- Rarely will one be brought before the juvenile court system.
- 4 will become Eagle Scouts.
- 12 will have their first contact with a church and 1 will enter the clergy.
- 18 will develop a hobby that will last through their adult life.
- 8 will enter a vocation that was learned through the Scouting program.
- 1 will use his Scouting skills to save his own life.
- 1 will use his Scouting skills to save the life of another person.

And a recent nation-wide survey of high schools revealed:

- 85% of student council presidents were Scouts.
- 89% of senior class presidents were Scouts.
- 80% of junior class presidents were Scouts.
- 75% of school publication editors were Scouts.
- 71% of football captains were Scouts.

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
Giving Thanks

Cornucopia Place Cards  By Kathy Ross -- from her book "Crafts to make in the Fall".

You need: Bugle Snacks, Fruit-shaped Candy (lik Runtz), Scissors, Construction Paper, White Glue, Marker

Instructions: Cut a 4" x 3-1/2" piece of construction paper for each person for whom you need to make a place card. Fold in half and write name on the top of each card. Glue a Bugle snack and 3 or 4 candy fruits on each card.

A Child's Thanksgiving Thanks
I'm thankful for the many things
That help us live as well as kings,
For all the food that makes us drool,
And another holiday from school.
By Karl Fuchs

If Turkeys Thought
If turkeys thought, they'd run away,
A week before Thanksgiving Day.
But turkeys can't anticipate,
And so there's turkey on my plate!
By Jack Prelutsky

Fall Festival

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Watch for another fun activity in the next newsletter!
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