FROM THE PRESIDENT

Connections.

It’s really what the PTA is all about. Connecting Teachers to Parents. Parents to Parents. Parents to Students. And all of them... to the Community.

This week, I had the pleasure of watching that in action, as I introduced a mom to two teachers, all of whom shared the same passion. It was a joy to watch. All three of these people are kind, thoughtful individuals, always looking for ways to help. But put them together, and the excitement was almost tangible as they started making plans and sharing ideas. It was obvious this partnership would bring incredible opportunities for our kids and school families.

The anticipation was contagious, and I walked out thinking, “This is what it’s all about.”

We have many, many ways to help and volunteer at Nash. And we are so thankful to the many of you who generously give hours, days, and even weeks helping, whether in the school building OR at home. Some of that work is glamorous. Some of it’s like scrubbing toilets—You’re not crazy about doing it, but it needs to be done. And you’re willing to do it for the kids. We can’t thank you enough for being willing.

But this year, I have set myself a goal. To connect you as individuals to something you are passionate about at Nash. A dad came up to me a week ago with an idea. A chess club. Any chance we could start one? After connecting him with our dean, Lacy Lindstrom, an email went out, and 26 students expressed interest! (By the way, he’s going to need some help.) He—and his son—are passionate about chess. Now our whole school will benefit from that.

So what’s your passion?

Are we already doing something like that at Nash, and it’s just a matter of joining that committee? If you haven’t already, fill out a volunteer form (available in the office), and when you mark that group, put a large exclamation point by it. Already filled out a form? Chair people should be calling or emailing you close to planning time for that event. But contact me and let me know you can’t wait to be involved there. (By the way, if your passion might be planning a special event for boys in our school, email right away. Especially if you’re a dad!)

Want to start something that isn’t being done yet? Email me, and let’s see if we can get you connected!

Yes, there will be times we need volunteers to help scrubbing floors. (NOT literally. We have wonderful custodians who do that!) But if you can spend some time sharing a passion with our students, parents, and teachers, scrubbing floors now and then isn’t so bad, huh?

Contact me. I can’t wait to see how we can plug you in at Nash!

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CLASSROOM HOURS
Beginning Bell: 8:20am
Dismissal Bell: 3:10pm
Wednesdays:
Early Release: 1:55pm
1/2 Day Release: 11:45am

PTA Meetings
- First Tuesday every month
  (unless otherwise noted)
- In the Nash library
- 6:30pm-8:00pm

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A Message From Your School Nurse...

WHEN SHOULD MY CHILD STAY HOME?

The following guidelines may help you in making that decision.

- A fever is a warning that all is not right in the body. No child with a temperature greater than 100°F should be at school. The child should NOT return to school until he/she is fever free for 24 hours.
- A child with a cold with a lot of congestion and hacking cough belongs at home, even if no fever exists.
- Keep a child who has been vomiting at home until the child can keep his/her food down.
- If a child has more than one loose or liquid bowel movement in a day, he/she should be kept at home.
- Pink eye causes redness of the white part of the eye and is highly contagious. The child should stay home until he/she has been on an antibiotic for 24 hours.
- A rash might be the first sign of illness. DO NOT send a child with a rash to school until the doctor says it is safe to do so.
- Please inform the school staff if your child's illness is contagious.

HOW MUCH SLEEP IS ENOUGH?

- Establish a regular bedtime and wakeup time. This schedule should be maintained even on the weekends, though students can be allowed to sleep late one or two hours on weekend mornings.
- While individual sleep needs vary, sleep experts recommend elementary school students get 10-11 hours of sleep per night. Middle school students need 9-11 hours of sleep per night and high school students need at least 8 hours of sleep at night.
- Remember to add 10-20 minutes to bedtime for just falling asleep.

(From the National Sleep Foundation and Gaylord Hospital, Wallingford, CT)

Reflections...

Beauty...NOT just for girls!

Our theme for Reflections this year is “Beauty Is…” Projects are due Nov. 12th
But with a theme like that, it’s easy to imagine boys thinking, “That’s too girlie!”

The dictionary definition for beauty is “the quality present in a thing or person that gives intense pleasure or deep satisfaction to the mind.”

Granted, a bit technical for most elementary students, but the point is, if it makes you happy, gives you enjoyment—you probably consider that beautiful. Whether it’s something you see, hear, taste, touch, smell, or think.

Encourage your son or daughter to brainstorm. What do they love? That would be something that to them is beautiful. Then it’s just a matter of figuring out how they could share that idea with those around them. With 6 different categories, the sky’s the limit!

It’s not too late to ask for rules! So send in your form, call, or email. (We are trying to get them up on-line, so you can check the Nash website under parent involvement.) You will need the official entry form.

But the due date is coming fast, so ask quickly. Remember, every participant receives prizes, every child gets recognized. And to see those kids with excitement in their eyes over what they have created? That’s a Beautiful thing.
School Phone Number Change:
Since I had not had a reason to call into the school this year, like many of you I was unaware that the phone and fax numbers had changed. Therefore, the old (incorrect) numbers were listed on the previous two newsletters. I sincerely apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused. The correction has been made on the front of the newsletter. Syndi Vazquez.

Please note the new numbers for your records:
Tel: 359-3500  Fax: 359-3550

Baked Goods Policy Change:
Please be advised that for health and allergy precautions, Kenosha Unified is requesting that no home-prepared foods be distributed in school. Therefore, please send in only store-purchased baked goods for bake sales or other events (Fall Festival). Suggestions: Little Debbie's or Hostess individually wrapped items, small bags of chips or pretzels, granola bars, etc.

Let's keep everyone healthy!
Thank you for your cooperation!

Grandparents Week - November 16-20, 2009
All family, friends and relatives are invited to join their student during his/her lunch hour any, or every, day of the week. While the PTA will be providing our ADULT guests with coffee and cookies, please bring in your own lunch as the school cannot provide visitors with a meal. Your student can purchase or bring their lunch as usual or you can bring their lunch with you. Don't forget...if you bring in McDonald's we will be collecting receipts which we turn in for supplies/equipment for the school (each Wisc receipt counts - the dollar amount does not matter).

If you are interested in donating a store-bought baked good for the event or have any questions, please contact Gillian Santoro at dsantoro1@wi.rr.com

Open Gym Is Back!
Open Gym will be held at Nash on Thursday nights from 4:45-5:45pm for kids and parents (2 grade levels per session). A parent must stay with their student. Open Gym is for students in these grade levels only, please do not bring older/younger siblings. The gym will then be open for parent-only use from 6:00-9:00pm.

Scheduled dates for November and December are:
Nov. 5 - Kindergarten and 1st Grade
Nov. 12 - 2nd & 3rd Grades
Nov. 19 - 4th & 5th Grades
Dec. 3 - 2nd & 3rd Grades
Dec. 17 - 4th & 5th Grades

We are in need of some volunteers (to be approved by our Nash Administration) to be in charge during Parent Open Gym.
**Cold-Weather Clothing**
Finally, please keep in mind that the temperature is getting colder by the day, so we appreciate our students arriving to school wearing appropriate cold-weather apparel including coats, winter hats and gloves.

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**Artist of the Month**
Congratulations to second-grader Olivia Schreve. She is Nash Elementary School's "Artist of the Month." Olivia's rendition of Elmer the Elephant will represent Nash on cable channel 20 throughout the month of November. She can be seen during the district's showcase of excellent artists! Awesome job, Olivia!

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**The Birthday Book Club Is Back At Nash**
In November, Birthday Book forms will be going home to students who's birthdays were in September, October and November. Those of you new to Nash may be wondering, "what is Birthday Book Club?" It's a wonderful program that allows you to make a donation to the Nash Library in your child's name. Books may also be donated in memory of a loved one. Here's how it works: donate a hard cover book to the Nash Library using one of the Birthday Book Club forms and once the book is covered and numbered for the library your child will be the first to check out the donated book. The book will have a permanent label in the front of the book stating who the book was donated for and the occasion. It's simple and a wonderful way to add more books to our Nash Library.

If you need a form, you can find them in the Nash library or you can contact Joan at mad.kat@sbgglobal.net or 262-994-9137.

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**Scholastic Book Orders**
If your child is not receiving Scholastic Book order forms and you are interested in ordering books, please contact your child's teacher and let him/her know.

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**Smile & Say, "Thanks"**
Thank you to Lynda Bogdala, our Picture Day coordinator, and to all those who helped with class pictures and re-take day.

Samantha Shultis    Jen Schuman
Melissa Reese       Heather Podgorski
Michelle DeBaere    Joann Lunde

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**Volunteers Needed**
Are you creative?
Do you work well with others?
The Fifth Grade Celebration Committee needs YOU!

We need many volunteers to make the event a success. If you would like to be on the committee or want more information please contact Joan at 262-994-9137 or mad.kat@sbgglobal.net.

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**DON'T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR FALL FUNDRAISER ORDERS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, FROM 5:00-7:00PM IN THE NASH GYMNASIUM.**
HELP! We're only in our 10th week of school and the LOST & FOUND BOX is overflowing!

About two weeks ago, the Lost & Found box was inventoried. Anything with a student's name on it was brought to that student's class to be returned. Here is a list of items still in the box (more items may have come in since this list was compiled). Please have your child claim any items that belong to them. The box is located by the drinking fountains in the cafeteria.

**LUNCH BAGS**
- flowered
- Columbia, blue/grey
- Arctic Zone, light blue
- Arctic Zone, dark blue (2)
- Hello Kitty
- Arctic Zone, red/grey
- NY, blue

**SUNGLASSES**
- brown tortoiseshell frame
- large white frames
- black frame with silver on sides

**SWEATERS**
- girls, size small, zippered with fuzzy cheetah pattern
- girls, size medium, Old Navy, grey, zippered - no hood
- girls, size large, Old Navy, blue stars
- girls, size medium, Arizona, pink ribbed with hood
- Aeropostale, size large, navy, zippered

**JACKETS**
- Columbia, black fleece, size 8
- girls denim blazer, size XL
- Oshkosh, grey, hooded, size 10
- Oshkosh, hooded, red-white-blue with 1895 on it, size small
- Disney red & black, adult size XL
- grey, hooded, N.K.V written in marker on label, size small
- girls, Cherokee, brown corduroy, size 7-8
- Champion, navy blue, hooded, size small
- Gap, black w/camouflage pattern in hood, size 6-7
- Orange County Choppers, grey, hooded pullover
- Hawk, grey, hooded, boys XL
- Gymboree, blue, nylon, zippered, size 5 yrs (L)
- John Deere, grey, hooded, size 2T
- Nike, red & black, hooded, size 6

**ICE PACKS**
2 blue Coleman
1 yellow Lifoam
1 Blue Ice
1 Lunch Pak 50

**GLOVES**
1 black/silver Bratz
2 red w/blue fingers
1 hot pink w/green stripe
1 light pink w/dark pink heart
1 hot pink & black
1 black "Thinsulate"
1 black w/red flames
2 blue w/blue 'gripper' dots
1 black w/Scooby Doo

**COATS**
- Younique, velour, black with hood
- Circo, brown with hood, size 4T

**MISC. ITEMS**
- Rubbermaid water bottle
- pink monkey umbrella
- blue rubber boots, Zebra (brand), size 1
- blue bandanna with owls on it
- Totes blue umbrella
- bright blue hat
- hot pink hat
- Miley Cyrus Tour 2009 lanyard
- 'pick-n-pull' knit hat
- black headband with white polka dots
- bike lock
- pink/purple fuzzy headband with cat ears
- beaded coil bracelet
- brown wrapped stretchy headband or choker
- pink fuzzy scarf
- brown headband
- Littlest Pet Shop bobblehead Dalmatian

**ITEMS FOUND IN K-1 WING** (now in the lost & found box)
- winter boots, size 3, black with blue
- gym shoes with velcro, Spiderman, size 1
- 1 glove with sports balls on back
- snowpants, black, Cherokee, size 6/7
- snowpants, blue, WeatherTamer, size M
MARKET DAY

We'd like to thank everyone who supported our October Market Day sale. We had 29 Market Day orders with a profit of $167.28. Thank you to all who placed orders, and/or volunteered with our pick-up.

Our next Market Day pick-up is November 19th 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 located in the teachers' lounge. Any unpaid orders not picked up by 4:00 on our sale date will be returned to Market Day. Order forms will be due by Monday November 16th at noon (online orders due by 11:00 PM).

Anyone who places a minimum order of $40 in two or more months from September – November and places an additional order of $40 in December receives a FREE lunch tote at the December sale pick-up. November is pie sale month at Market Day!!! Our wonderful Market Day Representative is offering two incentives this month: Anyone who places a pie sale order will receive a treat coupon for McDonalds and the family that sells the most pies will win a FREE bowling voucher for 4 people at Sheridan Lanes. The voucher includes one game of bowling (for 4 people), a large one-topping pizza, and a pitcher of soda. In addition, any customer who purchases 3 or more of the desserts offered this month will receive a FREE 12 oz. bag of Cups for Hope Daily Blend Coffee with their order. In addition, any customer who purchases a Market Day Gourmet Seasoning this month will receive a FREE Recipe Booklet with their order.

If you have not already done so, please check out www.marketday.com, and be sure to click on web clearance for some great "web only" deals. Market Day also offers online weekly deals, so check back often for even more savings. Remember, you do not have to pay online – you can place your order online and still pay at pick-up.

If you have any questions/concerns about Market Day,

please contact Kristina Dean at 697-1483 or kbdean@sbcglobal.net.

"Out To Eat Nights" and "Gift Card Sales"

We will begin 'Out To Eat Nights' very soon so watch for flyers to be sent home. 'Out To Eat Nights' are where a local restaurant agrees to donate a percentage of sales, on a specified date and time, back to the Nash PTA when you submit our flyer with your order.

We will be running a 'Gift Card' sale soon as well. A select local restaurant agrees to donate 10% of gift card sales back to the Nash PTA. Then we get to "double-dip." When these gift cards are used on our future 'Out To Eat Night' at that restaurant, we get a percentage of those sales back, too!

GIFT CARDS MAKE A GREAT HOLIDAY GIFT
Our Scholastic Book Fair will also run during Grandparents Week, November 16-20, 2009. Please stop in to browse the wonderful selection of books. Your support helps fill our classrooms and library bookshelves.

Books make great holiday gifts!

STOP... DON'T THROW AWAY THAT MILK CAP!
Remember, we are collecting Kemps (Nickels For Schools) and Swiss Valley (Cash For Caps) milk caps. The caps must have either of these logos on them - do not send in blank caps. Logos can also be found on Kemps cottage cheese and sour cream tubs, as well as on Swiss Valley orange juice.

Please wash all caps before sending them in. Send them in with your child or drop in the box outside the office.

Featured Teachers...

Mr. Marciniak
Grade 2 Anchor
I was born & raised in Kenosha and earned my degree from UW-Parkside. Besides teaching, I worked at Shopko in the housewares dept. If I weren't teaching, I'd probably have a career in linguistics (or maybe stand-up comedy). Three material possessions I wouldn't want to be without: coffee, peanut M&M's, and iTunes. My favorite book for children is Two Under Par by Kevin Henkes. For adults, I recommend either Hawaii or Alaska, both by James Michener. Special treat: On a hot summer day, my wife, Natalie, says, "I'll take you to Culver's for a Concrete Mixer."

Mrs. Nelson
Kindergarten
I grew up in Kenosha and earned my degree from UW-Madison. I later earned my Masters from National Louis University. I have worked as a "bus girl" at Fireside Restaurant, an assistant to an Interior Designer, and a Fabric Store Manager. If I weren't teaching (& when I would like to be a Nanny for "sweet little babies.") I wouldn't want to be without my car, my Tempurpedic bed, and my condo in Florida. I love Robert Munch books and like to buy "Love You Forever" for new parents. Special treat: double hot fudge sundaes from McDonald's. Yum!

Mrs. Zeoemer
K-1 Facilitator
I grew up here in Kenosha. I went to UW-LaCrosse, earned my Masters from National Louis University, and my Reading Recovery Certification from University of IL. Besides teaching, I worked in payroll for a fabric store. If I weren't teaching, I'd like to do something in either nutrition or physical activity in the health care field. Three material possessions I wouldn't want to be without: books, family photo albums, and my computer. Tomie dePaola is my favorite author! My special treat would have to be cherry Twizzlers! Or Dairy Queen crunch coats!

Mr. Klimish
Special Ed. Teacher
I grew up in Northfield, Minnesota. I earned my degree from the University of Minnesota, then attended Graduate school at National University in San Diego, and am currently taking more graduate classes at Carthage College. Besides teaching I have bagged groceries, painted & fixed up houses, worked as a door-to-door salesman, and was a character actor for Disney Land in Tokyo, Japan! If I weren't teaching, I would like to help create Sesame Street skills or work for the President of the United States at the State Department. I wouldn't want to be without my new snowblower (I can't wait to use it), my cell phone, and my jet ski. I recommend everyone read "Around the World in 100 Years" by Jean Fritz, or any book about Ben Franklin or Thomas Jefferson.* Special treat: That's easy - Twizzlers. They make me happy!

* From Mr. Klimish: The first 5 students to read any book by Jean Fritz, and tell me about it, will get a special treat from me. Ask your teacher, or Mrs. Klappa, where to find books by Jean Fritz in the school library. If you don't love her books, tell me, and I will put you on the back and give you a sad look. The first 5 students to read any book about Thomas Jefferson or Ben Franklin, and tell me about it, will also get a special treat from me. And if you think there is somebody in history more interesting than Ben Franklin or Thomas Jefferson, please tell me and I will see if you are right. If you are close to being right, I will put you on the back as well.
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