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NCES PTA NEWSLETTER – December, 2017 EDITION

Points from the PTA

Knights Families,

Hard to believe we are already at the end of 2017, this fall has really flown by! As the holidays and end of the year approach we would like to reflect on the last few months and all the amazing things that have been going on at NCES and with the PTA!



Our Fall Festival was a HUGE success and with the number of attendees this year we can only imagine how even more amazing it will be next year! It was such a great collaboration with the YMCA at Norton Commons, the PTA and the entire school! Everyone adapted seamlessly as we had to move everything in doors due to the weather!

As we get ready for the 2nd Annual Candy Cane Chase we would like to thank the Co-VPs of Fundraising Ali Ignatow and Katherine Seymour for their tremendous hard work and efforts in planning such a fun event for the kids! We cannot wait until this Friday to see how much fun everyone has...and how much we have raised!! Also a shout out to Kelsey Starks and Stacey Taylor for planning such a great Kick-Off Assembly this year to get everyone excited for the event!

We would like to thank everyone who has joined the NCES PTA this year so far and if you have not please be on the lookout in January as we kick off the Spring Membership Drive! We would love to have 100% participation in our PTA Membership, which is actually one PTA Member per Child! More information will come but if you have any questions please feel free to reach out to us anytime!!

It is our privilege to serve such a great community of families and staff as your PTA presidents. We are grateful for your support, and we look forward to seeing you and hearing your voice at our next PTA meeting in January (more information to come).

Wishing each of you a happy, healthy and safe holiday season and a wonderful New Year!

Sarah Barker and Sarah Pritts
PTA Co-Presidents

Donation Thank You!

From Mrs. Lindy and Mrs. Vitato:

We appreciate the outpouring of support for items that are needed at NCES. This includes those who volunteered to bring items for holiday meals and assistance for families in need, box tops, plastic caps and other items. We were able to provide several families with holiday assistance, and we are currently tipping the scales at 511 pounds of plastic caps!!! WOW!!! We greatly appreciate the willingness of our families to pitch in and help us in our initiatives. Our school is successful because of the support and family atmosphere present at NCES.

Take care!



Over 500 pounds of plastic lids



Thanks to everyone for supporting our school community!



Holiday food baskets

School Shout Outs

Great things are happening in the Kingdom! Check out this month's shout outs: Both of our NCES basketball teams began their season with wins! We were able to secure the game ball for the day to showcase in the trophy cabinet at the front of the school.

Our STLP (Student Technology Leadership Program) team is headed to the state level of competition! Thanks to Mrs. Bloch and the club's work coordinating a family STEAM night (which will be held in February), the team will present in Lexington in March!

Several classes have earned enough shields to have lunch with Mrs. Vitato during the month of December- it's wonderful to see our students exhibiting positive character throughout the school!

Our school was highlighted on WDRB for our work with deeper learning and non-traditional homework. Positive feedback was received from other schools in our district and around the state!

Thanks to our friends at Norton Commons for sponsoring the U of L Planetarium again this year for our students! There was so much awe and wonder throughout the day. We appreciate the community's support of our school!



Staff Storybook Characters



STLP Headed to State!



U of L Planetarium fun!

Policy Reminders

From Mrs. Vitato:

Please remember that sodas are not allowed in our cafeteria. This is in line with our focus on student health and wellness. If you bring your child lunch, please do not bring soda.

I am encouraging staff members (particularly our wonderful teachers) to not check emails and online platforms during the evening family hours, so that they are able to maintain balance in their lives. I feel it is important for staff to be able to nurture relationships with their families and take care of themselves, while not having to worry about the *ding* from a Dojo message or an email! With this being said, I wanted to remind you that our school policy on returning communication (emails, phone calls, etc) is 24 hours (not including non-school days). If you do not receive a response within this timeframe, please resend your message (technology can be fickle at times). If you still do not receive a response, please feel free to reach out to me so that I can ensure you get the information you need. If you need immediate assistance, and your child's teacher is not available, you can also Remind message/ email/ call me at any time, and I will get back with you as soon as possible. Thank you for supporting our school!

Upcoming Events

- 12/11-12/15- PTA Winter Wonderland Shop (times TBA)
- 12/14- PTA Board meeting- 10:00 in the Conference Room
- 12/19- Winter parties- more info forthcoming from your child's teacher
- 12/20-1/2- Winter Break- No School
- 1/5/18- SBDM Meeting in the Conference Room
- 1/8/18-1/12/18- Drill Week (in school)
- 1/5/18- Spelling Bee (classroom winners)
- 1/11- PTA Board Meeting- 10:00 in the Conference Room
- 1/14- NCES Basketball (McGinty) v. Shelby A @ Brown School- 12:00
- 1/16- PTA Skating Party @ Champs- 6:00-8:00
- 1/19- NCES Basketball (McGinty) v. Shelby B @ Brown School- 10:00
- 1/19- NCES Basketball (Mahanes) v. St. Matthews @ Brown School- 11:00

NCES PTA Engagement- Volunteers Needed!

Whether you are free as a bird or busy as a bee, there are opportunities for you to get involved with the PTA. We've outlined the committee needs below, but know that you can always check the sign-up genius for weekly needs that have a wide range of time commitments and flexibility.

Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation – Will work with the Co-Presidents to help plan, organize and execute all staff and teacher appreciation events.

Member Outreach – Will work with the VP Membership to help coordinate membership drives, membership coordination and membership communication. Will also help to maintain an official roster of the PTA.

Family and Community Outreach – Will work with the VP Programs to help plan and execute fun family and community events to help promote a sense of community and to help create an inviting climate. These are programs or events like, but not limited to the following:

- Skate Party
- Fall Festival
- Cultural Nights
- Talent Show

No-Fuss Fundraising – Will work with the VP Fundraising to help plan and execute fundraising events that do not require direct monetary donations. These are programs or events like, but not limited to the following:

- Restaurant/Dine-Out Nights
- Box Tops
- Shoe Drive
- Kroger/Amazon/Target

Fundraising Event - Will work with the VP Fundraising to help plan and execute fundraising events that are a direct monetary fundraising event. These are programs or events like, but not limited to the following:

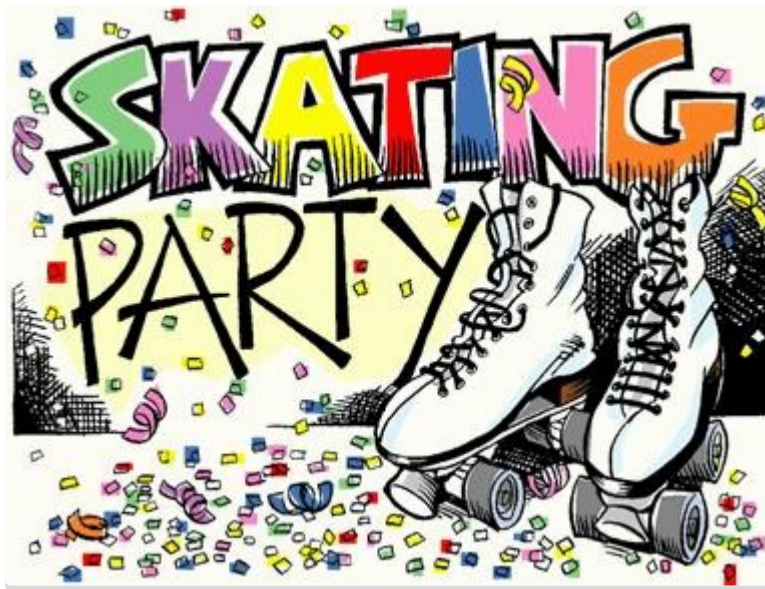
- Art Fair
- Catalog Sales
- Brick Sales
- Silent Auction

Candy Cane Chase - Will work with the VP Fundraising to help plan and execute the Candy Cane Chase. This will include finding sponsors (in needed), in-kind donations, organizing volunteers, promotion, set up and clean up.

If you are interested in a leadership position or in being a member of any of the above committees, please let us know via email by November 10, 2017. Any questions or interest can be directed to NortoncommonsES.PTA@gmail.com.

In addition, we are in need of event volunteers! Please see the link below and sign up for any time that you are able to assist. If you expressed interest in any of the activities at the beginning of the year, a PTA board member will also be in contact to ensure you are able to help. Some new activities have been added to our sign up genius. Please make a habit of checking this website on Wednesdays, when you receive the Wednesday envelope, as we will be including opportunities for the Parents Assisting Teachers (PAT) team on this website.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084aaea92eabfc1-volunteers>



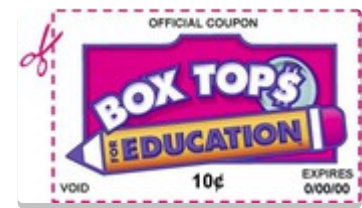
Skating Parties- Save the Dates

We would love to see all NCES families out on the floor during our skating parties! Our parties will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on the following dates: January 16th, February 19th and April 25th.

Fundraising Updates and Opportunities

- Kroger Community Awards:

From January to March 2017, NCES received a check for **\$805** from Kroger Community Rewards!! A big thank you to all parents and NCES supporters who designated our school to receive Kroger rewards money when buying groceries at Kroger. It is not too late to sign up for a FREE Kroger's Reward Card! Please click on the link below to select our school as the organization in your Kroger Community Rewards account:



<https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>

- Box Tops for Education:

Please collect box tops from products listed at this link:

<https://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/participating-products> . Each box top equals 10 cents that comes straight back to our school! During the last contest, over \$400 was raised through BoxTops. Congratulations to Mrs. McCollum and Mrs. Mattera's classes who tied for the most BoxTops. They will receive an ice cream party.

- Amazon Smile

Please use Amazon Smile and designate the PTA Kentucky Congress in Prospect, KY as your beneficiary. These funds will go directly to support the NCES PTA.

Are you receiving NCES text messages and emails?

In an effort to save money on paper cost, important communication with parents including this newsletter will be shared electronically through NCES Remind text messaging and on the school website: <https://schools.jefferson.kyschools.us/elementary/nortoncommons> . Parents can join NCES Remind by sending the text message "@ncesp" to 81010. Parents also need to provide NCES with a current email address and phone number. Thank you!

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