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NCES PTA NEWSLETTER - February, 2018 EDITION

Points from the PTA

Knights Families,

Happy February! Hard to believe we just celebrated the 100th day of school and are on the downward slide to summer! January was a busy month with an incredibly successful membership drive lead by the VP of Membership, Krista Riley. With the support of the school and the NCES Community we were able to add over 160 more members to the PTA! This is AMAZING and thank you to everyone for their support.



During the month of February we will be focusing on the Phase Two Playground Campaign! More information can be found below and will be sent home via the Wednesday Envelopes. We hope that those who were unable to purchase a brick last year or are new to NCES will be able to participate! Bricks will be installed in April including those purchased last year. More information will come as the date gets closer. Also this month the PTA will host its second Family Fun Night - Trivia Knight/Chili Cook-Off. It will be held on Thursday, February 15 at the school. We hope that everyone will be able to participate for some fun and friendly competition.

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 May 17 from 4 - 5pm in the Library (childcare will be provided). We will have our annual elections for the PTA Board for 2018-2019 at this meeting so please attend.

Sarah Barker and Sarah Pritts
PTA Co-Presidents



Upcoming Events

1/29-2/16 - Dare to Care Food Drive (see additional information below)

2/1-2/28 - Phase 2 Playground Brick Campaign (see additional information below)

2/15 - [Trivia Knight/Chili Cook-Off](#) (see additional information below)

2/19 - [PTA Skating Party](#) / Champs Rollerdomo / 6pm-8pm

2/26 - Make up Snow Day (School in Session)

2/26 - [NCES Night at Blaze Pizza](#) / 5:30-8:30

3/1 - NCES Career Day

3/2 - SBDM Committee Meeting

3/22 - Culture Night / Save the Date

Featured Events/Volunteer Opportunities

NCES Book Fair

We are so excited to help again with the NCES Book Fair this year to support our amazing NCES Library. There will be lots of opportunities to help with set up, assisting with shopping and clean up.

The fair will be held February 22-March 2 with a Preview Day 2/23. Shopping will be available during Parent/Teacher Conferences as well.

Sign up to help [here](#).



PTA Family Fun Night - Trivia Night/Chili Cook-Off

Join the Norton Commons Elementary School PTA for a Family Fun Night. This event will be held Thursday, February 15 from 6:00pm-8:00pm in the School Gymnasium. There will be a Chili Cook-Off and Team Trivia! Bring the whole family and test your trivia skills as well as some amazing chili.

If you would like to participate please send the following information to keren@wesellouisville.com.

Trivia Night Team

Team Name (Maximum 10)

Team Members

E-mail/Phone

Chili Cook-Off Registration is CLOSED. Thank you for all those who signed up!

Remember that the cost is FREE for PTA Members and only \$5 for non members, which is the cost of your 2017-2018 membership dues. This is a great way to support the PTA.

**If you do not have a team of 10 but want to participate we will pair up participants to make full teams.*

Dare to Care Food Drive

[Norton Commons Elementary School](#) is collecting items for the Dare to Care Food Drive now through February 16. Help us reach our goal of 2,500# this year!

The ten most needed items are:

Peanut butter
Canned soup
Canned fruit
Beans
Rice
Tuna
Cereal
Fruit juices
Pasta
Canned veggies



Family Skating Parties

We would love to see all NCES families out on the floor during our family skate parties!

Parties are held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Champs Rollerdomo on the following dates:

February 19th

April 25th

Hope to see you all there.

NCES PTA Engagement - Volunteer Opportunities

There are lots opportunities to get involved by volunteering at the school on a reoccurring basis or for specific events. Below are a few opportunities:

Trivia Night/Chili Cook-Off - 2/15 from 7:30pm-8:30pm. Help clean up following the NCES PTA Family Fun Night.

Book Fair - 2/22-3/2. Multiple times during and after school hours.

Cafeteria Help - Wednesdays from 11:45am-1:15pm.

Parents Assisting Teachers - Every other Tuesday from 1:00pm-3:00pm.

Please see the link below and sign up for any time that you are able to assist.

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

To all of those who have been a part of our recent events, and for those who have committed to help moving forward THANK YOU! It takes a village and we so appreciate all your efforts.

Membership

NCES PTA Membership

A big shout out to all who have gotten memberships, sponsored membership, or helped coordinate our recent membership drive. With everyone's effort we added over 160 new

members since the beginning of the drive and our goal of 100% membership isn't far off! The support has helped create a stronger sense of community with our Norton Commons Elementary families and we are so thankful for all of you. Thank you again to VP of Membership Krista Riley for a successful campaign!



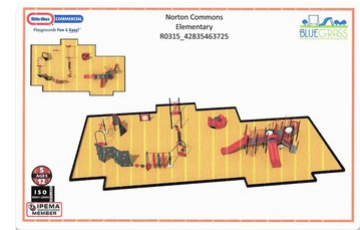
If you are still interested in becoming a member or sponsoring a membership please complete the form (available in the office) and return with your payment. Memberships are \$5 per person.

Thank you again to everyone for their support of our school and PTA!!

Fundraising

NCES Phase Two Playground Campaign

The outdoor play space at NCES is an integral part of our school, providing a rich outdoor play and learning environment. As a PTA and School Community we are working at expanding the current playground to provide even more play and learning opportunities for our students.



As part of this effort, Knights Families, Teachers, Staff and Community Supporters now have a opportunity to leave their mark at the school held so close to our hearts with the NCES Brick Campaign. This campaign will help fund Phase Two of the playground expansion. All purchases and/or donations are tax deductible. These bricks will be used to create a special space so that, in years to come, you will be able to bring your children and grandchildren to the school to see their names as a permanent legacy at NCES!

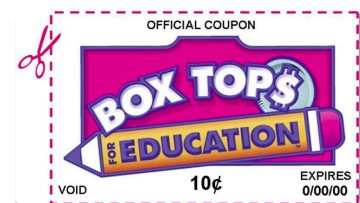
Brick Campaign Order Forms will be sent home via Wednesday Envelopes on February 7th.

If you work for an organization, company or would personally like to support the playground by making a donation please reach out to PTA Co-Presidents [Sarah Barker](#) or [Sarah Pritts](#).

Ongoing Fundraising Opportunities

Box Tops for Education:

Thank you to all those who have saved and brought in Box Tops this year so far!



The Box Top Goal for NCES for the 2017-2018 School year is 20,000.

We are currently at 7,960- but don't worry there is still time to get this number up! Our "Love your School" box top campaign is currently underway for the month of February. Be sure to ask your families and friends to save these small little cardboard/paper squares...every one is 10 Cents for our school.

The class with the most box tops will win a Popcorn Party. The teacher of the class with the most box tops and the teacher with the most students participation will each win a \$15 gift card of their choice.

Please collect box tops from products listed at this link:

<https://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/participating-products>

Kroger Community Awards:

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>

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.

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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.



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