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== NCES PTA NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER, 2017 EDITION ==

POINTS FROM THE PTA

Happy Fall y'all!

As we close the chapter on our second annual Fall Festival and Barn Dance, we wanted to take a moment to thank everyone involved! Keren Benabou, the Programs Committee, the Norton Commons YMCA staff, teachers and volunteers. It takes a village, and we are so thankful for all the time and creativity that went into making the event a safe and fun event for our NCES Knights community.

During the last few weeks, you likely have seen increased communication and outreach from our PTA Board. Expect more of that this year! Through the Facebook page, this monthly letter, email communication and access to the Board of Directors, we can more effectively work together to further create the Knight community that we all love so much!

We want to support classroom enhancement, encourage school involvement and improve parent engagement. We believe in order to do that, communication is key.

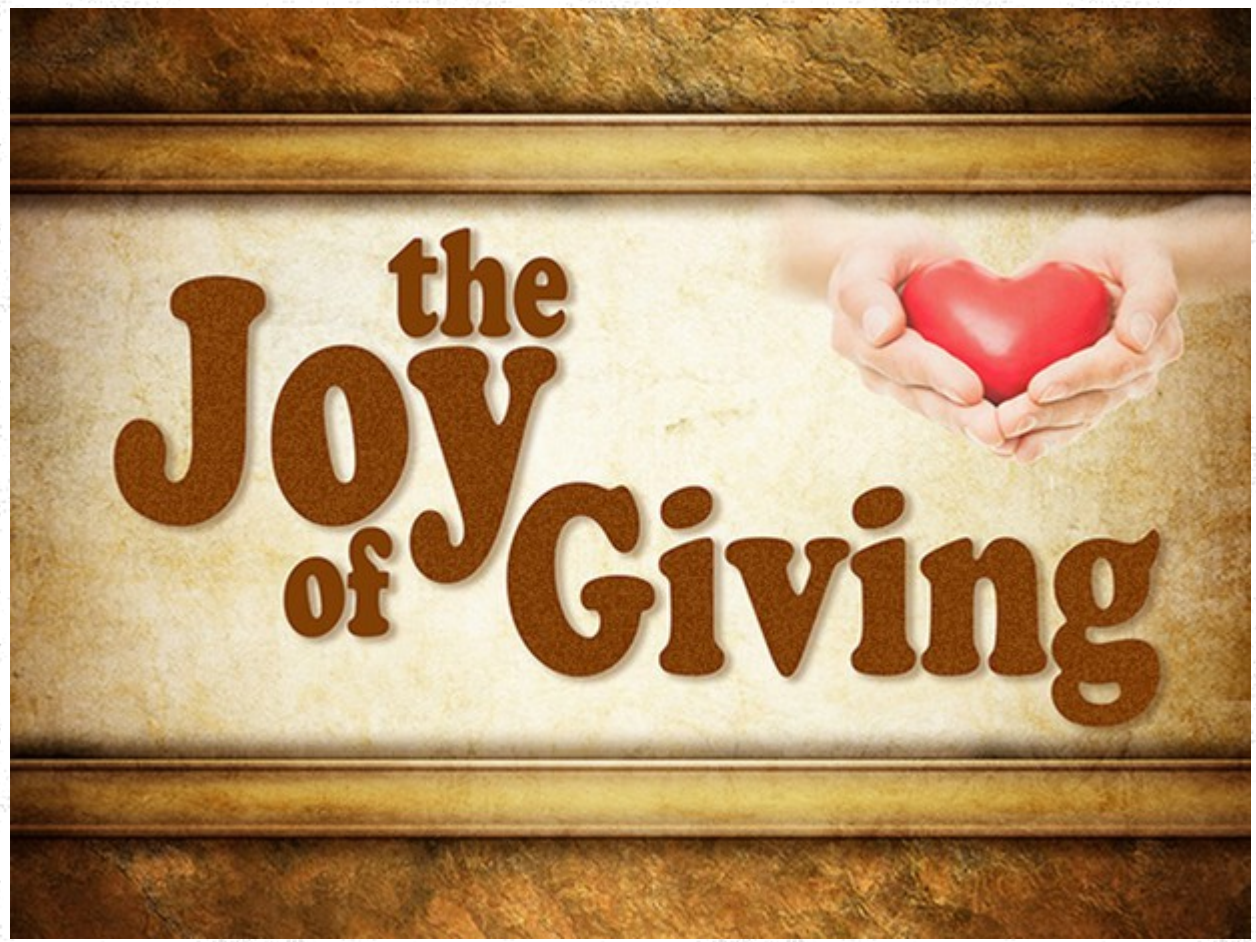


DONATION THANK YOU!

From Mrs. Lindy and Mrs. Vitato:

We appreciate the outpouring of support for items that are needed at NCES. This includes those who sent in candy for the Fall Festival, volunteering to bring items for holiday meals for families in need, box tops, plastic caps and other items. 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!



WINTER HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Dear NCES Families,

We have some needs within our school for winter holiday assistance items. We had such success in breaking down the Thanksgiving assistance by item that we have done the same for the winter holidays. We would appreciate you visiting the following link (if you are able to contribute) and sign up for items you are willing to sponsor. We wanted to get you this link early in case you plan on shopping over the Thanksgiving break. Thank you for your constant commitment to our school.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C084AAEA92EABFC1-winter

Take care,
Allyson Vitato and Sarawit Lindy

POLICY REMINDERS

From Mrs. Vitato:

Please remember that we do not host birthday parties during the school day. Parents should drop off treats to the front office, and they will be delivered to the classroom. Family members are not permitted to attend the distribution of the treats. Balloons, flowers, etc. are not to be brought to school.

Additionally, car rider pick up is at 3:45. Parents should ensure that students are picked up via the car rider line by 4:00.

Thank you!

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>

UPCOMING EVENTS

On-going until 12/15- Elementary School Enrollment

11/13- PTA Skating Party @ Champs- 6:00-8:00, \$5 per skater admission plus skate rental

11/16- Family Academic night- 6:00-7:30

11/18- NCES Basketball Team (Mahanes) v. Shelby B @ Brown School 12:00

11/22-11/24- Thanksgiving break- No School

12/4-12/8- Holly Jolly Lunchtime (parents invited to have lunch with their students during their schedule lunch time)

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



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: November 13th, 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>

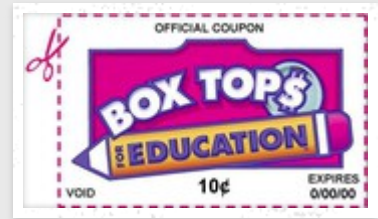
- Box Tops for Education:

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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