



Nippersink Middle School Newsletter

March – 2010

Next PTO Meeting is:
Monday, March 16th
7 PM in the NMS Library

**Please join us!!
We NEED your ideas!
2009-10 PTO Board**

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for all the latest
information regarding
school functions, PTO,
Booster news and events,
Market Day dates, etc.

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SPORTS

The seventh and eighth grade girl's basketball season is coming to a finish. The seventh grade girl's basketball tournament is held at Lundahl Middle School. The eighth grade girl's basketball tournament will be held at Johnsburg Middle School. Both teams had a great season. Our girl's intramural basketball program is also underway and we have approximately 12 students participating.

ISAT UPDATE:

Staff and students have been preparing to take the ISATS by utilizing the technology based program called Study Island. Study Island is web-based which necessitates teachers taking students into the computer lab. Students practice on individual areas of weakness related directly to the Illinois State Standards. The program is interactive and fun for students. Any areas of the curriculum that is covered later in the school year can be easily addressed through Study Island. Each student has a log-in and password and can work from home. Teachers can assign homework or extra credit through Study Island as well. Study Island will be utilized throughout the entire school year to prepare for ISATS. Information gained from Scranton testing will also help determine which areas students need to work within Study Island.

PTO VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!!

Our annual NMS Variety Show will be held Friday, April 23rd at 7:00 p.m. We need a crew of dedicated, creative people to help plan this event.

If you are one of those people, please join us at our next PTO meeting. We will be discussing all things "Variety Show" on Monday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the NMS library.

If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Emken at 675-9388.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1 – ISAT testing	March 18 – End of 3 rd Quarter
March 2 – ISAT testing	March 19 – 10:50 Dismissal – SIP day
March 3 – ISAT testing	March 20 – Market Day orders Pick up at RGS
March 4 – ISAT testing	March 26 – 7 th grade Incentive morning
March 4-12 – NMS Book Fair - Library	March 29-April 2 – Spring Break
March 10 – State Spelling Bee - MCC	April 6 – Return to School
March 15 – PTO meeting 7:00 p.m. Library	
March 17 – 6 th grade Medieval times	

8TH GRADE DATES TO REMEMBER

Students who participated in the Butter Braid fundraiser may use these funds for any of the 8th grade events. For those students who have not turned in their cap/gown/tassel money please do so soon. You may purchase them as a set for \$23.50 or individually.

April 9 – Balance due for Springfield	May 25 – 8 th Grade Awards - morning
April 16 – Great America Money due	May 25 – 8 th grade cap & gown distribution
May 6 & 7 – Springfield Trip	May 26 – Graduation Practice @ RBCHS 8-11
May 24 – Great America Trip 9:00-4:00	May 27 – Graduation

COUNTY SPELLING BEE WINNER

James Gomoll from Nippersink Middle School was the County Spelling Bee winner. He will participate in the State Spelling Bee at McHenry County College on March 10.

THE WINNER IS

Recently, approximately sixteen NMS students participated in the Caudill Award voting for the best 2010 nominee. This was a 3-way Shark Girl, Someone Named Eva and Emma Jean Lazarus Fell Out of a Tree were the books selected by NMS students as the best Caudill nominees this year. The Caudill Award winning title will be announced at The Children's Literature Conference in DeKalb, Illinois. Anxious to start reading next year's Caudills? Stop by NMS library to check. Pick up a 2011 Caudill list from Mrs. Richer, Mrs. Larson, or Mrs. Tomei.

MARKET DAY –

You can order online at: www.marketday.com

You can also access their website through a direct link on the NMS home page located in the lower left hand column, under helpful links. Make sure you use our account #2828 when ordering online and picking up at Richmond Grade School or #3031 when ordering online and picking up at Spring Grove Elementary School. Order due dates, pick-up dates and times will be posted on the NMS website.

@ RGS: Orders due by noon on March 17th. Pick up is March 20, 10-11 a.m.

@ SGES: Orders due by noon on March 3rd. Pick-up is March 6, 10:45-11:45 a.m.

Please support RGS Market Day or SGES Market Day as a portion of this goes to NMS PTO!

MEIJER STORES

Please keep using your Meijer card. If you haven't sent in your enrollment yet, please do so. We receive a 1% profit on all purchases over \$100.00. Send in those applications!

PTO NEWS

As current president of the NMS PTO, I would like to ask all of you to read this article and consider how you can play a valuable role for Nippersink Middle School.

For the past year, our PTO meetings have not been attended by anyone but the members of the board and administrative staff. This is an unfortunate situation that leads to a less than effective organization.

It is imperative for the school year 2010-2011 that we have people willing to step up and get involved. The current board has been in place for three years. We need new people willing to lead and bring new ideas to the table. We are in need of a **Vice-President, Secretary and Booster Coordinator**.

The PTO conducts one fundraiser a year. Any funds raised from this event have been used to directly benefit the students and teachers. We have been able to support classroom technology needs, help with field trip expenses and contribute to our Music Boosters program. Over the past several years, our booster club has sponsored a dodge ball tournament and been able to purchase new uniforms for several sports teams.

We play a small but valuable role to support NMS teachers and students. At this time, the only other events we sponsor are the annual variety show and the 8th grade dinner dance. Three times a year we also provide a lunch or dinner for our dedicated staff at Nippersink Middle School.

Our meetings are held once a month in the NMS library beginning at 7:00 p.m. They are informal gatherings with an open exchange of ideas.

The scheduled PTO meeting dates for the rest of the school year are:

March 15th
April 19th
May 10th

Please attend one of these meetings whether you currently have children at NMS or will during the next school year.

Find out how you can help the NMS PTO!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rachel Emken at 815-675-9388.

Thank you for your support of Nippersink District 2.

