



Nippersink Middle School Newsletter

OCTOBER – 2009

Next PTO Meeting is:
Monday, Oct. 19th
7 PM in the NMS Library

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

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

nippersinkmiddleschool.org

CONFERENCE CALL IN

Please call the NMS office on October 27 from 9-2 and October 28 from 9-2 to set up your appointment time for Parent Teacher Conference in November. Please make sure you have a list of the teachers you want to see.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Students will be dismissed at 10:50 a.m. on November 4. Conferences will be from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. on November 4 and 12:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on November 5. No conferences will be held on Friday, November 9 as this is an in-service for teachers.

FAMILY ACCESS

Family Access is a program, which lets parents access their child's information through their computer. Families can check on their child's schedules, grades, missing assignments, attendance and discipline all through Family Access. Password cards were given out at registration in your blue folder. If you lose your card you may email through Family Access and your password will be emailed back to you. www.nippersinkmiddleschool.org link on Family Access. Don't forget to add money to your child's lunch account.



REPORT CARDS

Report cards and ISAT result will be mailed home on October 23, 2009. Please check your mail box.

PHONE USAGE

NMS office is experiencing a high volume of phone calls. If you are calling to simply remind your student of something, **please take care of this in the morning before the child leaves for school.** We are trying to limit the number of classroom interruptions.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 12-No School Columbus Day	Oct. 28-Conference appt. taken 9-2
Oct. 19- PTO meeting 7:00 pm NMS library	Nov. 4-10:50 Dismissal-P/T Conf. 4:00-8:00
Oct. 21-Mr. Z's Pick up at 5:00-7:00p.m.	Nov. 5-No School- P/T Conf. 12:30-8:00 pm
Oct. 23-10:50 dismissal – SIP day	Nov. 6-No School Teacher Institute Day
Oct. 23 – Reports cards & ISAT mailed home	Nov. 20-Middle of 2 nd Quarter
Oct. 26-30—Red Ribbon Week	Nov. 25-Thanksgiving Break
Oct. 27-Conference appt. taken 9-2	Nov. 26-Thanksgiving Break
Oct. 28-Picture retake	Nov. 27-Thanksgiving Break

RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon week will be October 26 – 30 with various themed days for the week. Peer Helpers, under the direction of our school social worker, Lisa Gruber and our school counselor, Katie Hay will organize a week of activities that will be educational about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, while still making it an enjoyable week with various activities and assemblies.

Mon-Wear your P.J.'s to school	Thurs.-Hawaiian Day
Tues-Team Day	Fri-Red Day
Wed.-pay \$1.00 to wear a Hat/I-Pod	

HOMEWORK HELP

Homework Help has started. Students wanting assistance with homework need to see Mrs. Hay or Mr. Augustyn to sign up. Homework Help will be every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00-4:00 in the NMS library.

HOMEWORK REQUEST

NMS only collects homework when a student has been sick for two or more days. Parents need to make prior arrangements with other students if they are taking your child's homework home. We do not send the books home with another child. Remember you can always go to website to check on any homework. **If your child is going on vacation it is your child's responsibility to get all of his/her own work.**

PICTURE RETAKES

Picture retakes for all school pictures will be October 28th. Students will need to turn in all pictures they have received from the regular picture day in order to get picture retakes. **Students who have not had their pictures taken yet will also have an opportunity to get them taken on this day. All students get their picture taken for the yearbook**, but if parents want to order school pictures, students will need to have their money and order form filled out when they get their pictures taken. **There are extra picture forms in the office.**



STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council held their student speeches and elections in September. The new officers are Eric Papparigian as President and Daniel Rygiel as Vice President.

SPORTS

Basketball and Cheerleading tryouts will be starting the week of October 20th. Students should listen for morning announcements.

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the Cross Country team for winning the Fox Valley Conference Meet on October 6, 2009.

PTO FUNDRAISER

Our PTO fundraiser sponsored by Mr. Z's is off to a good start and pick up will be Wednesday, October 21 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at NMS.

BOOSTER CLUB/PTO

On Friday, September 11th NMS participated in its 3rd annual dodge ball tournament. We had over 35 teams and close to 200 students participating. The students had a great time and we raised over \$1,000 which will be used for the purchase of new sports uniforms.

MARKET DAY – Lori Kirkelie

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. Order due dates, pick-up dates and times for both Richmond Grade School PTO and Spring Grove Elementary School PTO are posted on the NMS PTO Web Page of the NMS website. Both grade school organizations donate a portion of their Market Day profits to the NMS PTO. ***Pick up is October 17th & November 14, 10:00-11:00 a.m. at RGS and November 14, 10:45-11:45 at SGES.***

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