



Nippersink Middle School Newsletter

December – 2009

Next PTO Meeting is:
Monday, Jan. 11th
7 PM in the NMS Library

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

Rachel Emken-President
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Paul Augustyn –
Associate Principal

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

nippersinkmiddleschool.org

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, lunch account and discipline all through family access. Password cards were given at registration. If you lose your card you may email through family access and your password will be emailed back to you. Link to family access. www.nippersinkmiddleschool.org

SPORTS UPDATE

Boys Basketball and Cheerleading season has begun and teams are enjoying their season and are improving with every game.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher conferences were held on November 4/5. We had a good turn out and teachers were very busy over the course of the two days.

BUTTER BRAID FUNDRAISER

In the beginning of the school year students were given the opportunity to sell Butter Braid pastries to help offset the cost of their extracurricular activities. The fundraiser was a huge success and students sold over 1030.

YEARBOOK

The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have. Go to the NMS Homepage, follow the links under the "We need YOUR pictures!"

announcement and follow the easy steps to upload your photos.

NMS ADMIN. MEETINGS WITH STUDENTS

During the week of October 13-16, each grade level team of students had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Molitor and Mr. Augustyn to ask questions and discuss any concerns that the students may have had. It is also an opportunity to update the students on the upcoming calendar events and discuss any current issues that need to be addressed by the principals and teachers at NMS.

RED RIBBON WEEK

NMS participated in Red Ribbon Week Oct. 26-30. Several activities took place including a multi-media presentation from Camfel production which focused on *Balance of Power* as the main theme of the presentation. The students also participated in an all school assembly in which the students formed a human link in the gym and made a pledge together to stay away from drugs and alcohol.

FUNDRAISER

On Wednesday, November 5, approximately 68 students participated in our Mr. Z's fundraiser mega event. The mega event was awarded to any student who sold 12 or more items. The entire NMS gym was converted into an amusement type facility with games and activities for the students during a two hour time period. Students had a lot of fun. Students who sold more than 35 items were given the opportunity to be taken out for a ride in stretch limo during their lunch period.

NOVEMBER 6TH STAFF IN-SERVICE

On Friday, November 6th, the NMS staff participated in a full day of staff in-service activities. The highlight of the day was our Language Arts articulation meeting with 3rd through 8th grade teachers. All LA teachers met at the middle school and worked on the LA curriculum through a process called "Power Standards". This process identifies which state standards in LA that the district teachers would like to focus on at each grade level.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ALWAYS CHECK YOUR CHILD'S BACKPACK FOR IMPORTANT PAPERS

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 11 – Student Council Dance 6:30-8:30pm	Dec. 18 –2:50 p.m. Winter Vacation starts
Dec. 12-P.U. Market Day 10:00-11:00am RGS	Jan. 5 – School Resumes
Dec. 14 – Geography Bowl Assembly-1:30	Jan. 11-PTO meeting 7:00 p.m. Library
Dec. 15 – Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Jan. 15-Teacher Institute – no school
Dec. 16 – Choir Concert 7:00 p.m.	Jan. 18-No School-Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
Dec. 17 – Band Concert 7:00 p.m.	Jan. 20 - Reports cards go home with students

MARKET DAY – Lorie 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. Make sure you use our account #2828 when ordering online. Order due dates, pick-up dates and times will be posted on

the NMS website. **Orders due by noon Dec. 4th. Pick up is Dec. 12 a.m. at RGS.**
Please support RGS Market Day as a portion of this goes to NMS PTO!

