

## January PTO Newsletter

Happy New Year to everyone! Hope you all had a wonderful winter break, filled with holiday celebrations and quality time with your respective families. It is hard to believe that we have said goodbye to 2011 but not before we celebrate all our December 2011 accomplishments:

→ We successfully launched our first Nixon Online Auction (big thanks to Kathryn Brackett and Wendy Heye). Look for a bigger online auction coming soon!

→ The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Pasta Dinner was a success thanks to the hard work of our Social Events committee—Colleen Folz, Heather Maclean, Tricia O'Connell, and Susan Rakowski.

→ Thanks to the Library Committee, Shari Grosso, Elizabeth Shienbrood, and Rose McGowen, for a successful Book Fair.

→ With Gretchen Findlay's coordination efforts, we were again able to offer the Square 1 Art fundraiser---a huge hit with kids and parents!

→ Jamie Vandervelden has worked tirelessly to get parents to use the Nixon Amazon link for all their shopping needs. As a result, we have almost tripled our Amazon sales and moved up our payout percentage---Thank you parents for using the Amazon link to earn easy money for our school.

WOW! As you can see we closed out the year with a bang. And as our focus now turns to the second half of the school year, we have LOTS to look forward to in 2012:

→ Join us at our PTO meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup> for a presentation from a Chartwells nutritionist.

→ Our well-received Staff Appreciation efforts will continue for the remainder of the school year, culminating in our annual Appreciation luncheon in the spring. Kudos to our Hospitality Committee—Kat Barry, Rena Kams, Rose McGowen, and Terese Flaherty.

→ We are looking forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Movie Night on Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.

→ Thanks to the initiative of Lauren Hochberg, Cultural Night returns on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>... Stay tuned!

→ We are excited about our upcoming Adult Social on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at Bistro 20. Mark your calendars!

→ Look for the return of our popular Science Fair on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> and Bingo Night on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Our fabulous Science Fair and Bingo Night committees are hard at work!

→ A new musical performance, "No Place Like Home", will be coming to Nixon this May because of Connie-Lin Nold's vision and commitment.

We look forward to an amazing 2012...thanks to everyone for your continued support!

Maria and Joyce