

N.O. Nelson Elementary School

October 2007

Mrs. Tanya Patton, Principal



Principal's News

Upcoming Events

- ◆ October 2 - 1st grade to the Nature Institute
- ◆ October 8 - Columbus Day Observance - NO SCHOOL
- ◆ October 9 - Board Mtg @ Woodland @ 7:30pm
- ◆ October 11 - PTO Mtg @ 6:30pm
- ◆ October 15 - New Family Reception - Media Ctr @ 7:00pm
- ◆ October 18 - Papa John's Night
- ◆ October 19 - Teacher Institute Day - Student Attendance 9:15-12:15pm
- ◆ October 22 - Board Mtg @ Woodland @ 7:30pm
- ◆ October 23 - KG to Eckert's Pumpkin Farm
- ◆ October 24 - Fall Picture Retake Day
- ◆ October 26 - Report Cards go Home (1st & 2nd Grade Only)
- ◆ October 26 - Spirit Day
- ◆ October 30 - Nelson Night at Cold Stone Creamery
- ◆ October 31 - Halloween Walk @ 1:30pm & Parties @ 2:30pm (in the event of rain the walk will be cancelled)

Our school year has gotten off to a great start and is progressing wonderfully!! The students are working hard and are already into the routine of things! As I've visited the classrooms the students are proud of their accomplishments. From "Shape" parties to field trips to dressing like Johnny Appleseed, our students are actively involved in learning and seem to be enjoying themselves!

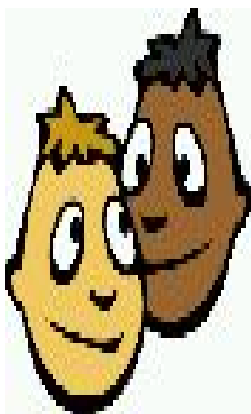
Our focus, as we progress, is to make our students as independent as possible. Therefore, homework will become increasingly important. Students will be expected to work more independently and ask for help when needed. Nelson students are on the right "track" to meet this expectation; however parents are an important part of this transition.

Here are some ideas for assisting with homework:

- (1) **Work independently.** Let your student work as independently as possible, only assisting them when they ask for help. This will foster independence on their part.
- (2) **Begin at the beginning.** Help your student break large projects into smaller, manageable parts.
- (3) **Organize materials.** Help your student organize their supplies in a way that makes sense to them. This is a tool that will pay off throughout their educational careers.

We want to thank all of our parents for their support as we continue to move through the first quarter. Working together will ensure the success of your children and our students!!!

Respectfully,
Tanya Patton



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*Report Cards,
 for 1st & 2nd
 graders, will be
 sent home on
 Friday, October
 26, 2007!*

*KG does not receive
 Report Cards*

Children are a
 message we send
 to the future
 when we aren't
 around!

Around Nelson School

Parent Orientation was held on September 5 and it was very well attended. Parents were able to get an overview of their child's school year, expectations, communication, and upcoming field trips. It was a great informational meeting for all in attendance!

Book Fair was held during the week of September 10-14. Many students, teachers and parents visited and made purchases. The Book Fair Family Night was an exciting and fun night for our families! EHS Drama students put on skits, teachers read stories, and students made art projects. What a wonderful time for our Nelson family!

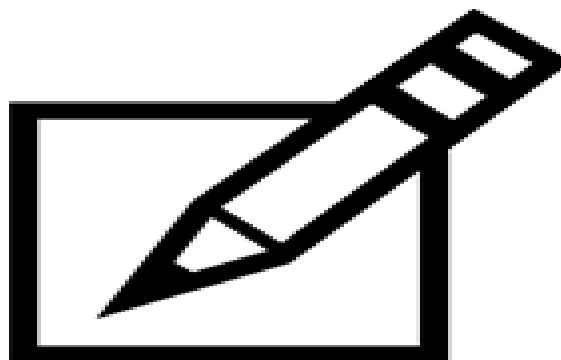
Nelson Movie Night was held on September 14. Families brought out their tents, sleeping bags, pillows and lawn chairs for an old fashion night at the movies! Popcorn and snow cones were all around as we watched "Flushed Away"! Students and parents alike had a wonderful time.

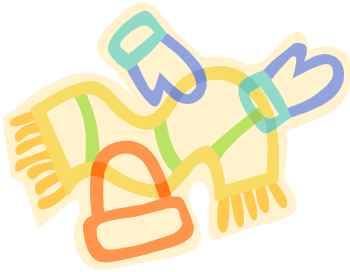
Thanks to Nelson's wonderful PTO, we had a month packed with educational, fun activities. We appreciate your dedication to your students and to Nelson School as a whole!!

Transportation Changes

If anything changes about the way your child goes home, you must send a note in order for your request to be honored. Unfortunately, we are not able to honor this request when it's not in writing.

Any student who is normally a bus rider but tells us they are being picked up by a parent and does not have a written note signed by a parent or guardian, will be sent home on the school bus. You may also call our office to inform us of transportation changes at (618) 656-8480.





Lost & Found

Our Lost & Found box is located on the 1st floor near the playground doors (under the steps). Please feel free to come by and browse to see if any thing belongs to your student.

As the cooler weather approaches, please be sure to put your child's name on their jackets, coats, lunch boxes, etc. This will assist us in returning those items to their rightful owners.

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October 31
Halloween costumes should be sent to school, not worn. Students will dress at school for the parade which begins at 1:30.

For your child's safety and comfort, please have your child wear play clothes and tennis shoes on their PE day.

Mondays and Fridays are PE days!

Principal's Proud Pals



! Beginning in October, students who have received a Caught Being Good will be placed in a drawing. Four students will be randomly selected each month to receive the Principal's Proud Pal Award.

Those students will receive a post card from the Principal, be featured on the Principal's Bulletin Board, and receive a Principal's Proud Pals certificate. Their picture will remain on display for the entire month!!

This is an effort to continue to reward and encourage our students for doing the right thing and to let everyone know that these students are my Proud Pals!

Word of the Month

Our word for the month of October is Cooperation. During Morning Meeting, students will hear the word, learn the meaning and will be given examples of what Cooperation means. They will also share what the word means to them.

We encourage our families to use this word at home throughout the month as this will better instill the word and its meaning in our students.

Character development is an important part of our school's education; therefore we would appreciate any support we receive from our parents at home.