

PTA Happenings Fall 2011

Welcome the Cresthaven-Nix PTA Happenings newsletter where we spotlight on our school community!

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Each month we will focus on a different member of the board: who are they, what do they do, and their vision of the PTA and their role in the community.

Recent Events

It's been a wonderful fall filled with community events! Here are a few of the highlights.



Costume Movie Night

Harry Potter, Super Mario, Ladybugs, and Ballerinas among others were spotted enjoying an evening of pizza, treats, and fun at the Costume Movie Night at Cresthaven this past October. Families from both schools came in costumes, pajamas, and regular old clothes to enjoy a pizza dinner and watch Night at the Museum with their friends. Cheers and laughter rang through the halls and applause filled the room as the movie ended. What a great night. We are currently working on developing our next movie night. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Nubia Jones at holisticchildren@yahoo.com!

He and Me Breakfast at Cresthaven

Cresthaven students delighted at the opportunity to share their school with the men in their lives at the November He and Me breakfast. Fathers, Uncles, Brothers, and Grandfathers joined the children for breakfast in the Cresthaven all-purpose room on November 11. After sending the kids off to class, they met in the parent resource room to learn about the PTA and discuss ways to become more involved. These guys had a lot of great ideas including providing more sports oriented events. We love the input and are currently planning, among other things, a spring biathlon, which we hope to tie into a series of sport and health clinics. If you are interested in helping with this project or have a sport or health connection, please contact Catherine Jeffries at catneric@verizon.net. Nix families can look forward to their He and Me breakfast this April.

Turkey Bingo

The stakes were high and prizes abounded at Turkey Bingo on November 18. This year we moved the event to Key Middle School to accommodate more families and the night was as big as the venue! Bingo prizes ranged from themed baskets, some of which were hand made by our own Ms Gordon, to frozen turkeys, generously provided by HHS Manor Care. We also raffled off several more turkeys, and delicious Market Day pies. Lots of families won prizes, but everyone won a great time with family and friends! A huge thank you to all of the families who volunteered. Without you there is no event.

A Look Ahead to Winterfest

Our next event is Winterfest Friday December 16 at Cresthaven. The 5th grade chorus and Mr McDade are ready to lead us in a sing along, a potluck of holiday dishes, and hot cocoa for all it is sure to be an evening to remember. If you would like to help please contact Nubia Jones at holisticchildren@yahoo.com

Fundraising Update



Bookfair at Cresthaven

Thanks to Nubia Jones, scholastic, and our wonderful volunteers we had a very successful bookfair at Cresthaven this fall raising \$1500 of scholastic money for each school to buy books! Look for the Nix bookfair this March.

Market Day

Don't forget to order groceries through Market Day. 10% of all orders comes right back to the schools, and the money is already being put to work, helping fund materials and activities for our schools. The fall fundraiser raised a whopping \$1,100 for each school! It's amazing what our community can do!

Meeting Minute

PTA meetings are a great way to stay involved with happenings at our schools, get to know families in our school community, and hear from experts about issues that matter to us as parents and guardians. This fall meetings included meeting the new PTA president and creating a vision for this years PTA, presentations from the principals on the new grading system and kindergarten and first grade curriculum changes, explaining the new standards and answering questions and a presentation from the George B Thomas Saturday School about their academic help program and what we can do to make homework time more successful at home. Upcoming topics include pajama night and getting to know the MSA.

PTA meetings run from 6:20 to 8 with PTA business from 6:20 to 7 and a featured presentation from 7 to 7:30 or 8. Come early and get to know fellow parents at our social time. Our next meeting will be February 1 at Cresthaven. Spanish translation is available at all PTA meetings. We hope to see you there!