

**NUTTER FORT PRIMARY
PARENT MEMO
April 30, 2012**

Joann Gilbert, Principal

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PTSO NEWS

TAKE NOTE



The PTSO is bringing COSI (The Center of Science and Industry) from Columbus Ohio to our school May 1st, 2nd and 3rd! Each day will begin with a 45-minute interactive assembly introducing the students to air pressure, cloud formation, warm and cold fronts, and extreme weather. This fun, educational assembly is followed by hands-on activities during which the students will test their forecasting skills, examine the process of hail formation, and experiment with the tools of the meteorological trade. In order to allow the students to conduct these fantastic experiments, **we need your help!** We still need volunteers for each day of the event. Please contact Mike Reinhart at 622-0082 if you can help.

Please plan to attend the final PTSO meeting of this school year on May 14th at 4 p.m. You can enter to win a gas card (you must be present to win) and vote for next year's officers. If you interested in becoming an officer, please contact Julie Holm at 304-624-1142 so your name can be placed on the ballot. Thank you!

Reminder to parents and students: Don't forget to tell your teachers that you appreciate them during **National Teacher Appreciation Week, May 7th-11th**. Thank you to all the wonderful teachers, principals and staff of Nutter Fort Primary School for all you do throughout the year!

- Fridays-Popcorn for sale .50
- Fridays-Mustang Spirit Day
- SICK LINE 304-326-7522

Fundraiser items will be delivered the week of April 30th.

Important End of the Year Dates

- Apr. 30: KIDS program 6:00-8:00 in the music room
- May 1: 2nd grade class trip to Carnegie Science Center
- May 1,2,3: COSI
- May 8: NO SCHOOL—Election Day
- May 9: LSIC meeting
- May 10: PK field trip to Game Farm
- May 11: Kindergarten field trip to Hovatter's Zoo (Allison, Bailey, Baker, McDonald)
- May 14: PTSO meeting @ 4:00
- May 14: PK Family Fun Day
- May 15: 1st Grade field trip to VA Park
- May 15: 1st Grade Play-VA Park Amphitheater @ 6:30
- May 17: last day of PK and end of year celebration - 1:00 for Mrs. Pulice and Mrs.Boehke
- May 18: Kindergarten field trip to Hovatter'z Zoo (Gaston, Kesling, Swaim, Tennis)
- May 23: last regular scheduled day for students not taking exams
- May 24: first day for exams
- May 25: second day for exams
- May 28: NO SCHOOL—Memorial Day Holiday
- May 29: out of school environment day—NO SCHOOL
- May 30: make-up day for exams, last instructional day

***“Wherever you go, no matter what the weather,
always bring your own sunshine.”*** Anthony J. D'Angelo

Character Counts

The following students have been selected for our third 9 weeks "Character Counts" trait—**CARING**. These students show character traits of being kind, helping people in need, expressing gratitude, and forgiving others. Congratulations to:

PreK~~Miley. W. and Morgan T

Kindergarten~~Isabella R., Matthew N., Kora F., Brandon K., Jordan S., Chloe A., Emma S., Katie S.

First Grade~~ Dominick R., Trinity A., Charles H., Sarah B., Julian O., Eli S., Nikalus J., Caleb D.

Second Grade:~~ Annalise G., Kira J., Sara S., Lela O., Violet E., Karli T, and Salavatore A.

The following students have been selected for our third 9 weeks "Character Counts" trait—**CITIZENSHIP**. These students show character traits of cooperation, obeying school rules, showing respect for their teachers and classmates, and helping to keep their school and community safe and clean. Congratulations to:

PreK~~. Alex M and Taylor W.

Kindergarten~~Aaron I., Gale A., Jacob P., Kyra S., Kyle B., Rylan R., Kaleigh N., Taylor A.

First Grade~~Briann A., Leia H., Regina P., Jacob P., Marie P., Arayah B., Hannah R., Alana C.

Second Grade~~Evan W., Steven M., Dekota R., Dy'Laun S., Christian S., Alec T. and Valerie F.

THE ENVELOPE PLEASE!



Please send in a self-addressed stamped envelope so that your child's final report card can be mailed to you. The 2010/2011 teacher assignments will be listed on this final report card.



Q is for QUESTIONS.

Find out what is on your child's mind by asking questions.

- Ask specific questions. Your child is more likely to have an answer to *Who did you play with at recess?* than *How was your day?*

- Ask open-ended questions. *How did you do that?* or *What would happen if...?* questions will yield more information than questions that can be answered in a word or two.

- Help your child develop critical thinking skills by responding to his or her questions with questions.

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Sparking Science Interest

▶ Visit a planetarium, aquarium, or science museum, or tour one virtually online.

▶ Start a leaf, rock, seashell, insect, or other science-related collection with your child. Use a guide to identify your specimens.

▶ Perform a kitchen science experiment, such as mixing cornstarch and water with your hands to make "goo" or using a pan of water to test things that sink or float.

▶ Go outside to observe a meteor shower or identify a few simple constellations.

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Calculating Coupons

Involve the family in making a shopping list. Mark checks or tallies next to each item to indicate the number needed. This helps children learn to collect data. Choose coupons that match the items on the grocery list. Discuss how much money will be saved on various items by using those coupons.

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It's hard to believe that the 2011/12 school year is almost over. It has been our pleasure working with and watching our students grow. We celebrate their many accomplishments this year and wish all a restful summer vacation!