



November Activities & Events



During November at General Nash Elementary, we are thankful for **teachers, books** and learning! We meet with **teachers** during Parent-Teacher Conferences, find great **books** at our Mini Book Fair, and celebrate learning during American Education Week! We are also thankful for our supportive **families** and **staff**!!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Monday & Tuesday, November 2nd & 3rd

We encourage parents to set up a conference with their child's teacher, as this is a valuable time to discuss your child's progress. Please contact your child's teacher if you have not signed up for conferences and wish to do so.

Nash Spirit Day - Beach Day

Friday, November 6th

Don't stow away the goggles and floppy hats just yet... wear some beach gear to show your Nash spirit! Our Yearbook Team will be taking pictures throughout the day – be sure to smile!

Monthly Home & School Meeting

WEDNESDAY, November 11th; 7-8pm

Nash Cafeteria

GUEST SPEAKER: Josie Charnock,

NPSD School Board Member

Come to our monthly meetings to meet with other parents and learn about upcoming events and activities. This month, Josie Charnock, a school board member and former Nash parent, will listen to your concerns, answer questions, and provide updates from the NPSD School Board. Free babysitting provided by the 6th grade class.

Fall Mini Book Fair

Thursday, November 12th, 6:30-8:30pm

Nash 3rd/4th Grade Pod

*Books make great gifts – be sure to stock up for the holiday season at our Mini Book Fair with Harleystville Books. **Mr. Moore, Mrs. Pronczak, Mr. Yeum, Mrs. Caiola, Mrs. Truesdell, and Mr. Winkle** will be our special guest readers throughout the evening. Look for more information to come home soon!*

Volunteers will be needed for this event. Sign-ups will be sent to the Nash Volunteer Crew soon.

American Education Week: November 16th - 20th

General Nash Elementary classrooms

Tuesday, November 17th & Thursday, November 19th;

9:30-11:00am & 1:30-3:00

Registration forms due no later than Friday, November 13th

During American Education Week, parents and guardians are invited to visit their child's classroom to observe learning in progress! You may wish to check with your child's teacher about lunch and recess schedules so that does not interfere with your visit. These are regular instructional days for students. To preserve the integrity of instruction, please make other arrangements for your pre-school children while you visit your child's classroom. Registration forms may be found in the October 19th E-Communications on the General Nash website.

Friday, November 20th

Nash Teacher's Lounge

General Nash Home & School celebrates American Education Week with a special luncheon for our teachers and staff – coordinated by our Hospitality Committee!

Nash Dine-Out Night - Chili's

Tuesday, November 24th; Time to be announced with flyer

544 DeKalb Pike, North Wales

FLYER IS NEEDED

Enjoy a night off from cooking and a night out with friends! Look for information and flyers to come home in envelopes and on E-Communications.

STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH NASH HOME & SCHOOL!

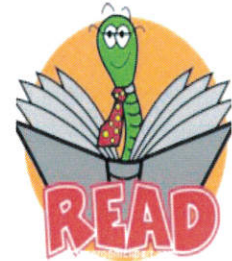
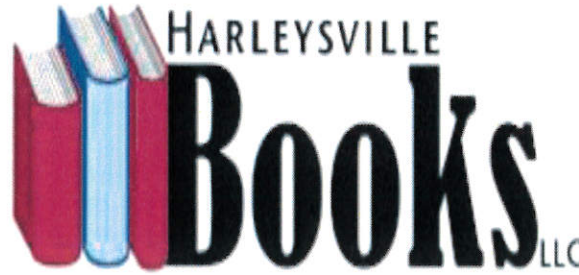
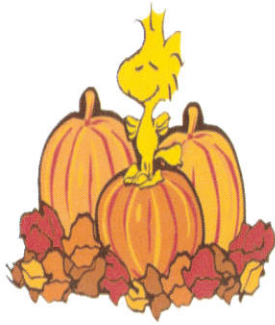
Find the **Nash Home & School Info** page, updated weekly, at the General Nash website, under the "Our School" tab.

<http://www.npenn.org/domain/914>

Join the **General Nash Elementary Home & School** Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/nashhomeandschool/>.

This closed group is for Nash families to find information about Home & School events and activities. To join, go to the group page and ask to join the group. Please provide your child's name and teacher. Our FB administrator will confirm your connection with Nash, and approve your entry.





2015 Fall Book Fair

Where: General Nash Elementary

When: Thursday, 11/12/15, 6:30pm-8:30pm
Family Night featuring
Reading with the Principal & Teachers

This year will be featuring Harleystville Books:
Harleystville Books supplies the finest selection of
books for your school's book fair.

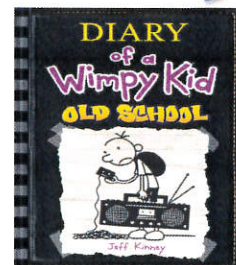
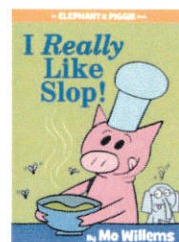
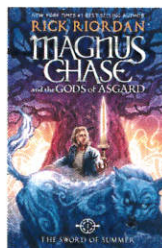
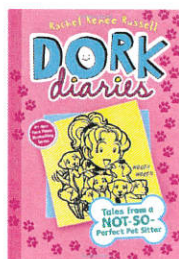
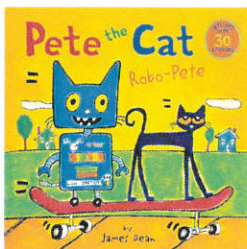
We hope you stop in and browse the selection. A
percentage of all proceeds from the book fair will
benefit your school. Thank you for your support.

For questions please contact
Kristen Mallitz kmallitz@gmail.com

Or

Tiffanie Stanton tiffanie_stanton@verizon.net

New





General Nash Elementary Celebrates American Education Week



Dear Parents and Guardians:

American Education Week is being celebrated in North Penn School District during the week of November 16th. General Nash Elementary School welcomes parents and guardians to visit during the following dates and times:

Tuesday, November 17	9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 19	9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

You may wish to check with your child as to when he/she has lunch and recess so that it does not interfere with your visit. *Since these are regular educational school days for your children, we wish to preserve the integrity of our classroom instruction.* Therefore, please make arrangements for your preschool children while you are visiting in our classrooms, so that minimal interruptions occur during the instructional process.

Parents and guardians are asked to turn off cell phones while in the building. Please refrain from videotaping or photographing your child during your visit. Thank you.

We look forward to your visit!

Jonathan D. Winkle
Principal

Please return the bottom portion of this letter to school no later than **Friday, November 13, 2015.**

Please check the date(s) of your visit, and indicate times below so the teachers may plan and prepare accordingly. The office will also pre-print your visitor badge if we have your information in the Raptor security system. Visitors who have not had their license previously scanned must present a photo ID.
Pre-registering is not required but will allow you quick access to the school building.

_____ **Tuesday, November 17th**
Grades K - 6 (9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

_____ **Thursday, November 19th**
Grades K - 6 (9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 pm – 3:00 p.m.)

I plan to visit from approximately _____ to _____ in _____ class.
(insert times) (homeroom teacher's name)

Student name: _____

Parent Name (please print): _____

Shop. Snap. Earn.

Finally, hassle-free fundraising.
General Nash Elementary

Download the
free Shoparoo app

Join the 10,000+ schools already
earning thousands through Shoparoo

Snap pictures of
your receipts

Every Receipt Counts!

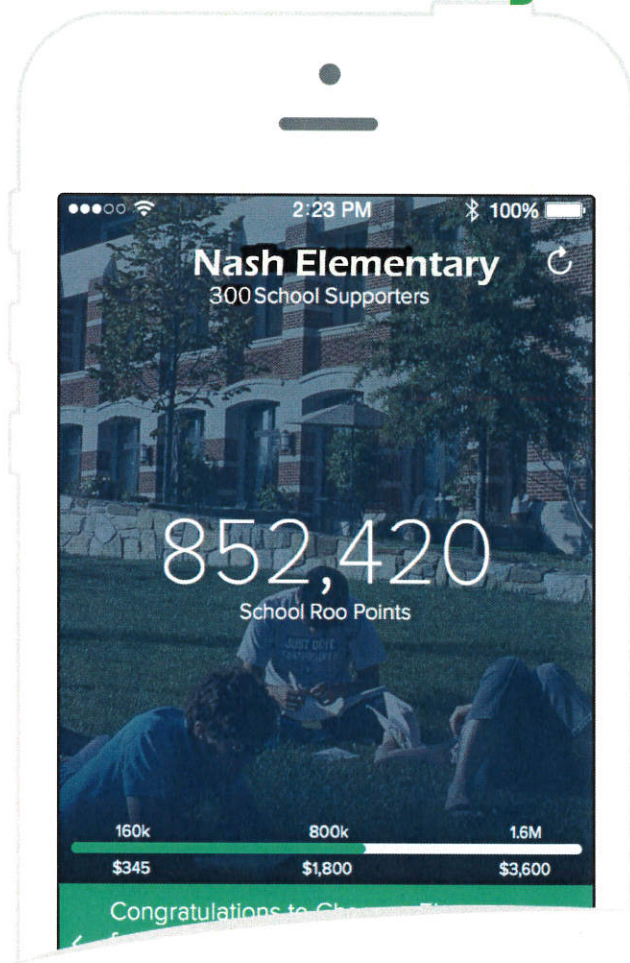
Earn cash
for our school

Shoparoo makes a donation
for every receipt you submit

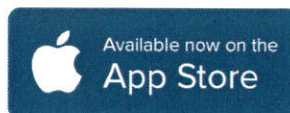
Share with
your friends

There's strength in numbers - the more
supporters we have, the more we earn

For additional information please contact:
Tanya MacGregor (gmac2001@verizon.net)
Amanda Laubach (aclubach@gmail.com)



 **Shoparoo**





North Penn Parents Special Education Council

presents the

Event for Everyone!

DATE: **Saturday, November 7, 2015**

TIME: **10 AM to 1 PM**

WHERE: **North Penn High School ~ Boys' Gym**

1340 Valley Forge Road Lansdale PA

**A
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
FAIR
and
FAMILY-FUN
DAY
FOR
CHILDREN
OF
ALL
ABILITIES**

If you are interested in becoming a vendor, making a donation or volunteering, please contact Gina Johnston at npscinfo@gmail.com Vendors being accepted now!

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR TRANSITIONING STUDENTS

Dear Nash Guardian,

On Saturday December 5, 2015, during the Breakfast with Frosty event at General Nash Elementary School, the Home and School Association will present the annual silent auction baskets. Last year, this drive made it possible for us to continue offering important programs within our school community.

Each grade level has been given a specific basket to collect items for auction. However, if you would prefer to send in a monetary donation to be used towards the purchase of items that would also be appreciated.

Kindergarten – Crafts (colored pencils, art supplies, craft activities)

Grade 1 – Pet Care (treats, toys)

Grade 2 – Baking (cupcake tins, wrappers, whisks, toppings)

Grade 3- Outdoor Activities (games, cooler, fishing/camping items)

Grade 4 – Cleaning Supplies (laundry basket, towels, wipes)

Grade 5 – Grill Supplies (tongs, spices, sauces)

Grade 6- Gardening Supplies (gloves, bulbs, clippers, pots)

If you are interested in making a donation, please return the form with your item and/or donation. All items are due by November 23. Call Carrie at 267-664-2720 with any questions or concerns. We thank you in advance for your support!

Best Regards,

CarrieAnn Cummiskey

Chair of the Silent Auction Basket Committee

_____ (student) in _____ (grade) has provided
_____ towards the grade level silent auction basket.

Items and monetary donations are due by November 23.

Reading Connection

Tips for Reading Success

Beginning Edition

November 2015

General Nash Elementary School

Book Picks



Read-aloud favorites

■ **In the Spin of Things: Poetry of Motion** (Rebecca Kai Dotlich)
Windshield wipers go “squeegy-squish,” pencil sharpeners whittle and whirl, laundry swirls and spins, cereal pieces swim and soak. Your youngster will enjoy hearing you read these poems that describe the motions and sounds of familiar objects.



■ **Night of the Veggie Monster** (George McClements)

Tuesday is “pea night,” and the boy in this story must eat three peas. He pops one into his mouth, and suddenly his fingers begin to wiggle and his eyes start to water. What will happen when the little “veggie monster” actually swallows the pea?



■ **Star Stuff: Carl Sagan and the Mysteries of the Cosmos** (Stephanie Roth Sisson)

One of the world’s most famous astronomers was once a little boy who loved gazing at the stars. Carl Sagan grew up to make important discoveries about the universe. This biography describes his life—and explains big science concepts for young readers.

■ **Grandfather Counts** (Andrea Cheng)

Helen can’t wait for her Chinese grandfather to visit, but then she’s disappointed to learn he doesn’t speak English. See how Helen and her grandfather find ways to communicate and bond, beginning by counting together in Chinese. Includes a list of Chinese words with English translations.

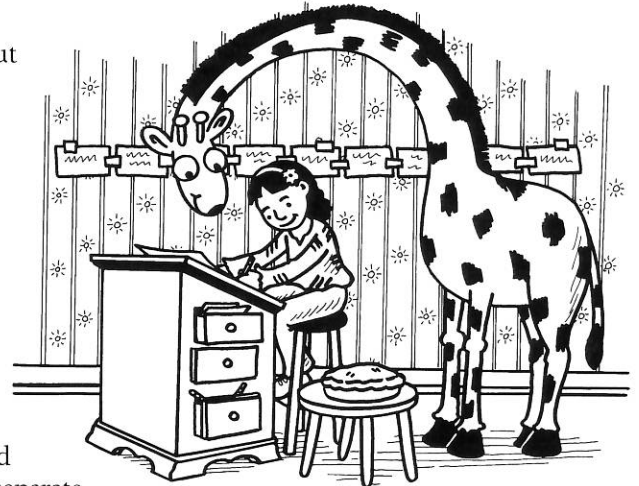


Write in a logical sequence

When little ones begin to write stories, they learn to put events in a logical order and to link each idea to the one before it. Help your child practice sequencing and connecting events with these strategies.

Create a storyboard

Movie directors make storyboards to show what order the scenes will go in. Encourage your youngster to pretend she’s a director and draw pictures for a story on separate sticky notes. Then, she can put the events on paper or poster board in the order they should occur. Let her use this storyboard to tell you her story, and help her write it down.



Make a time line

Help your child write 10–12 happenings from her life on separate index cards. *Examples:* “Born.” “Moved to Greenville.” “Started kindergarten.” Shuffle the cards, and ask her to put them in the right order. Then, she could put together a time line by taping the cards together in a row. *Idea:* She can use

her time line to write the story of her life, adding a few details about each event.

Link it up

Write two silly or random events on a sheet of paper—one at the top (“I got a pet giraffe”) and one at the bottom (“Mom made an apple pie”). Let your child read the first sentence. Take turns adding a sentence that is logically connected to the one before it. The goal? To write a story that links the two original events! *Example:* “The giraffe loved apples. He was tall enough to knock apples off the tree for us...” ♥

Involved in reading

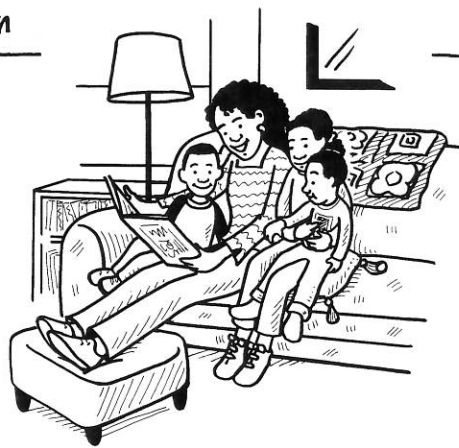
From meeting with the teacher to attending special events, there are many ways for you to be involved at your youngster’s school as he learns to read. Here are three.

1. Attend a parent-teacher conference. You’ll discover how your child is doing in reading (and other subjects). You may get to see books he is reading or samples of his writing.
2. Visit the school book fair. You and your youngster will enjoy browsing new books, and they usually offer discounted prices.
3. Go to a family reading night. You may do activities like reading with your child and playing word games. You might also come away with ideas to try at home. ♥



Story time: 20 minutes of magic

Experts recommend that parents read to their children for at least 20 minutes a day. It's cozy, it's fun—and it teaches your child skills he can use when he reads on his own. Consider these suggestions for fitting a memorable learning experience into just 20 minutes.



Read to everyone. Have more than one child? Read to them all at once! It's a nice way for siblings to bond. Plus, when a little one stops you to ask what a word means, an older sibling can take pride in explaining it. *Tip:* When you have time, try to give each youngster his own read-aloud slot.

Pick the time and place. Try to find times when you can slow down, snuggle up, and read. Choose a place that's free of distractions, especially electronics. You'll show your youngster that reading takes priority over the TV and the phone.

Introduce new books. Start a new tradition in just 20 minutes. Favorite books are often passed down through generations—use story time to share books you loved as a child. Your enjoyment will shine through as you read, which can inspire your youngster to love reading, too.♥

Q&A Awesome alphabet activities

Q My son is learning to write his ABCs. How could we practice at home?

A Hands-on alphabet activities are ideal for little ones. That's because feeling letters' shapes helps youngsters remember how to form them.

Let your son bend flexible household materials (pipe cleaners, jump ropes) to make letters. Then, he could take a photo of each letter. Print and staple them into a booklet so he can trace over the letters with his finger.



At snack time, put cream cheese into a freezer bag, seal, and snip off a corner. Have your child squeeze the cream cheese to form letters on graham crackers. Squeezing the bag will also build small muscles he needs for writing.

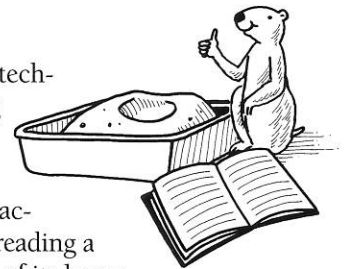
Finally, unleash your youngster's creativity. Ask him what else he could use to make letters or write his ABCs on, and watch what he comes up with!♥

Reading, writing, and STEM

Combine reading and writing with STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) to give your child a leg up on these important areas. Try these activities.

Design an animal home

Animals are clever engineers! Your youngster can practice reading for detail—and explore engineering—by reading a nonfiction book about an animal and building a model of its home. Have her read closely for details that will help. For instance, she might read, "Prairie dogs make mounds with holes, or craters, to help prevent flooding in their burrows." Then, she could build a model of a burrow out of clay—complete with a crater.



Program a "robot"

Here's a fun way for your child to write in another "language." Pretend to be a robot, and let her write a code to "program" you. First, let her list actions and assign a symbol to each. *Example:* "↑ = jump, O = twirl." Next, she should write a string of symbols and numbers showing you what to do. *Example:* "3↑ O 2↑" means jump three times, twirl, and jump twice. Switch roles—now you're the coder, and she's the robot.♥

Fun with Words Be a spelling family

Learning to spell doesn't end when you finish school. Show your youngster that spelling is a lifelong endeavor with these ideas that will help her study for spelling tests and learn new words:

- Hold a family spelling bee. Give your child words from her school spelling list. On your turn to spell, she gets to pick a word from the dictionary to try



to stump you. Play double or triple elimination to make your spelling bee last longer.

- Have each person learn to spell at least one new word per week and add it to a list on the refrigerator. Your youngster might add words she likes from books, such as *neon* or *velvet*.

Adults can choose long words like *onomatopoeia* or *lackadaisical*—seeing these on your list will introduce your child to big words that are fun to say.♥

OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ways to promote their children's reading, writing, and language skills.

Resources for Educators,
a division of CCH Incorporated
128 N. Royal Avenue • Front Royal, VA 22630
540-636-4280 • rfeustomer@wolterskluwer.com
www.rfeonline.com
ISSN 1540-5648

Anytime Cash for Nash...



By participating in these Cash Back Donation programs, parents and family members can easily raise money through their regular shopping. Cash Back Donations earn money that goes to support field trips, assemblies, speakers, extracurricular activities, classroom support and classroom enrichment programs. Check out the programs below, and sign-up to earn Cash for Nash!

Target REDCard: Take Charge of Education



You may already be taking advantage of Target REDCard to get 5% back on everyday purchases... did you know that you can also support General Nash with your REDCard? When you sign up for Take Charge of Education and choose General Nash as your donation school, Target will donate 1% of your purchases to our school.

For more information and to sign-up: If you have a Target REDCard, go to <https://www-secure.target.com/redcard/tcoe/home> to designate General Nash Elementary as your donation school. School ID# 90379

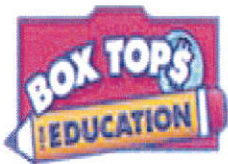
Giant: A+ School Rewards



With A+ School Rewards our school earns points that become cash for Nash! Giant Card customers can register their card and designate Nash as their donation school.

For more information and to sign-up: Visit the A+ Customer Registration area at www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus to enter your individual BONUSCARD number, the first three letters of your last name, along with our school ID number. School ID #25786

Box Tops for Education



Earn cash for Nash by clipping Box Tops coupons from hundreds of participating products. Box Tops also offers easy ways to earn even more cash for your school online.

Collection Place: Send Box Tops in a sealed bag or envelope, labeled with your child's name, with your child or drop in the "Box Top" bin under the H&S bulletin board outside the gymnasium. Deadlines are the end of October, February, and June each year... look for classroom "Box Top" drives around these months... with incentives for top classes!

For more information and participating products: Log on to <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/Default.aspx>

Rebounderz



Throughout the entirety of the 2015-16 school year Rebounderz will donate 10% admission sales to Nash for any student or family who pays full price admission and mentions the Nash name at the time of purchase. At the end of each quarter, the NPSD elementary school who raised the highest amount of money will receive a private party at Rebounderz.

Shoparoo



Snap pictures of your receipts from any store that sells grocery items to earn Roo Points (cash donations) for your school. Whether you're shopping at a supercenter, dollar store, or local convenience store - it doesn't matter where you shop or what items you buy - Shoparoo will make a cash donation for every receipt!

Snap pictures of your receipts from any restaurant or other retailer (that doesn't sell grocery items) to earn entries for your school into Shoparoo's \$1,000 monthly sweepstakes and \$15,000 yearly sweepstakes! Each receipt counts as an entry into both monthly and yearly sweepstakes.

For more information: Go to <http://www.shoparoo.com>

Labels for Education



Labels for Education® is a fun and easy program where families "Earn Free Stuff" for their school! By collecting UPCs and beverage caps/sauce caps from over 2,500 participating products, supplementing your earnings through the e-Labels for Education program and with our bonus offers, your school earns points that can be redeemed for Arts, Athletics, and Academics merchandise.

Collection Place: Send Labels for Education in a sealed bag or envelope, labeled with your child's name, with your child or drop in the "Labels for Education" bin under the H&S bulletin board outside the gymnasium.

For more information and participating products: Go to <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/About-the-Program>.

ShopRite: E-Box Tops 4 Education



By registering your ShopRite Card and designating General Nash Elementary, you can earn additional E-Box Tops for Nash by buying five participating monthly products each month (check the website for monthly products.) In addition to earning E-Box Tops for Nash, ShopRite will donate \$.55 to ShopRite's Partners in Caring Fund.

For more information, participating products, and to sign-up: <http://www.shopriteshoponcegivetwice.com/>

Paper Recycling Program



Bring your paper in a plastic bag and drop it in the green and yellow ABITIBI recycling bin located in the Morning Drop-Off Parking Lot and help raise money for the General Nash Student Council. We accept newspaper, magazines, shopping catalogues, office papers and mail.

Company/Work - Double the donation!



Does your company match donations? Matching gift programs are designed to be the means by which companies support employee charitable giving. Please check with your company to see if they match donations and ask Home & School if you need any assistance.

Keller Williams — Scott Newell, Realtor



Scott Newell is a Nash parent and Real Estate Professional. If you (or someone you know) are seeking an agent to find new home or to sell your own, contact the Scott Newell Team and mention General Nash. \$500 will be donated to Home and School for each referral from a Nash Family.

Contact Scott Newell at www.scottnewellhomes.com or 215-631-1900 (office) --- 267-421-9266 (cell)