

Breakfast With Frosty, Holiday

Shoppe & Silent Auction



When: Saturday Dec 10, 2016

Where: Nash Café & Gym

Time: 9am – 12pm (breakfast until 11)



There will be face painting, crafts, a gift wrapping station, and festive music for all to enjoy! Henning's will be setting up a build your own breakfast sandwich station. There will also be donuts and assorted drinks.

As always, volunteers will be available to help the kids shop. Be sure to check out the silent auction baskets during this event!

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Holiday Food Drive

The Student Council is collecting canned goods and other non-perishable food donations from December 6st -16th to help families in need over the holiday season. All donations will go to American Legion to be distributed to families in our community. Please bring in canned goods/non- perishable foods and place them in the donation boxes located outside of the office and in the pod areas.

Thank you for your support!
The Nash Student Council

Reading Connection

Tips for Reading Success

Beginning Edition

December 2016

General Nash Elementary School

Book Picks



Read-aloud favorites

■ **Lou Caribou: Weekdays with Mom, Weekends with Dad** (Marie-Sabine Roger and Nathalie Choux)
Lou is a young caribou who has two homes, and both are filled with love. This cute rhyming story shows Lou having fun with his mom during the week, then packing his suitcase each weekend for more fun with his dad. A nice read-aloud for children whose parents live apart.

■ **The Squiggle** (Carole Lexa Schaefer)
During a walk to the park, a little girl sees a red “squiggle” on the sidewalk. She picks it up and begins to imagine all the things it could be—a trail of fireworks, ripples in water, or even part of a storm cloud. Your child will enjoy imagining what else a squiggle might be.



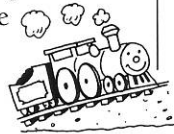
■ **Ice Cream: The Full Scoop** (Gail Gibbons)



Does your youngster know that the first ice cream recipe included snow? Combining history and science, this nonfiction book explains how the dessert has changed through the years. Readers will discover interesting ice cream trivia and learn about different ways the treat is served.

■ **The Little Engine That Could** (Watty Piper)

“I think I can. I think I can!” This classic story of perseverance tells of a little blue engine who believed in herself. When the big red engine breaks down, it’s up to the little engine to deliver toys and food to the children on the other side of the mountain. (Also available in Spanish.)



Read between the lines

If your child reads “The snowman looked smaller than it did yesterday,” can she figure out the snowman is melting? Making *inferences*, or understanding what’s happening when the author doesn’t come right out and say it, is an important comprehension skill. Try these strategies.

Make up riddles

Take turns thinking of a person, place, or thing and giving each other clues to guess it. *Example:* “Sometimes I am round, and sometimes I’m a crescent shape. You see me at night. What am I?” (The moon.) Then, pose “riddles” from stories you read together: “In the story, the girl frowned and stomped off. How do you think she feels?” Your youngster may answer, “I think she is angry.”

Solve mysteries

Read a mystery, and let your child pretend to be a detective. She might get a small notepad and a pencil to jot down or dictate clues. (“Jack was not at work



the day the vase was stolen.”) Her mission is to use the clues to solve the mystery before the book characters do.

Infer in real life

Get your youngster in the habit of making everyday inferences. If you put a skillet, a loaf of bread, and cheese slices on the kitchen counter, invite her to infer what you’re cooking (grilled cheese). Or if you place the cat carrier by the front door, ask her what inference the cat could make—he’s probably going to the vet!♥

Playful printing activities

These hands-on ideas make it enjoyable to practice forming letters.

● **Disappearing letters.** Write letters or words on a whiteboard or chalkboard. Your child can trace over each letter with his finger or a cotton swab to make it vanish.

● **Toothpicks and clay.** Have your youngster roll clay into a large ball and flatten it. Then he could use a toothpick to “write” letters in the clay,

● **Snack-time writing.** Cover a plate with a thin layer of hummus. Let your child drag celery stalks or pretzel rods through it to write his name—and eat the dipped treats when he’s finished!♥



Winter writing

Winter brings plenty of opportunities to write. Whether your youngster is just starting to write words or can write complete paragraphs, keep his skills sharp with these suggestions.

Weather calendar. Draw or print out a blank calendar page. Before bed each night, your child could record the day's weather with a symbol (snowflake, raindrop, sun) and write the weather word.



Resolution list. Let your youngster interview family members about their New Year's resolutions. Help him list them on a sheet of paper. Then on New Year's Eve, invite him to read them to everyone.

Winter break journal. Help your child staple together paper—one sheet for each day of winter vacation. Encourage him to write about what he does every day. When he goes back to school, he could share his journal with his teacher.♥

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Q&A Catch the mistake

Q My daughter doesn't always notice if she makes a mistake while she's reading aloud. She'll just keep going even if a sentence doesn't make sense. What should I do?

A Strong readers learn to "self monitor," or catch their mistakes and try to correct them.

When your child makes an error that affects a story's meaning, wait, and give her a chance to correct herself. If she doesn't, encourage her to think about whether the word she said looks like the printed word or makes sense in the sentence. If she says *soft* instead of *sofa*, point out that the word looks like *soft*, but that a puppy wouldn't sleep on a *soft*.



Note: If your youngster often makes mistakes and doesn't seem to understand what she's reading, talk to her teacher.♥

Fun with Words

Syllable shout-out

Who can spot something with two syllables? How about three? With this game, your child will practice listening to separate syllables—a skill that will help her sound out words.

Materials: pencil, paper, picture book or magazine

Let your youngster write each player's name across the top of a piece of paper. Then, she flips to a random page in the book or magazine and says either "one," "two," or "three." Everyone looks at the open page for an item with that number of syllables. The first person to find one points to the object and says its name slowly, pronouncing each syllable separately. (For three, someone might spot a *car-ou-sel*.)

Help your child write the word and the number of syllables under the player's name. That person goes next and turns to a new page. After 10 rounds, add the scores, and the player with the highest total wins.♥



It's poetry night!

For a cozy family evening filled with reading and fun, try holding a poetry night. Check out children's poetry books from the library, and enjoy these activities.

"Musical" verses

Line up a row of chairs, one for each player and a few extras. Each person chooses two short poems, writes them on pieces of paper, and places each sheet under a chair. Then, play music while everyone walks around the chairs. When the music stops,

sit on the closest chair, and read the poem underneath—no one is out. Keep going until everyone gets a chance to read every poem.

Poem-in-a-bag

Before poetry night, every family member picks a poem, puts related "props" into a brown bag, and writes the title on the bag. For a poem about lemonade, for example, your youngster might include a lemon, a sugar packet, and a cup. Pull out your props as you read your poem to everyone.♥



OUR PURPOSE

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

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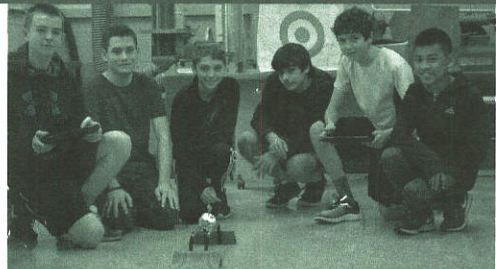


ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Reading Super Bowl



NP Knights football players read to elementary students to emphasize the importance of reading through the Annual Reading Super Bowl.

PENNBROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL
Sphero Robotics



Ninth graders learn to problem solve as they program their Sphero, a robotic ball that is controlled with a tilt, touch or swing of a smart-phone or tablet.

NORTH PENN HIGH SCHOOL
PA Shakespeare Festival Will Power Tour



Will Power actors from DeSales University perform a truncated show of Hamlet. Students practice techniques and discuss the texture of the play, complexity of characters, their motives and relationships, and staging of a Shakespearean tragedy.

Many families wish to show their appreciation to a special teacher, principal or support person who makes a difference in their child's life by offering a small gift during the holiday season. While our staff greatly appreciates these genuine gestures of thanks, please consider giving a gift that keeps giving long after the holidays are over - **a donation to the NPSD Educational Foundation.**

Your gift will not only honor a special staff member, but will also benefit students in the form of a new innovative classroom grant awarded annually to staff members in many different subjects and grade levels. This allows for new educational opportunities to students not available through the school budget.

It's easy to make a contribution in honor of a NPSD staff member

Complete the donation form below and mail your check to the NPSD Educational Foundation by **Friday, December 16**. You can also donate online by visiting www.npenn.org/foundation. The staff member will receive a certificate with the name of your family to display in their classroom or office. Please note, the gift amount will not be released.

The NPSD Educational Foundation is a 501c (3) that was established in 1988 to raise funds for innovative and creative programs to improve our students' overall educational experience. To date, the Foundation has raised more than \$1 million to enrich the lives of children in our school district, including a few recent grants highlighted in this letter.

The NPSD administration, the North Penn Education Association and the North Penn Educational Support Personnel Association have endorsed this program and hope you will consider joining other parents and community members in this effort.

For more information about the NPSD Educational Foundation, including the Staff Tribute Program, please visit www.npenn.org/foundation or contact Christine Liberaski at 215-853-1020 or liberacd@npenn.org.



NPSD Educational Foundation 2016-2017 Staff Tribute Donation Card

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Thank you for your support of the NPSD Educational Foundation! Happy Holidays!