

General Nash Elementary School

Discover and Explore
Science, Technology, Engineering and Math

The Nash Home and School Association is dedicated to meeting the needs of families who are looking for a safe, structured place for children to spend time after school. This program will be taught by trained instructors who will deliver a curriculum aimed at sparking a lifelong passion for learning.

Engineering For Kids brings science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), to kids in a fun and challenging way through classes, camps, clubs and parties. We are proud to inspire children to build on their natural curiosity by teaching engineering concepts through hands-on learning.

Upcoming Program at General Nash Elementary School

Aerospace Engineering: Taking to the Skies

This class is designed to introduce students to the job of an engineer and basic concepts of engineering as it relates to the science of aircrafts. Through open and focused exploration, students build and design their own airplane, straw rocket, parachute, hot-air balloon and more! By the end of the session, each student will be "Licensed to Fly!"

Junior Engineers (Grades K - 2): Wednesdays (5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11) 3:45pm - 4:45pm | **Limited to 12 Students**

Program Fee: \$80 (A portion of the proceeds will be donated back to the Home and School Association.)

To reserve your spot, email greaterphila@engineeringforkids.com and mail a check payable to Engineering for Kids to PO Box 1192, North Wales, PA 19454
www.EngineeringForKids.com | phone: (215) 559-9233





YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Recently we photographed your child and a complete package was sent home for your review. Our spring portrait program allows you to preview your child's portraits before buying. We hope you are pleased with the portraits and will be sharing them with friends and family.

Please take this time to review your purchase decision. You may:

- Purchase the entire package
- Purchase partial package sheets
- Or if the images are not to your satisfaction, return your portrait package

For a full or partial package purchase, please include the payment in the attached personalized payment envelope. If you are returning the complete portrait package, please place the attached form in the portrait envelope and send them to your child's school.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. We look forward to providing memories for you and your family in the future and continuing to serve as a valued partner of your child's school. If you have any questions, please contact our customer service department at 610-684-4036.

Sincerely,

| Lifetouch National School Studios



MARKET DAY

Market Day Orders are due on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 and pick up is Tuesday, May 13, 2014 from 5 – 6 p.m.

Visit marketday.com (the account # for General Nash is 14671) **FREE Micro Fiber Drying Mat with \$40 purchase and FREE 4-Pack of Cheesecake Pops with \$90 purchase (promo code: maybonus)**

If you have any questions, please contact us:

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Michelle Corman (215-393-5948 michelle_corman@yahoo.com)



Wendy's Night



Tuesday, May 6th from 5-8 p.m.

Come out *and* support Nash!!!

Wendy's at 40 Foot & Allentown Roads

***Eat in & Drive thru Valid.**

Let them know you are supporting Nash!

HOMEWORK PASSES AVAILABLE w/Purchase

Please come out for this fun family night!



Are you still saving Box Tops and Labels for Education?

Will your class win extra recess?

The spring collection drive has begun!

Please submit all Box Tops and Labels by **Friday, May 30, 2014**

Collection Place: Send unexpired Box Tops and Labels for Education in a sealed bag or envelope, **labeled with your child's name and teacher**, with your child or drop in the corresponding "Box Tops" or "Labels for Education" bin under the H&S bulletin board outside the gymnasium. Please do not forget your child's name and teacher so we can count it towards the class totals!!!

Questions: contact Tanya MacGregor at gtnac2001@verizon.net for Box Tops or contact Stacy Johnson at angel78510@gmail.com for Labels for Education

Car Wash

to benefit

**The 6th Grade
Class of 2015**



Date: Saturday, June 7, 2014

Time: 10 am – 2 pm

Location: Gen. Nash Elementary School

Stop to have your car washed by our students. Baked goods and drinks will be available to purchase. All donations benefit the *Class of 2015* !



Thank you! Hope to see you there!

*****Attention Current 5th Grade Parents: A sign-up genius will be sent shortly with further information and volunteer opportunities for this event. Thank you for all your support!
Karen Lindsay, Christine DiPippo and Kelly Bonsignore*****

NASH NEWS



May Events

- May 2nd Spirit Day, Hat Day
- May 5th - 9th Teacher Appreciation Week
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Principal's News

Dear Nash Families,

Welcome to May!! There are so many events to tell you about. This may be our busiest and most exciting month yet.

We are so excited about the 6th grade show. The students will perform a Western Broadway review on May 14th at 9:30 AM and again at 7:00 PM. So saddle up, Partner! It's going to be a great time.

On May 15th, we will conduct an Evacuation Drill during our normal monthly fire drill. The evacuation drill is used to practice an emergency situation that may require us to leave the school grounds. We will practice our normal fire drill and then relocate students on foot to the Towamencin Fields behind the school. We will walk across the fields behind the school to get there. I want to thank the Safe and Orderly Correlate for their help in organizing this event. More information will be forth coming as we get closer to the event.

The Literacy Fair will take place on May 16th beginning at 6:30 PM. Students will celebrate writing by participating in a number of writing activities in the Gym and Cafeteria. Students' art work and writing samples will be displayed during the event. Our students are very proud of their work and look forward to sharing it with you.

Our Kindergarten Information Session will be held on May 29th at 9:30 AM. If you have a new family in the area that may be registering for Kindergarten, please invite them to call the school office and see how they can be a part of this event. Your help in getting the word out is greatly appreciated.

Olympic Day will be on June 6th. This was originally scheduled for May 30th, so please mark your calendars to reflect this change. This is always an exciting day for our students. Security and safety are important to us, so please stay tuned for more information on pre-registration and procedures for this fun-filled day. Our goals are to promote physical activity, fair play and unity in our school community, our country and our world. We invite all of our families to come out and celebrate these ideals with us.

Finally, I would like to remind parents and students about the dress code. The following excerpt comes directly from the North Penn Student handbook that you received last fall. Please help us to adhere to the guidelines.

The North Penn community takes pride in its students. A student's dress reflects upon his/her preparation for school and relates to his/her conduct in school. All students are expected to dress neatly in clothes that are suitable for school activities. Short shorts, bare midriffs, halter tops, tube tops and tank tops are not considered appropriate for school. For safety and health reasons, sturdy footwear should be selected for playground activities. Shirts with inappropriate language, or any reference to drugs or alcohol, are not considered appropriate school attire.

Thank you and have a great May!!!

Sincerely,

Ron Martiello

Principal

Young Publishers Page

WHEN YOU REACH ME

BY: Rebecca Stead

Reviewed by Zachery

The story takes place in a lower class neighborhood in New York City. The setting is used to show how relationships are formed, like gangs or friendships, because of the way they live.

The main character of the book is Miranda; she is brave, helpful and always asking questions. Miranda pushes to find out the truth when she sees things that others do not. She has a group of close friends, Annemarie, Julia, Colin and Sal that are there to help her throughout the story. There is one other character; Marcus who at the end we find out is really who the story is all about.

This story starts out with Miranda and Sal walking from school and Sal getting punched by Marcus. Marcus wanted Sal to punch him back to see what it felt like but Sal did not he just stayed on his knees and cried while Marcus walked away. After that Sal just wanted Miranda to stay away from him. At the same time Miranda's house key went missing and she started to get notes left for her. She thought the notes were trying to warn her about someone's death; so she was on a mission to find what happened to her key, what the notes mean, and why Marcus punched Sal.

The first note Miranda got asked her to write the person a letter, tell of the location of her house key and that they will not be themselves when they reach her. Miranda was very confused because her house key had just been taken a few days before she just got the letter. The second letter tells Miranda that her letter must tell a story and not to share anymore of the notes with anyone. Before the third note arrived Miranda, Annemarie and Colin got a job at Jimmy's deli to earn money for Christmas. One day when they were working 2 rolls went missing. On the next note Miranda received it said to "meet at Colin's knapsack"; no one else showed up but when she went looking around the knapsack she found the 2 rolls. The fourth note arrived in the worst way. They were walking home from school when Marcus started chasing after Sal. Sal ran into the street when the man that Miranda saw sitting under the mailbox (the laughing man) pushed Sal out of the way and was hit instead of Sal. Miranda was very upset by seeing the whole thing and inside the man's shoe that came off when he was hit was the final note asking her to deliver HER note by hand to the person writing the notes and that she would know where to find him.

In the end Miranda figures it all out but I don't want to give the ending away because I was very surprised and that is one of the things I liked best about the book. I really liked *When You Reach Me* because it had a little bit of action; it had some scary moments as well as some sad and exciting moments; but especially because of the ending. I would recommend the book for people who like a good action mystery.

Contact Information for Publications

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Misty of Chincoteague

By: Marguerite Henry

Book Report By Emily

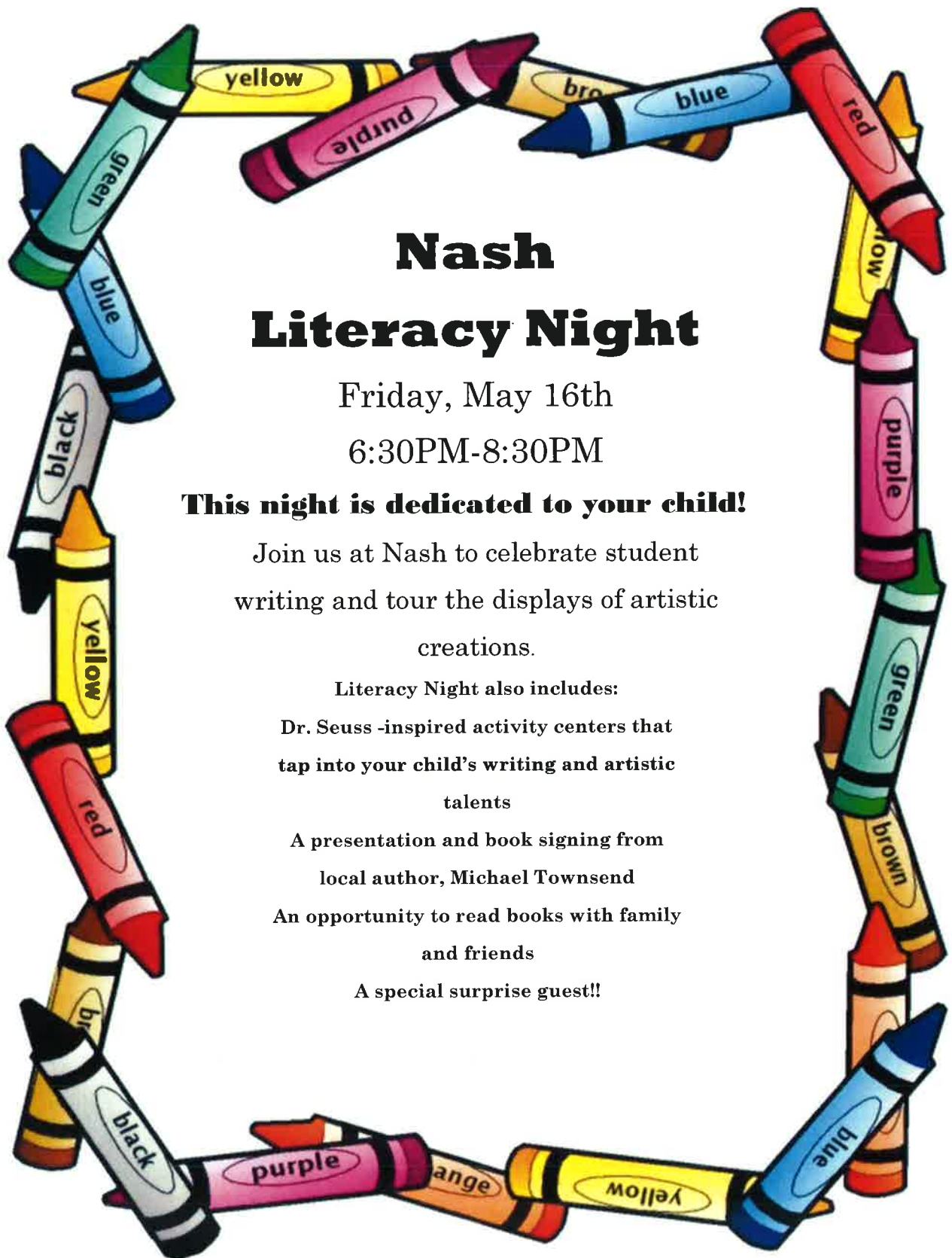
The book I chose to read is called Misty of Chincoteague. The story takes place in 1940's on the coastal Island of Chincoteague, Virginia. Chincoteague is known for wild ponies which fascinate the main characters, Paul and Maureen. The village tradition of holding an annual pony roundup and auction increase Paul and Maureen's desire to buy and own their own horse.

Paul and Maureen are siblings who love horses. They work together to reach their shared goal of owning their own pony. Paul and Maureen show respect to grown-ups in the story by being polite to them. However, some riders on Pony Penning Day tried to keep Paul from getting a wild pony by sending him after a straggler.

The main conflict is that Paul and Maureen have raised ponies on their grandfather's farm, only to watch them be sold when they're grown. It's a conflict because they don't like the ponies being sold to strangers. They want to have a horse of their own. It's an internal struggle because the characters' feelings show that they don't like the horses being sold to strangers.

The rising action is when Paul goes to Assateague Island for a pony roundup. Paul herds Phantom and Misty on the Island. He then helps them swim across the channel to Chincoteague. The turning point is when Paul and Maureen raise the money to buy the horses. They raise the money by doing chores for the neighbors. A man initially buys the horse Misty, but his son is interested in a different horse. This enables Paul and Maureen to buy the two horses Phantom and Misty. Paul and Maureen train Phantom for a year to get ready to ride in the race. The falling action is when they see who will ride Phantom in the race. Paul and Maureen break a wishbone. Paul gets the bigger piece. Maureen is disappointed, but supports him. Paul rides Phantom in the race and beats Black Comet, who won the race three years in a row. After the race is over, Phantom hears the call of the Pied Piper. The Pied Piper is Misty's dad. Paul decides to let Phantom go free to go back to Pied Piper but Misty stayed on Chincoteague.

I liked the story because there are horses in it. I also liked it because the characters didn't act mean and worked hard. They also acted nice to others even if they were mean. I would recommend it to another reader because it's a good book to read. It's a good book to read because it's interesting and there's a little bit of suspense in it. I was happy when Paul and Maureen got the horses they wanted.



Nash Literacy Night

Friday, May 16th

6:30PM-8:30PM

This night is dedicated to your child!

Join us at Nash to celebrate student writing and tour the displays of artistic creations.

Literacy Night also includes:

Dr. Seuss -inspired activity centers that tap into your child's writing and artistic talents

A presentation and book signing from local author, Michael Townsend

An opportunity to read books with family and friends

A special surprise guest!!

Meet local author and illustrator

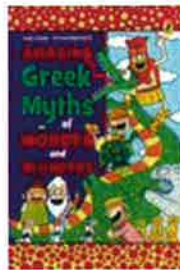
Michael Townsend

When: Friday, May 16th

Where: Nash Gym

Presentation will begin at 7:00

Book signing will immediately follow



We encourage you to pre-order as there will be a limited number of books available for purchase the night of the event. Visit Harleyville Books using the link below to place your order.

<http://www.harleyvillebooks.com/generalnashliteracyfest2014>

Please return this form to Mrs. Stephenson by Friday, May 9th if you plan to attend.

Student/s Name/s: _____

Grade/s: _____ **Total people in attendance:** _____

TIME TO COLLECT!!

NASH SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE 2014!

Time for Spring Cleaning??? Let Nash earn \$\$ for your outgrown items!



Bring wearable, usable clothes - Men's, women's & children's
Bring shoes, belts and handbags! Bring linens, and stuffed animals!

Nash gets paid by the POUND!

Drop-Off Times listed below:

May 19th-29th 7:00-9:00 am/3:30-5:30 pm

May 30th 7:00-9:00 am

All bags must be WELL TIED and dropped off on the cart outside the Cafeteria Doors (the set in front to the left when looking at the building).
If you will be in school for another reason the bags can be dropped off on the stage. Contact Pam Olewnik at 215-362-7242 or pamolewnik@comcast.net with any questions.



Thanks for your support!



Box Tops and Labels for Education Winter Drive Results and Spring Reminder

The winter drive results are in! Together we collected \$718 in Box Tops and 10,165 in Labels for Education points. Additionally, 22% of students contributed to the winter drive for Box Tops! This makes our totals \$1,475 in Box Tops and 13,077 in Labels for Education points for the year so far! Nice job everyone!

Congrats to Mrs. Neuman's sixth grade class for collecting the most Box Tops and to Mrs. Roper's PM Kindergarten class for collecting the most Labels for Education points! Both classes earned extra recess.

Additionally, for the new participation contest, the students in Mr. Yeum's second grade class had the highest participation for box tops and Mrs. G's first grade class had the highest participation for Labels for Education contest.

Just a note on Box Tops – feel free to send them in throughout the year, especially if you see they are close to expiring. They can be submitted throughout the year (not just with announced drives) and will be counted towards the next contest.

Please keep collecting Box Tops and Labels for Education points! The next drive due date will be Friday, May 30th! This will allow the teachers plenty of time to use the extra recess before the end of the school year!

Million Tabs Collection



Got tabs? We have lots more empty collection containers that need to be filled thanks to Eagles Peak Spring Water in Fountainville, PA! Keep collecting and sending them in! We have collected just over 300,000 tabs!!! Come see what 300,000 of something looks like in the main hallway at Nash.



Nurse's Notes

With the nicer weather, it is great to be outside. Being safe is of the greatest importance.

-Please remind your children that they should wear a helmet when riding a bike, a scooter, or skate board.

-Please remember to apply a sunscreen before going outside. The recommendation is to use a sunscreen that protects against UVA and UVB ultraviolet rays as well as an SPF of 30. If you are outside for long periods of time, remember to reapply the sunscreen every hour or two.

-Applying an insect repellent will help to cut down on insect bites and ticks.

UPCOMING HEALTH/DENTAL EXAM REQUIREMENTS

- We have sent out the dental permission forms to all grade 2 and grade 6 students. Dental exams are required for grade 3 and grade 7

- We have sent out the physical permission forms to all grade 5 students.

Physical exams are required for grade 6.

Should you lose the forms, you can download and print a copy by going to the North Penn School District website; npenn.org, click the 'for families' section. It is located under 'frequently used forms'.

As always, stay healthy and safe.

Mrs. O'Brien

Mrs. Walton

May 2014

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 Day 1	2 Day 2 Spirit Day - Hat Day	3
4	5 Day 3 Teacher Appreciation Week>>>	6 Day 4 Wendy's Night 5-8PM	7 Day 1 Market Day Order Due Online Spring Arts Festival	8 Day 2 H & S Meeting 7PM Nash	9 Day 3	10
11	12 Day 4	13 Day 1 Market Day Pickup 5-6PM Nash Cafeteria	14 Day 2 6th Grade Play 9:30AM & 7PM @ Nash	15 Day 3	16 Day 4 Appreciation Luncheon 11AM-1:30PM Nash Library/Literacy Night 6:30	17
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June Events

June 3rd Market Day Pick up, 5-6pm, Nash Cafeteria
 June 6th Olympic Day, Spirit Day—Career Day
 June 12th Home and School meeting, 7pm, Nash library
 June 16th Recognition Assembly
 June 18th Last Day of School - Early Dismissal 12:35

★★★
 ★ Don't forget to sign up for the ★
 ★ **Engineering for Kids Program -** ★
 ★ begins May 22nd and goes for 4 Thursdays! ★
 ★★★

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