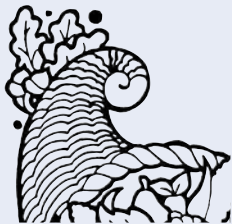


Navy News

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Nov 7 – 8 Parent/Teacher Conferences- Student Holidays
- Nov 7 – 30 Hat & Mitten Drive
- Nov 10 PTO meeting Media Center, 9:30 am
- Nov 11 Veteran's Day Celebration
- Nov 14 Naglieri Testing, Grade 1
- Nov 24 – 25 Thanksgiving Holiday



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Giving Thanks

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching the end of the 1st grading period! As we finish the first quarter, we would like you to think about some things listed below.

School Improvement Plan: We have finalized our School Improvement Plan and look forward to sharing it with you at our PTO meeting on November 10th at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be in Navy's Library/Media Center. This meeting will give Administration an opportunity to share the goals and vision for the school year.

Teacher Conference Days: I would like to remind everyone that there will be NO SCHOOL on Monday and Tuesday, November 7 and 8. Parent and Teacher Conferences will be held on those days.

A Time of Thanks...

As we enter the season of celebration and thanks in November, we want to express our appreciation of our school community. We are so grateful to have such dedicated parents at Navy. Each of our teachers is devoted to providing your child with a quality education while caring for and supporting their character. Your children are in the very best hands. Knowing that you work with us to continue this supportive environment at home makes us feel good about the overall success of "our" students.

Thanksgiving Holiday: Students will be released on Wednesday, November 23rd at 1:20 p.m. to begin their Thanksgiving Holiday. There is no school on November 24th and November 25th. Relax and spend time with family and friends during this break. Enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday!

—Jon Coch, Principal and
Faye Cofer, Assistant Principal



Lady Gaga wins the Grand Prize Pumpkin



PTO Corner

Thank you to all the wonderful parent volunteers who gave their time in October and helped make the Fall Festival and Book Fair such a success. Each event had huge attendance this year and the children had a great time at both of the events!

Many thanks to our Fall Festival committee chairs Sue Martin, Cindy Barber, Ellen Beekman, Vicki Hemrich and Kara Hackemer for all the time and effort they put into creating such a well-planned, fun family night that hundreds of Navy families got to enjoy. Allison Booker and Brenda Gass also did an amazing job organizing and running the annual Scholastic Book Fair. All profits from the Scholastic Book Fair are used to purchase new books and equipment for the library.

In October, the PTO also published our annual Student Directory led by the efforts of Shirley Zhao and Elaine Salis organized our first of several Parent Education nights. We really depend on all our volunteers to keep the PTO moving and none of the PTO events would be possible without all of these terrific parents! Navy is very lucky to have so many parents who give of their time to plan and run our PTO events; please consider volunteering your time at the next event... your help is always appreciated and can make a big difference to students and the school.

Finally, our Fall Fundraiser is now coming to a close. If you haven't given yet, please consider making a donation and supporting all the programs that the PTO pays for each year at our school.

Happy Thanksgiving!
— Jennifer Condro, PTO President

The Results Are In!

An incredible 89 pumpkins were entered in this year's Fall Festival Pumpkin Contest. The winners were:

Grand Prize Winner - Alli Evans & Cecilia Larrazabal (Lady Gaga)

Favorite Creature - Matthew Berube (Mikey D. Wazowski)

Spooky/Halloween - Brandon Cage (Scary Spider)

Most Humorous - Zach & Sydney Morse (Kiss)

Sports - Chase McCulloch (Navy Bowling)

Most Creative - Abbie Rogers (Alien Invaders)

Navy School Activity - Lauren McMarlin & Meghan Sweeney (Navy Strings)

Favorite Book Character - Isabella Fiskén (Pinkalicious)

The "guess how many" winner was Harry Gustafson who guessed 724. There were actually 735 gumballs.

Scripps Spelling Bee is Coming to Navy!

The Navy PTO is excited to be sponsoring the first ever Scripps Spelling Bee at Navy for 3-6th grades in February. The winner of our school Spelling Bee will be eligible to compete in the Fairfax County Bee and potentially move on to the National Scripps Spelling Bee in Washington, DC. We are in the early planning stages now for this event and are in need of a parent volunteer to help co-chair along with members of the Navy staff. Please contact Mary Tchiprout at mstchiprout@hotmail.com if you are interested and would like to know more.

November PTO Meeting

Please join us for the General PTO meeting on Thursday, Nov. 10th, 9:30 am in the Media Center.

Hat & Mitten Drive

Many people in our own community are facing challenging circumstances. Please give the gift of warmth this winter by donating new mittens, hats and scarves to those in need.

What: Please bring new hats, mittens or scarves.

When: November 7 – November 30

Where: Please drop off all donations to the bin marked "Hat/Mitten Drive" located outside of the front office.

All sizes, and both children's and adults are needed

Your donations will be distributed through the Embry Rucker Community Shelter in Reston. Questions? Email Kathie Wilson at angelcity1@cox.net.

Fall Fundraiser

The Navy Fall Fundraiser goal is \$27,000. We're almost there! Our current total is just over \$20,000 with 301 families out of 615 total Navy families participating. There is still time to fill the dolphin funds to the top. Please send in your contribution check made payable to Navy PTO today.

While this may seem like a lot of money, if we do not reach our goal we may have to consider cutting events. This fundraiser covers all of the assemblies your children see, field trips for all grades, the Fall Festival, the new Spring Carnival, End of Year Picnic, classroom materials and so much more.

Directories Still Available

Student Directories have been delivered as of October 21st. PTO still has extra copies left for sale at the Navy office. Payment of \$9 each can be made online or by personal check.

What is the Cultural Arts Program?

Each year, the Navy PTO Cultural Arts Program Committee organizes and funds several assemblies for our students. This year the PTO is funding six assemblies, all of which are educational, fun and many of which tie into the curriculum of several grades. Our wonderful committee chairperson, Carolyn Fink, organizes these great programs for our students.

Here is a look at what our children will get to experience this year.

Oct. 28, 2011 "Joe Romano: Books! The Magic Is Real!" Grades K – 6th

Joe Romano is a magician who integrates books into his hilarious magic act. The theme for his shows is that books have a magic all their own, and they have the power to take you to all the places in your imagination. This assembly is a wonderful way to get the children excited about reading and coincides with the start of the Navy Book Fair.

Nov. 10, 2011 "Blue Sky Puppet Theatre: "The Missing Piece" Grades K – 6th

These fun puppets engage the children on ideas about math, science, bullying, and this year, about goal setting and self-esteem building. The shows are full of laughter and learning.

Feb. 7, 2012 "Reverb" Grades K – 6

A Washington-area a cappella group that performs "Black History In Harmony." It's a musical created for students. Students participate by singing, clapping, and reflecting on how they can use their talents to make the world a better place.

March 21, 2012 "Bright Star Theatre: The Underground Railroad" Grades 4 – 6 and "Aesop's Tales" Grades K – 3

These assemblies are broken up into 2 different subjects based on grade level. Live actors from the Blue Star Theatre perform captivating plays for the children, which are both historical and educational.

May 4, 2012 "Fife & Drum" Grade 4 only

The Fife and Drum Team, fully dressed in colonial clothes, escort the 4th Graders from their classrooms all around the school (all the classes line the halls to watch the Parade) and into the Library where they describe the importance of their role in colonial times. This event ties into the festivities of the Colonial Faire.

June 15, 2012 "Under The Sea" Kindergarten only

Andrew Wilson is a marine biologist who brings to school live creatures from under the sea! The children learn the names of sea creatures as well as where they live, what they eat and lots of other amazing facts about the ocean and ocean life.

Looking for a Chess Club Committee Chairperson

The Navy PTO is looking for a person to chair the chess club committee. This position would involve coordinating the chess club classes, working with the vendor, and managing registrations for the winter and spring sessions. We need to fill this position immediately! The Chess Club Chairperson will receive free tuition for the winter and spring sessions for their child that is enrolled in the class. If you are interested in volunteering for this position, please e-mail Mary Tchiprout at mstchiprout@hotmail.com as soon as possible.

Box Tops Contest Results

Congratulations Navy on a VERY successful box top Contest. We collected 7,636 box tops—that is \$764 for our school! We collected 10,199 in the spring and so a check will go to Navy in November for \$1,963 for the combined spring and the fall contests. All of this money will go towards the development of a new Math Lab for the students and teachers.

1st grade collected the most with 1,502 box tops

3rd grade collected 1,410 box tops

2nd grade collected 1,310 box tops

6th grade collected 1,177 box tops

5th grade collected 872 box tops

4th grade collected 771 box tops

Kindergarten collected 427 box tops

The winning class of the Fall Box Tops Contest with 695 box tops was Mr. Erlich's 6th Grade Class! There were 2 close runner ups... with 594 box tops was Mrs. Soroka's 3rd grade class and with 422 box tops was Ms. Bridge's 4th grade class. They will receive their 30 min relay races and popsicle parties next week.

Thank you to everyone who submitted box tops. Keep clipping and saving the box tops for the next CONTEST will be in January. GOOOO NAVY!!!

