

Noonan Academy Newsletter

October 2011

Mrs. Sain Principal

Mrs. Ehler Assistant Principal



Principal's News

Parent Teacher conferences are just around the corner - Oct. 21st. Please look for additional information and forms in this newsletter.

Remember that we are continuing to save trees and NOT send home newsletters. We will send email reminders to you with links to the newsletters when they are posted on our website.

We have a fun-filled family activity planned in October; the Annual Fall Fest on October 28th. We will be holding it in conjunction with our Crystal Daycare facility. All families, friends and neighbors are invited to attend. The Fall Fest will have games with prizes, food prepared on-site by *Carrabba's*, a Climbing Wall, *pony rides*, face painting and much, much more! Advance ticket sale information will be sent home later this month. Proceeds from this event will benefit programs at the Academy.

Thanks for all you do!!

No health insurance for your children? Check out www.floridakidcare.org for comprehensive health care.

Two or three volunteers are needed to serve lunch to our Pre-K and Aftercare students on Oct. 21st during Parent Teacher Conferences, so that our staff can enjoy a quick lunch together. If you can help from 12:00 -12:30 please let Mrs. Sain know.

The Entertainment Book Fundraiser was a great success. Thank you for participating.

After School Activities

It is important for all students to register and pay fees in advance for all after school activities. We will always try to accommodate every child; however, for staffing and material purposes we may not always be able to add new students to the rosters the day of the program. Children that are enrolled in after school programs must be picked up when the program is scheduled to end. Remaining children may not be sent to Aftercare. Good behavior is expected at all times for children enrolled in after school programs.

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- ◆ **11/11 School Closed**

School Hours

Pre-K 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Kindergarten - 8th Grade 8:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Building Hours 6:45 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Office Hours 8:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Halloween Parties

Following with the direction given by Mrs. Noonan, **students will not wear costumes for their Halloween parties.** Parties will be held in each classroom at the end of the day and could include a Halloween story time, a grade level appropriate Halloween movie, or Halloween activity along with nutritional refreshments. Teachers from each grade level will send home more detailed information so that you will know specifically what your child's class is doing. Of course, our parents are invited/encouraged to visit or **help** during this festivity!

What You Do Is What You'll Get

If you want to help your children do well in life, there are a few things you can do. A high proportion of high achievers have two things in common: lots of books in their house and an emphasis on reading, and a family tradition of regularly eating dinner together.

Filling a house with books surrounds children with endless and varied opportunities and challenges to explore and learn. Books provide knowledge and seeds of wisdom about morality and character.

Eating dinner together assures that parents have an opportunity to participate in their kids' day-to-day lives and help shape the way they think and react.

Coordinating schedules so everyone eats together requires an effort to elevate family time above other things and instills in children a sense of belonging.

But we can do more than promoting reading and family discussions to offset the bad influences to which our kids are exposed. Everything we do to or in front of our children matters; what we allow, what we encourage, and what we do ourselves teaches our children how to live and conveys powerful messages about values.

So be sensitive with what you say and how you say it, what you read and what you watch on TV. And be careful with how you handle relationships and deal with emotions like disappointment, anger, and frustration. Because what you do is what you'll get.

This is Michael Josephson reminding you that character counts

October Birthdays

10/03	Brienne
10/04	Sophia
10/04	Ahmad
10/05	Arnae
10/05	Ryan
10/06	Madison
10/11	Ashley
10/14	Ava
10/15	Cecilia
10/15	Jolie
10/15	Sydney
10/18	Tatiana
10/19	Samantha
10/23	Gracelynne
10/24	Nicholas
10/26	Dakoda
10/26	Leondro
10/27	Cisco
10/28	Molly
10/30	Chase

Interested in Coaching Basketball?

We are beginning our search for 2011 Season for Boys and Girls Basketball.

Practice and Conditioning starts in November with a couple of games in December.

Please email:
atabor@noonanacademy.com

Students of the Month

Pre-K 3 Miss Harders

Nolan

Pre-K 4 Miss Callanan & Mrs. Piper

Ryan L.
Ahmad

Kindergarten Mrs. McDonald

Alex
Brooke

1st Grade Mrs. Stephenson

Riley
Grayson
Brienne

2nd Grade Miss Wichman

Madison
Grant

3rd Grade Mrs. Ehler

Derek
Madison

4th Grade Miss Troxler

Blake
Audrey

5th Grade Mrs. Gedra

Jolie

6th Grade Mrs. Henderson

Claire
Drew

7th/8th Grade Mr. Henderson

Jordan
Michael

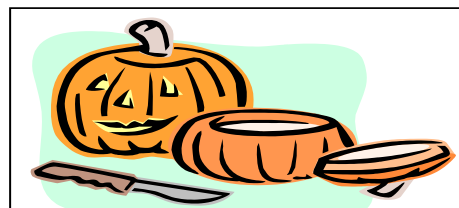
Fall Festival

Come celebrate Fall with:

- Games
- A Magician
- A Climbing Wall(3 tickets)
- The Game Guys(2 tickets games & 3 tickets laser tag)
- A Dunk Tank(1 ticket for 3 balls)
- Adult size "Trike" races for middle school and adults(1 ticket)
- Silent auctions
- Food from *Carraba's* (Pre-purchase tickets) and much more at our 11th Annual Fall Festival!

Our Fall Festival will be held on Oct. 28th from 5:45 to 8:00 pm.

Advance Food and Activity tickets are available and recommended! Forms will be sent home and available on-line by the first part of October.



Yearbook Photos!!

We'd love to include pictures you take at our many events in the yearbook. If you'd like to submit pictures, please send them in on a disc (not returnable) that we will give to Jay Buchanan on **January 19th** so that he will have many pictures to choose from for the collage pages in the 2011/2012 Yearbook.

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Don't forget -
Parent Teacher
conferences
are Monday,
Oct. 21st.

NO school for
K - 8th grade
students.
(Aftercare open
for Aftercare
students.)

Pre-K will be
in session since
they don't
have their
conferences
until February!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

There will be no school for Kindergarten through 8th grade students, Friday, Oct. 21st, as parent-teacher conferences will be scheduled throughout the day. Pre-K will be in school as regularly scheduled. There will be daycare provided only to those students registered and paying the aftercare rate.

Please help us plan for conferences by filling out and returning the attached conference form for all students no later than **Monday, October 3rd**. A confirmation letter will be sent home indicating the conference time for your child. Teachers will try to accommodate all parents on that day. We will try our best to schedule conferences for families with multiple children within the same time frame. Each conference should last approximately 20 minutes for K - 2nd grade and 10 minutes for 3rd - 8th grade. If additional time is required, please make an appointment with the teacher for a later date. (Forms also on website)

Book Fair Results!!

Our Fall Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success, due in no small part to all of the support from families, teachers and students. We beat our sales goal, ringing up \$5021.46 in sales! We also had a record combined donation of \$378.96 to the library.

With this money the PTA purchased sixty-two new books for the Noonan library, ranging from picture books to young adult novels. Scholastic will match that dollar amount and donate to charities that provide books for children, such as Toys For Tots.

We earned a total of \$3619.90 Scholastic Dollars, which will be put towards a new SmartBoard, book shelves, and other materials for the school. Many thanks to everyone who volunteered and contributed to the super success of the Scholastic Book Fair.

Students love this wonderful event, and it can only happen with great teamwork!!!

Coming this spring: Book Fair Luau -- Aloha!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND IN INTERNET PERMISSION
FORMS AND PARENT HANDBOOK SUPPORT
STATEMENT FORMS. THANK YOU!

Fall Festival

Friday, Oct. 28th

at the Noonan Academy 6401 Techster Blvd.

Fort Myers, FL

Come celebrate Fall with a Magician, games with prizes, a **Climbing Wall**(3 tickets), a **Dunk Tank**(1 ticket for 3 balls), **The Gaming Guys**(Games-2 tickets/Laser Tag-3 tickets), **Adult-size Trike Races** for Middle School students & adults(1 ticket), silent auctions, and wonderful food sponsored by "Carrabba's Italian Grill!" (Bolded items will require tickets. Activity tickets are \$1.00 per ticket and can be pre-purchased or on-site during the event.)

Pre-paid Food/admission tickets are \$5.00 per child (Penne Pasta w/meatballs or veg.) and \$13.00 per adult (Chicken Marsala or veg.) for a wonderful meal with all the fixings and a night of fun! **Food prices will increase by \$2.00 per meal if purchased at the door.**

Open 5:45 - 8:00 p.m.

Food will be served from 6:00 - 7:30

Games in classrooms from 6:30 - 7:45

Fall Festival Order Form

(Please return with payment by Oct. 21st)

Child's Name

Teacher

Number of \$5.00 Children Tickets _____ (Penne Pasta) _____

Vegetarian _____

Number of \$13.00 Adult Tickets _____ (Chicken Marsala) _____

Vegetarian _____

Number of \$1.00 Activity Tickets _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Cash _____ Check# _____

Dear Noonan Parents,

Our Fall Festival is bigger and better this year, since we are continuing to partner with the Bobbie Noonan Crystal Street Daycare. We will still have our classroom basket auction. We are asking families to send in an item for your child's classroom basket. *A basket has already been purchased for each classroom.

Classroom Gift Baskets will have the following themes:

Pre-K - Superheroes

Mrs. McDonald- Bath and Body

Mrs. Stephenson - Legos

Miss Wichman- Disney

Mrs. Ehler - Movies

Miss Troxler -Wine and Cheese

Mrs. Gedra-Sports

Mrs. Henderson- Scrapbooking

Mr. Henderson- Cards and Board Game Night

Please send items for the gift basket as soon as possible. We need all items to be sent in before Oct. 14th. It takes lots of woman hours to make the baskets look beautiful and get them wrapped, so please be timely with your donations. If you have any questions, please call us at 561-7755.

We would love to accept additional, donated items to be auctioned off if your business would like to make a donation.

Thank you,

Nancy Sain



GARAGE SALE

Have any unwanted “stuff” at home? Looking to get rid of some the clutter? Drop it off here at Noonan’s!

*We are having our Garage Sale here on
Saturday, November 5th
from
8:30- 12:00*

This is the perfect time to clean out that closet or garage! Get ready for the Holiday Season! We love your old treasures! All proceeds go back to OUR school! The garage will be open each morning for drop off!!

Thanks for supporting OUR school!



The Power of Responsibility

It's been said that the line between childhood and adulthood is crossed when we move from saying, "It got lost" to "I lost it." Indeed, being accountable and understanding and accepting the role our choices play in the things that happen are crucial signs of emotional and moral maturity. That's why responsibility is one of the main pillars of good character.

Many people have been seduced by the Peter Pan philosophy of refusing to grow up and avoiding the burdens implied in being accountable. Yes, responsibility sometimes requires us to do things that are unpleasant or even frightening. It asks us to carry our own weight, prepare and set goals, and exercise the discipline to reach our aspirations. But the benefits of accepting responsibility far outweigh the short-lived advantages of refusing to do so. No one makes his or her life better by avoiding responsibility. In fact, irresponsibility is a form of self-imposed servitude – to circumstances and to other people.

Responsibility is about our ability to respond to circumstances and to choose the attitudes, actions, and reactions that shape our lives. It is a concept of power that puts us in the driver's seat.

The grand panorama of the potential of our lives can only be appreciated when we begin to be accountable and self-reliant. Responsible people not only depend on themselves but show others that they can be depended on. This breeds trust, and trust is a key that opens many doors.

If you want more control over your life and the pleasures, prerogatives, and power of freedom and independence, all you have to do is be responsible.

This is Michael Josephson reminding you that character counts.

**Noonan Academy
Parent Teacher Conferences
Preference Letter**

Parent Teacher Conferences for Kindergarten students will be held at the Academy on Friday, Oct. 21, 2011. All conferences will be scheduled with Mrs. McDonald. School will not be in session for grades K-8th on that day. Each conference should last approximately 20 minutes.

The teachers will try to accommodate all parents that day. The preferred conference time is during the normal teaching day, between 7:30 a.m. and 3:50 p.m. However we realize extreme circumstances might require a conference outside of the scheduled time.

To help us with the scheduling process, we ask you to list your preference of time block. Please list your first and second preference and return this form to school with your child, by Sept. 30th. A confirmation letter will be sent home on Friday, October, 14th.

On the first line, please fill in oldest child's name (K – 2nd), teacher, and grade then list siblings on the line below so that our teachers will try to coordinate conference date and times.

Parent Teacher Conference Preference

Child's Name: _____ Grade: Kindergarten Teacher: Mrs. McDonald
Sibling: _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____
Sibling: _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____
Sibling: _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

- 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.
- Anytime is fine

_____ Everything is fine at this time and I don't need a conference.

Please return this form with your oldest child on or before September 30, 2011.

Noonan Academy
Parent Teacher Conferences
Preference Letter

Parent Teacher Conferences for 1st and 2nd grade students will be held at the Academy on Thursday, Oct 20, 2011 in the afternoon and all day Friday, Oct. 21, 2011. All conferences will be scheduled with both Mrs. Stephenson and Miss Wichman. School will not be in session for K-8th grade students on Friday. Each conference should last approximately 20 minutes.

The teachers will try to accommodate all parents that day. The preferred conference time is during the normal teaching day, between 12:30 and 3:50 p.m. on Thursday and 7:30 a.m. and 3:50 p.m. on Friday. However, we realize extreme circumstances might require a conference outside of the scheduled time.

To help us with the scheduling process, we ask you to list your preference of time block. Please list your first and second preference and return this form to school with your child, by Sept. 30th. A confirmation letter will be sent home on Friday, October, 14th.

On the first line, please fill in oldest child's name (K – 2nd grade), teacher, and grade then list siblings on the line below so that our teachers will try to coordinate conference date and times.

Parent Teacher Conference Preference

Child's Name: _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____
Sibling: _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____
Sibling: _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____
Sibling: _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

- Thursday, 12:30 – 3:50
- Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, 1:30 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.
- Anytime is fine

_____ Everything is fine at this time and I don't need a conference.

Please return this form with your oldest child on or before September 30, 2011.

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Parent Teacher Conference 3rd – 8th Grades Preference Letter

Parent Teacher Conferences for **3rd through 8th grades** will be held at the Academy on Friday, Oct. 21, 2011. We will schedule ten minute appointments with each of the teachers you indicate you would like to conference with. Please place a check mark next to the name of the teacher/teachers you would like to meet with.

Mrs. Henderson _____ Mrs. Gedra _____ Mr. Henderson _____

Mrs. Piper _____ Mrs. Schroeder _____ Mrs. Ehler _____

Miss Troxler _____ Mr. Martinson _____ Miss Harders _____

A master schedule will be created with an attempt to have your ten minute appointments scheduled back-to-back to optimize your time. **Please return this letter with your time preference marked below to your child's homeroom teacher by Sept. 30th.**

Child's name _____ Grade _____

Parent/parents attending conference

_____ 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

_____ 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

_____ 1:30 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.

_____ Everything is fine at this time and I don't need a conference.