



# NBC Elementary School First Marking Period Newsletter

## TAP 529 Program for Parents

It's not too early to begin thinking about the possibility of your child attending college. The PA 529 plans help families save for education. The name "529" refers to Section 529 of the IRS tax code, which gives these plans special tax breaks to encourage saving.

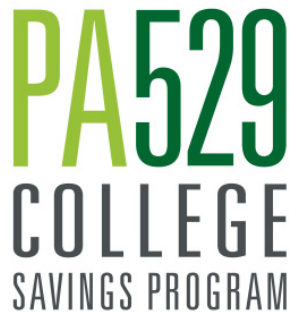
There's no doubt your children or grandchildren will benefit from education. Studies show that a college degree is worth nearly a million dollars in lifetime earnings. Saving for education is an investment in their future.

You can use a 529 plan to pay for qualified higher education expenses at most colleges and universities, and many technical and career schools. There are no income limits, and anyone can contribute. Grandparents, aunts, uncles and family friends can all help your student pay for education.

For more information, visit <https://www.pa529.com>.

## Strengthening Families Program

Families of students in grades 4-8 are able to participate in a program to network with other families and learn new ways to develop stronger bonds with your children. These get-togethers will take place on Thursdays from 5:30-8:00 PM at the middle/high school. Dinner will be served at 5:30 and activities will begin at 6:00. If you are interested in participating in this exciting opportunity, contact Kim Samuel ([ksamuel@nbcsd.org](mailto:ksamuel@nbcsd.org) – 766-4786).



## St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Collection

NBC elementary school students are collecting money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For every dollar donated, the child's name will be written on a paper leaf and added to our Giving Tree in the hallway. For donations of \$5, a lavender leaf will be used, the color representing cancer awareness. Cash or checks are accepted and should be made out to NBC Elementary. Thanks for considering donating to this worthwhile cause.

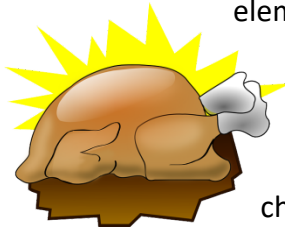
**Character Focus** – NBC Elementary School focuses on six character pillars throughout the school year with the students. The character focus for the month of November is **Citizenship**. The character focus in December is **Caring** and the character focus for January is **Respect**. We're proud of our students and always get great feedback when we take field trips off campus.

**Veterans Day Assembly** – Our annual Veterans Day assembly will be held on Friday, November 9 at 9:30 AM. Students will recognize and honor our local veterans, listen to patriotic music, and learn about the branches of our military from select fifth grade students. We hope you are able to attend this outstanding program.



**Picture Retakes** – You will be receiving your school pictures early in the week of October 31. Picture retakes are scheduled for Thursday, November 15. You will be receiving a flyer from the school closer to that date explaining what you need to do if you want your child's picture retaken.

**Thanksgiving lunch** – On Thursday, November 8 the elementary school will be serving our annual Thanksgiving meal.



Each year, one family member is invited to share the traditional meal with children during their scheduled lunch time. Cost for the adult's lunch that day is \$3.50. Our lunch schedule for that day is as follows:

10:45-11:15 Head Start  
 10:50-11:20 Kindergarten  
 11:10-11:40 Grade 2  
 11:30-12:00 Grade 1  
 11:50-12:20 Grade 3  
 12:10-12:40 PM Pre-Kindergarten  
 12:20-12:50 Grade 4  
 12:30-1:00 Grade 5

**Title I Meeting** – We will be hosting a Title I Parent Breakfast gathering on Friday, November 30. You are invited to come to school and eat breakfast with your child that morning (cost for adults is \$1.60). After breakfast we will meet in the library to discuss Title I funding, programming and ways to improve our Title I services.

**Second Grade Musical** – The second grade musical is scheduled for Tuesday, November 20. There will be a performance for friends and family in the elementary MPR at 7:00 PM that evening. Mark your calendars.

**Box Tops Collection** – Each school year the PTO asks parents to collect *Box Tops for Education*. The PTO receives 10 cents for each Box Top and the money goes to funding special events such as class trips and other activities for our elementary students. Our first Box Top Competition will run from September 17-28. The winning classroom's reward is currently being discussed and will be announced prior to the Box Top competition. Thanks for your help in supporting our PTO.

**Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)** – We have a very supportive and active PTO at the elementary school. We are always looking for more parents to get involved and appreciate the support that this organization provides to the students in our school.



The next PTO meeting is scheduled for November 6 at 5:30 PM in the school library.

**Midpoint of Marking Period** – The midpoint of the second marking period is Tuesday, December 4. Students that are scoring below an 80% in any subject will receive an interim report from your child's teacher(s). Please contact the teacher if you have any questions or concerns about your child's grades throughout the school year. You can monitor your child's grades by clicking "Grades" at the top of the school's webpage – (<https://www.nbcsd.org/nbces>) and then logging in to the "Grade Portal".

**Bus notes** – Every time a change is made to a student's normal drop off location on the school bus, there is a chance that mistakes can be made. We make every effort to reasonably accommodate parent/guardian requests. Keep in mind that we have nearly 400 children that we are coordinating every afternoon at dismissal and any time there is a change to the regular schedule it creates an opportunity for error. You can help by only sending bus notes when absolutely necessary.



**November**

- 11/1-2 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 11/6 PTO meeting - TBA
- 11/8 NBCES Thanksgiving Meal
- 11/8 Religious Release - Grades K-2
- 11/9 Veterans Day assembly
- 11/15 School Picture makeup day
- 11/15 Religious Release - Grades K-2

11/16 Grade 1 Pilgrim play - 1:30 PM  
11/20 Grade 2 musical - 7:00 PM  
11/28-30 PTO Book Fair

## December

12/4 Midpoint of MP 2  
12/11 Grade 5 musical - 7:00 PM  
12/11-13 PTO Santa's Workshop

Fifth grade chorus to Hollidaysburg Veterans Home  
Santa visit to PK and K classes  
Grade 1 Skype with Santa  
Singing around the Christmas Tree  
ES program in MS/HS auditorium  
Student Council Food Drive for Woodbury Food Bank

## January

1/8 PTO meeting - TBA  
1/14 End of MP 2  
1/14-25 PTO Box Top Competition  
1/18 Report Cards sent home

