

# TITAN TALK

THE NOVA EISENHOWER PTA NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Titan Families,

Can you believe we are in our last month of the 2009-2010 school year? It seems like we were just meeting our new teachers and now it's almost over! The little kindergartners seem a bit bigger now and ready for 1st grade and our great 5th graders will be moving on to middle school. We hope we helped make their years at Nova Eisenhower memorable!

We will be asking the families at NEE to complete a survey on what direction we should go next year. Questions relate to fund-raising, programs, and other PTA activities. Please take the time to fill it out and send it back to school. We appreciate any, and all, input. This input will assist with future planning done this summer. With all of the budget cuts and funding issues, the school needs us more than ever.

If you have not heard, Governor Christ vetoed SB 6 – relating to teacher salaries and test scores. Thank you to all that provided such diligent efforts toward the fight. Together, our voices are loud and clear! Let us work together to improve education for our children.

The NEE PTA would like to thank all of you that helped make our year a success. Because of your support, the school, the teachers & the students have all benefited. I would like to personally thank all of the truly dedicated people that spent numerous hours volunteering at NEE. Because of you, the Nova Eisenhower PTA comes to life! I have been proud to be president for the last school year.

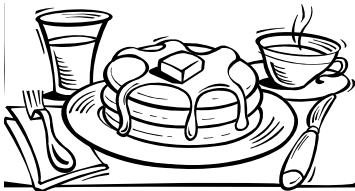
GO TITANS!!!!

## VOLUNTEERS HONORED AT BREAKFAST

Nova Eisenhower is hosting its annual Volunteer Breakfast at 9:45 a.m. on May 21 in the Media Center.

Please attend this lovely event if you have volunteered throughout the year at Nova Eisenhower.

Please send an RSVP titled Volunteer Breakfast to [nova@my-pta.org](mailto:nova@my-pta.org) so the office knows how many people will attend.



## FIFTH GRADERS CELEBRATE

The 5th Grade Year-End Celebration will be on June 4. The 5th Grade committee will need volunteers to help organize and assist during the celebration. Look for more information soon!



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 3-7: Teacher Appreciation Week for Nova teachers and staff**
- May 3: 5th Grade Marine Lab Field Trip**
- May 5: Interims issued**
- May 6: PTA's Teacher-Staff Appreciation Luncheon**
- May 6: Publix Math Challenge Night, 5-6:30 p.m. at Publix, 6525 Nova Dr.**
- May 7: 6th Annual Nova Eisenhower Art Exhibit, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Show runs through May 15.**
- May 10: SAC/SAF meet at 4 p.m.**
- May 10-21: Kindergarten swimming lessons**
- May 12: PTA Science Fair, Game Night and meeting, 6 p.m. Chorus will perform.**
- May 14: Field Day**
- May 21: Nova Eisenhower's Volunteer Breakfast for PTA volunteers, 9:45 a.m.**
- May 25: Talent show, 6:30 p.m., school cafeteria**
- May 28: No school, employee planning day**
- May 31: No school, Memorial Day**
- June 3: 3rd Grade Honor Roll Assembly**
- June 4: 5th Grade Year End Celebration**
- June 7: 4th Grade Honor Roll Assembly**
- June 8: 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony**
- June 9: Early release, 1:30 p.m., last day of school**

## ENJOY A SCAVENGER HUNT AND ORDER A MOTHER'S DAY CAKE



Plan on joining NEE students at Publix Math Night from 5-6:30 p.m. May 6.

It promises to be a fun, educational and delicious night. Students get to participate in a scavenger hunt through the Publix on Nova Drive near school as they scout the aisles using prices and other grocery information for answers to math questions.

After the Math Challenge, students also will have the opportunity to buy a heart-shaped cake for Mother's Day they can decorate with frosting, sprinkles and other items. If you cannot attend the Math Challenge, the cake can also be purchased and decorated for Mother's Day on Friday and Saturday. When you register and/or purchase a cake at the front entrance of Publix, please let them know you are from Nova Eisenhower Elementary.

## TEACHER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

The first week of May is your chance to shower your child's teacher as well as support staff and administrators with well-deserved thanks.

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3-7, and your NEE-PTA will have a special luncheon on May 6 to honor our teachers and school staff.

Throughout the week, students and their families are encouraged to express their appreciation for their teachers and staff for all of their hard work.

The PTA needs volunteers to help at the luncheon and families to donate dishes for the luncheon. Please go to the volunteer section of the PTA's website at <http://nova.my-pta.org> by April 30 to sign up as a volunteer and to note what dish you will be donating. The dishes need to stay out from 10:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. so keep that in mind when selecting what to send in for the luncheon.

Sending in a dish doesn't require you to stay at the luncheon. You can drop off your dish at the front office and the PTA will set it up.

All types of dishes are appreciated and healthy alternatives are welcome. Some suggestions to send in include: side dishes, pastas, rice, vegetables, salads, fruits, desserts, bottles of ice tea, water, soda, cups, napkins and plastic tablecloths (email [nova@my-pta.org](mailto:nova@my-pta.org) so you can find out how many rectangular and round tablecloths are needed)

## COME TO PTA'S POPULAR ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER

Families are invited to participate in the PTA's fun game night, Science Fair Night, general meeting and elections from 6-8 p.m. on May 12.

Pizza will be served and Science Fair Awards will be given out.

Look for a flyer coming home soon. Please RSVP by returning the flyer to school by May 1 so the PTA can have enough food for everyone. You can also RSVP via email to [nova@my-pta.org](mailto:nova@my-pta.org). Make sure to include your child's name and teacher's name and how many adults and kids will attend.

Here is the 2010-2011 slate of officers for the PTA's Executive Board: President, Hollie Kwak; Vice President-Volunteers, Jennifer Augustave; Vice President-Programs, Donna Kassman; Vice President-Fundraising, Open; Treasurer, Deborah Klein; Recording Secretary, Dara Collins; Corresponding Secretary, Anna Quintal.

At this time, the PTA is looking to fill the board position of VP-Fundraising. This member organizes fundraising events throughout the year and is allowed to form committees for larger fundraising events.

The PTA also is looking for a person to be in charge of ordering and selling spirit T-shirts. This position starts during the summer and continues with organizing the shirt sales at orientation in August and during the first few months of school.

The PTA also has several committees people can oversee. If you are interested in these positions, email [nova@my-pta.org](mailto:nova@my-pta.org) and put elections in the heading.

# NEE NEWS

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents/Guardians:

At Nova Eisenhower, we strive to provide the best reading instruction for our children and we use various strategies during reading instruction. Our teachers also model good reading for their class each day during S.T.A.R. (Stop, Think, and Read) time. The children are encouraged to read independently and take Accelerated Reader tests.

Current research, however, has shown that factors OUTSIDE the school can influence success in learning to read and becoming fluent readers. The research confirms the importance of children's home environments and literacy experiences.

A positive relationship between a home literacy environment and children's reading knowledge and skills is needed for success. The local Broward County Library is a wonderful resource for home literacy. All children are able to use local libraries to develop important literacy and critical thinking skills. A family visit to your local library is a great way to show your child that you value books and reading. Please be sure that your child has a library card so that he/she will be able to continue enjoying books of various genres throughout the remaining school year and into the summer.

As our year comes to a close, I'd like to thank all of the hard-working, dedicated people for a productive and academically successful year.

In order of our children to have a successful school year, it takes teamwork from various groups. Our group consists of the remarkable PTA who worked diligently to support school initiatives. The resources they provide allow our teachers to help students reach for the stars!

Another group of dedicated individuals consists of the many new and returning business partners who provide incentives to our children throughout the year. I am truly thankful for their participation in our various programs as, Accelerated Reader program, Partners in Print and other school events.

Parent support is paramount for success. Although our families come from all over Broward County, evening meetings, PTA events and school-wide functions were always fully attended! It is great to see such commitment and high regard for education.

The teachers at Nova Eisenhower Elementary are a very special part of the success of our children. Their enthusiasm and passion for teaching is evident on a daily basis. This passion is conveyed to the children. It is a true pleasure working with a dedicated, motivated staff.

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Nova Eisenhower Elementary, I like to wish you a happy, safe and fun-filled summer. Please continue to read, read and read some more. Please continue to make reading part of your child's routine.

Sincerely,  
Carol Lesser, Principal

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Parents, we have several surveys that we would like you to participate in before we close out the year. These surveys are essential as we plan for parent activities and parent trainings for the upcoming year. If and when you receive a survey please help us to better meet your needs by completing the necessary information. Thanks in advance for your cooperation regarding this matter.

Also, this is the last quarter; however, we still have a great deal of teaching and learning to take place. Please share with your child(ren) that we need them to do their very best all the way to end of the 2009/2010 school year. Thanks as always for your support.

Mr. DeShon Jenkins  
Assistant Principal

## WE'VE GOT TALENT

Bring your family to Nova's Talent Show at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 25.

The top 20 acts that made the cut during audition week will display their talent to a panel of judges.

The show will be recorded and aired for all students and teachers to see.

Thanks to Coach Magonigal, Mr. Tabacco and Ms. Caro for all their hard work to make the talent show happen.



## "SILENCE HURTS" CAMPAIGN

Broward school officials are reminding parents and students that they can anonymously report bullying or threats or anything suspicious on a tip line (754-321-0911); Web site -

([www.broward.k12.fl.us/sicu/tips](http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/sicu/tips)); e-mail - ([school911@browardschools.com](mailto:school911@browardschools.com)) and by texting SBBC plus the message to CRIMES (274637).

Tips are received immediately by the district's Special Investigative Unit/Professional Standards Department, staffed seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Names and contact information remain confidential. (In the event of real time emergency, dial 911.)

If you know of plans to commit violence in our schools, do the right thing and tell an administrator. Talk to a teacher. Speak up. Call, e-mail, text or Twitter. Silence is not longer an option.

## CASH ONLY IN CAFETERIA

As the school year winds down, students must buy their meals in the cafeteria with cash if their accounts run out of money. Checks will not be accepted for meals after May 7.

## ART NEWS

Come see the 6th Annual Nova Eisenhower Art Exhibit from 3:30-5:30 p.m. on Friday, May 7 at The Art and Frame Shop and William Bock Fine Art, 6983 Stirling Rd. in Davie. The work - Marine Life Around The World - will be on display through May 15.

Students from Ms. Mottram's class are participating in a contest from Disneynature, the studio that presented the record-breaking film "Earth" and the new one, "Oceans." The theme concentrates on the coral reef and keeping our oceans clean. Thanks to artist and Nova parent William Bock for helping with the project. These students are involved: Emily Kwak, Maya Bogis, Taylor Rose, Jonathan Akagbosu, Matthew Moy, Ella Bock and Jonah Wexler.



## GET READY FOR FIELD DAY

Field Day takes place on Friday, May 14. Make sure children are protected from the sun by wearing sunscreen and a hat. They should bring a water bottle and wear shorts, lightweight T-shirts and tennis shoes.

Parents are welcome to volunteer to help with Field Day.



## PARTICIPATE IN PARENT SURVEY

Parents can make a difference in their child's education by providing important feedback on the school district's 16th annual Parent Survey. Answers are kept confidential.

Parents have been randomly selected to fill out surveys that students brought home. The surveys should be returned to school by May 7. Parents who did not receive a survey but would like to participate can go online and complete an electronic version through May 14 on the Virtual Counselor website. Parents go to <https://www.browardschools.com/virtualcounselor> and login as a parent.

The purpose of the survey is to gauge whether parents think schools are meeting goals and objectives in providing students with quality education in a safe environment. The survey gives parents an opportunity to share their views on the educational climate at their child's school and to let school and district staffs know their opinions.