NORFELDT PTO'S FRIDAY FIN'FORMATION

COMING UP...

Thursday, Feb. 21: PTO General Meeting and Board of Ed Representatives 7 p.m. (details below)

Monday, Feb. 25: WH Cultural Council presents Arabiqa at Norfeldt (flyer attached)

Friday, March 1: Funding Requests Submission Deadline (details below and flyer attached)

Sat. March 23: AUCTION 6:30 - 10:30 p.m. (details below and on the PTO website at https://norfeldt.whps.org/page.cfm?p=4969 and flyer attached)

April 29-May 3: Screen Free Week (details below)

PTO GENERAL MEETING - THURSDAY, FEB. 21, 7:00 PM

The next PTO General Meeting will be held on February 21, at 7:00 PM. Come find out what is is going on with the PTO, as well as hear a special presentation from several Board of Education representatives. The Board of Ed reps will be introducing themselves, explaining the role of the Board of Ed, and answer any questions from the Norfeldt Community. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to e.j.greenspan@att.net no later than Tuesday. Unfortunately, we will have to cancel the speaker if we do not have enough attendees.

FUNDING REQUEST SUBMISSIONS DUE MARCH 1

The Norfeldt PTO supports our students, teachers, parents and guardians and our community as a whole. Do you have an idea for something the PTO should fund? Let us know by completing the attached PTO Funding Request Form. The submission deadline for funding requests is March 1, 2019. The PTO will consider and act upon ALL requests submitted to us. Questions? Contact EJ Greenspan at e.j.greenspan@att.net and/ or Jessica Borden at jessborden@gmail.com.

AUCTION - Help Us Make This A Great Event!

Don't forget to RSVP for our auction, "An Evening in Paris" scheduled for 6:30-10:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 23. RSVP at NorfeldtAuction2019@gmail.com. Attached is a document with FAQ's and answers that you may find helpful. If you have other questions, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Want to join the committee and help with the auction? We are still looking for people to help create the auction program, decorate, set up and check out on auction night. Get involved in Norfeldt's biggest fundraiser of the year!

To donate an item to be auctioned, purchase an advertisement or become a sponsor, please complete the 2019 Auction Donation Form (also attached below) and return it to the Norfeldt office. If you have questions or would like further information, please contact Lindsay Hanrahan at NorfeldtAuction2019@gmail.com or lindsayhanrahan3@gmail.com. Please forward this link https://norfeldt.whps.org/page.cfm?p=4969 to share the auction description and donation form with friends, family, or service providers who might consider making a tax-deductible donation to this good cause.

SCREEN FREE WEEK

Norfeldt Elementary School will be participating in National Screen-Free Week, April 29th – May 3rd! Planning is already underway for this event and we need your help! During Screen-Free Week we will offer after school activities to keep your child active and screen-free! We are looking for parents, friends, aunts, uncles, high school students, etc. who are willing to volunteer their time any day, April 29th – May 3rd, from 3:20pm – 4:30pm. We are looking for people to teach a special class, or engage children in an activity, such as yoga, zumba, basketball, basic sewing, cheerleading, origami, etc. And, if you don't have a special skill to share, you can supervise children with board games, legos, puzzles, etc. We are also looking for volunteers after school to help the instructors to their designated areas, and to supervise the arrival and dismissal of students to and from their activities.

If you are interested in helping us out, please contact Jessica LeBlond at leblond.jess@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for helping to facilitate this very important week!

MOBILE FOODSHARE

The Fern Street Food Ministry has upcoming dates for Free Community Breakfasts, Food Pantry and Mobile Foodshare Distribution for neighbors in need. Please see the attached flyer for details.

Mobile Foodshare will be distributing food in the back parking lot of the Community Kitchen at the Universalist Church at 433 Fern Street in West Hartford from 9:15 – 9:45 a.m.. Breakfast is served from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.. The dates are February 11 & 25, March 11 & 25, April 8 & 22, and May 6 & 20. The Fern Street Food Pantry dates and hours are 9:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., February 16, March 16, April 20, and May 18.

For more information about the Fern Street Food Ministry, contact: communitybreakfast@westhartforduu.org, foodsharemobile@westhartforduu.org, FoodPantry@westhartforduu.org or 860-233-3669 x109.

ONLINE SUGGESTION BOX

Thank you to those who have submitted suggestions/concerns/questions. If you have something you'd like to tell the PTO, you may do it through our online suggestion box here: https://goo.gl/forms/acxYbLzacXIf8YL63. Input may be anonymous, but if you would like a response, please include your name and the best way to contact you.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Committee

Next week during morning announcements, your children will learn about African Americans in Politics--Shirley Chisholm (first African American woman in Congress), Jane Bolin (first Black female judge), and Ralph Bunche (Diplomat and first African American to win the Nobel Peace Prize). Ask your children about these inspirational figures!

For the rest of February, there will be books about Black History Month and Lunar New Year displayed throughout the library. Please encourage your children to check them out!

Questions about the EDI Committee, want to learn more, or get involved? Contact Yukiyo Iida (yukiyoiida@gmail.com) or Nakia Alexander (nalexander30@gmail.com).

Enjoy the Long Weekend!

EJ Greenspan and Jessica Borden

PTO Co-Presidents