

HEARTS FOR HAITI RAISES \$970!

Our Nelson School Valentine's Day fundraiser was an amazing success, both fiscally, and more importantly, emotionally. The school and town community pulled together (as it always does so remarkably well) and helped to show their support by baking cookies, donating cookie decorating supplies, making donations, helping to run tables, and coming to buy the student bags at our different sites in Keene.

As of Saturday morning, February 13, all 132 bags were sold, as well as dozens of red carnations. While we are all thrilled



Nelson students with some of the bags of Valentine goodies they put together and sold.

by our "grand total" in dollars and cents, it is the feeling of pride, enthusiasm, accomplishment, and community spirit that has us celebrating the most. The pure joy felt by our kids, and all of those who participated in this project, far exceeded any possible expectations we may have had. It made for an incredibly meaningful Valentine's Day Season!

While there were numerous amazing moments throughout this project, perhaps the most touching, was when a lovely young woman from Keene High, after asking a group of our kids to give her their "spiel", informed them that she is from Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and that what they were doing was "a beautiful and remarkable thing". Regardless of how much it already meant to them, being able to make this face-to-face connection, with a "real person" whose home they were helping, was truly an awe inspiring moment.

Thank you so very much to everyone for your support of this truly special event.
Love,
The Nelson School Staff & Students

HOLIDAY SING-ALONG

On Monday, December 14th, all of the staff and students at the Nelson School gathered in the multipurpose room to celebrate the season with their first ever Community Sing-A-Long.

They had a terrific turn-out of about 30 community members. Students, staff, and visitors alike wore festive colors and one of three "headpieces", be it a Santa hat, an elf hat, or reindeer antlers! The Sing-A-Long was lead by Jennifer Hed, Nelson School's new music teacher.

They sang over a dozen songs together, beneath holiday banners created by Nelson students and capped off the celebration by partaking in a variety of delicious edibles, some even baked by Nelson School students.

Before departing, guests were encouraged to choose an ornament from an array of handcrafted items.

Thank you to all who attended and/or helped out in various ways. We hope to see even more of you next year!



Susan Hansel (middle) with winners of the Nelson Phonebook Cover Contest.

The phonebook is a project being done by Moving In Step. On the left is Sarah Cucchi, 2nd place; right back is Bradley Auclair, 1st place; and in front is Dylan Cady, 3rd place.

3rd Annual Nelson School PTO

AUCTION



Saturday, May 1, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
Nelson Town Hall, Nelson Center

Enjoy live music, bid on items ranging from homemade pies to weekend getaways to priceless Nelson school original artwork, and take pleasure in the company of friends and community members!

Items will be posted for preview on
<http://schoolauction.townofnelson.com>
and bidding will take place from 6:30 to 9:00 pm.

We are seeking auction items and services from the community! To donate, please email jessicabigaj@earthlink.net

All proceeds will benefit the Nelson School.

The PTO supports and supplements many events each year such as the Book Swap and artist in residency programs. The playground has received upgrades, and we have purchased items such as white boards, a TV cart, desks, and more.

THANK YOU to all our volunteers and supporters both past and present who help to make Nelson School a wonderful experience for our children!