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Looking Ahead:

12/5 & Pizza Mondays
12/12

12/9 & Hot Lunch
12/16

12/14 Fun Foods—
Krispy Kreme
Donuts

12/19- Winter Break
1/2

1/3 Classes Resume



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would first like to thank our PTA and other parent volunteers for their work with our Halloween celebrations. Our kids once again enjoyed their classroom parties and the "Wheel of Wisdom." Everything was well organized and the kids had a great time!

As the weather begins to get colder, we want to remind students to bring coats, gloves, hats, scarves, etc. as we do go outside unless the temperature or wind chill drops below 0 degrees. The Winter Assembly will take place again this year on Friday, Dec. 16 in the Nerge Gym for all Nerge staff and students only at 1:00 PM. Winter Break begins at the end of the day on Dec. 16 and school resumes on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Our second round of MAP Testing begins Nov. 28 - Dec. 16. We ask that you make sure your child is in attendance on the scheduled day of testing for your child. This data is critical to our staff to provide instructional interventions and to guide our instruction to meet the needs of all of our students. Our 6th graders scores from the Winter MAP will be used to assist in their 7th grade placements for Math and Literacy.

District 54 staff, students and community members celebrated American Education Week Nov. 13-19 with a variety of activities. The NEA has chosen the theme of *Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility* as it celebrates the 90th annual American Education Week. The theme highlights the importance of providing every American child with a quality education and the message that this goal is everyone's responsibility.

District 54 schools invited parents into the classroom for an up-close look at what a typical day is like for their children. At Nerge, our parents are invited in to visit their child's classroom ANY day and ANY time, so we did not organize specific visitation events. District 54 thanks all the partners, parents, students, staff, School Board members and everyone else who contributes to our mission of Ensuring Student Success.

"Toys For Tots Toy" Drive will be sponsored by the Student Ambassadors from November 28 - December 14 at Nerge Elementary. Please donate NEW, UNWRAPPED toys and place them in a colorful gift-wrapped empty box in the office. Our goal is to HELP BRING JOY TO A CHILD'S HOLIDAY!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our school office.

Sincerely,

Amanda Clark, Principal



Toys For Tots Toy Drive

November 28 - December 14

At Nerge Elementary

Please donate NEW, UNWRAPPED toys
HELP TO BRING JOY TO A CHILD'S HOLIDAY!



Recruiting 3rd Grade & 5th Grade Girls for Girl Scouts

If you are interested in having your 3rd grade or 5th grade daughter join a girl scout troop please contact me, Amy Wilder at 847-217-9110 or amylcsw2@aol.com.

If you have already contacted me, please do so again so I can be sure that I have your information.

It would be so exciting if we were able to have a 3rd and 5th grade troop added to the Nerge Girl Scouts!



Sixth graders need your help! Beginning January 6, 2012, the money raised from pizza Mondays will go towards the sixth grade end of the year celebration (shirts, trip, breakfast, DVD, etc.). If you are able to volunteer



your time during lunch on Mondays, we would appreciate your help. If you have any questions, you can contact Gayle Roberts at (847) 985-4848 or email me at cleancag@att.net. Thank you for your support!

Recycling at

Nerge

Let's keep these items out of the landfills!



New items:

Elmer's Glue sticks and bottles
MP3 Players
Graphing Calculators
GPS
Computer keyboards
Computer Mouse
Laptops
Digital Camera

We continue to recycle:

Drink Pouches
Inkjet Cartridges
Toner Cartridges
Cell Phones

Please drop off all items at the recycling center inside the front doors. Contact Jill at jcales2@sbcglobal.net with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE

Chipotle Fundraiser:
Thursday, January 12th,
2012!

Golf and Roselle Roads
3-8 pm

50% of proceeds to benefit
Frederick Nerge PTA!!

FUN FOODS

will be serving
Krispy Kreme Donuts
on December 14th for
50 cents !!





SUPPORT the FOUNDATION

*Purchase your holiday décor
From Superior Evergreens
At*

*Mallard Crossing
(NE corner of Meacham & Nerge Roads)*

November 21st through December 23rd

*Mention the D54 Foundation and portion of the
proceeds will be donated back to the Foundation!*



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Edward F. Rafferty
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CHANGES RESULT IN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AT ALL-TIME HIGH IN DISTRICT 54

By Ed Rafferty, Superintendent of Schools
Published in the *Daily Herald* on Wednesday, November 16, 2011

Unbelievable gains in student growth. Impressive results. Closing the achievement gap. Raising the bar. These are just several of the comments that we heard from staff during the first round of our district's 90-day school improvement planning process. We are in the teaching and learning business and our staff members take this work very seriously.

Early in the year, school teams take an in-depth look at what has been working, identify which practices they would like to continue and determine the areas in need of improvement. They thoroughly analyze all available data as they develop their school improvement plan to increase student learning.

The plans are monitored at both the school and district levels on a continuous basis. This process was adapted from successful business practices and has been critical in helping to ensure that all 27 of our schools and the district as a whole are keeping a tight focus on meeting the student learning goals approved by our Board of Education.

The first review cycle has recently been completed and our data indicates that student achievement is at an all-time high. Information that is shared during these meetings not only becomes the basis for individual school improvement plans, but also provides us with priority focus areas that need districtwide support.

Several years ago, it became obvious that we were not seeing the type of growth in reading in the primary grades that we would expect. In response to this finding, the Department of Student Learning worked with groups of primary-grade teachers and reading specialists to develop a specific plan for improvement. In only its second year of implementation, schools are reporting positive gains in the number of students meeting grade-level reading expectations.

Another districtwide area of focus has been restructuring the services that we provide to our English Language Learners. Even though the achievement level of our English Language Learners was one of the highest in Illinois, it was not good enough for District 54.

Due to the significant gains that these students are making, our district was selected as one of only 10 districts across the country to participate in a best practice research study being conducted by the United States Department of Education. The Department of Education is planning to disseminate their findings to other districts for replication.

A common theme that schools will be working on this year is the expansion of enrichment opportunities for students who are achieving at high levels. Teachers will be placing greater emphasis on teaching creative problem solving and incorporating higher-level thinking skills into their daily teaching.

Our staff continues to share that this planning process is one of the most meaningful activities in which they participate as educators. It helps them to thoroughly analyze specific student and schoolwide achievement data, compare themselves to other schools and collaboratively develop specific action plans that are monitored on a regular basis.

We often hear criticism that public schools underperform, make excuses for the lack of student progress and do not prepare students to be competitive in the global market. I am proud to say that this is not the case in District 54. During the review meetings one of our teachers said it best. "Goals can be meaningless and data just numbers until we put a student's name and face to it. Data and goals only become meaningful when we develop specific plans and monitor our progress to ensure that all of our students reach their full potential. This is what we do at our school, this is what we do in our district and this is why our students are so successful!"



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October 14, 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I would like to remind all of you to consider now, what kind of alternative arrangements need to be made for your children should our school be closed for inclement weather or other related emergencies. Though District 54 makes every effort to keep our schools open and operational, circumstances beyond our control oftentimes dictate school closings. In your mind, you should be prepared to answer the following questions:

- 1. If school should be closed tomorrow for inclement weather or an emergency, who would care for and supervise my child(ren)?**
- 2. If school was to close early today (due to broken water pipes, power failure, heating problems, accumulating snowfall, etc.), who would be able to take care of my child(ren) for the remainder of the day?**

Most importantly, remember that you, the parent or guardian, ultimately make the decision whether to send your child to school. If you do decide to keep your child home on a day in which the weather is extremely inclement, the absence will be considered "excused". With that designation, the absence will not count against any attendance incentive program and your child will be given every opportunity to make up missed work.

Again, I would urge you to initiate a plan of action now, so that you are not placed in a position of having no emergency child care arrangements made should the time arise. In addition, please be sure to discuss these arrangements with your children so that they are aware of your plan. Finally, please update your emergency contact information with your child's school in the event we need to contact you during the school day.

As additional assistance, please utilize the information included with this letter entitled "Emergency School Closing Sources of information" as a handy reference for emergency school closings. In advance and as always, thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Ed Rafferty
Superintendent of Schools

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- **Email:** All District 54 parents/guardians who have provided their child's school with an email address will be sent an email when school is closed.
- **AlertNow:** Each student's primary phone number will be called using our AlertNow rapid notification system.
- **District 54 website:** <http://sd54.org>
- **Emergency Closing websites:** www.cancellations.com or www.emergencyclosings.com
- **Radio Stations:** WGN (720-AM) or WBBM (780-AM)
- **Television Stations:** CBS Channel 2, NBC Channel 5, ABC Channel 7, WGN Morning News Channel 9, Fox Channel 32, CLTV (cable channels vary)
- **Emergency Closing Center Hotline** 1-847-238-1234, enter 847-357-5000 and you will be told if our district has made the decision to close schools.
- **District 54 Facebook:** www.facebook.com/D54schools

Parents are asked to please not call their local school or the District 54 administrative offices for information on school closings. Switchboards must remain open for emergency purposes.



NERGE PTA FUNDRAISER



The Nerge PTA gift card program is back! Purchase gift cards through PTA and use them for everyday shopping and gift giving. PTA earns money for every gift card purchased (percentages indicated on the order form). This is a simple and resourceful way to help PTA raise money to support programs for our Nerge students. Enjoy shopping from the comfort of your own home.

Gift Card Ideas for Everyone This Season

For the Ladies – Bath & Body Works, Sephora, Groupon.com, Hallmark, Whole Foods

For the Men – Lowes, Outback Steakhouse, Sears, Sports Authority, Great Clips

For Teachers, Bus drivers, Daycare providers – Panera, Starbucks, Barnes & Noble, Subway

For Date Night – Family Video, Lowes Cineplex, Fannie May, Olive Garden, Bonefish Grill

For the Birthday Boy/Girl – Build-A-Bear Workshop, Chuck E. Cheese, Baskin Robbins

Tough to Shop for – Overstock.com, Lettuce Entertain You Restaurants, iTunes, Shell

Order form due:

Friday 11/18/11

Wednesday 12/7/11

Gift card delivery date:

Monday 11/28/11

Wednesday 12/14/11

How To Order

Attached is a double-sided order form. Indicate the quantity of gift cards you want for each vendor and total the amount. Indicate total amount due at the bottom of each page. PRINT your personal information at the top of the first order form page. Please include your phone number in the “Customer #” line provided. Return the order form and the completed information section (below) with your payment in an envelope marked “**Gift Cards**” to Nerge. Make checks payable to **Nerge PTA**. Questions? Contact Lisa Kennelly at 847/584-0778 or lkennelly@yahoo.com. Remember if you don't order in November there is another opportunity in December. Thank you for supporting Nerge PTA.

(Please print) Name: _____

Total number of gift cards: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Check _____ or Cash _____

Delivery Method (choose one)

I'd like to pick my gift cards up in the front office

I'd like my gift cards sent home with my child

Child's name: _____

Room number _____

**The PTA is not responsible for lost or stolen cards.

Family Order Form
Frederick Nerge PTA

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Name	Customer #
Check #	Order Date

Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total	Product	%	QTY	Total
A Pea in the Pod \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Boston Market \$10.00	**16.00%		\$	Cousins Subs \$10.00	9.00%		\$
Ace Hardware \$25.00	4.00%		\$	BP \$50.00	1.50%		\$	Cracker Barrel \$10.00	9.00%		\$
Advance Auto Parts \$25.00	7.00%		\$	Brooks Brothers \$25.00	16.00%		\$	Crate and Barrel \$100.00	8.00%		\$
Aeropostale \$25.00	7.00%		\$	Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. \$25.00	9.00%		\$	Cub Foods (Not OH) \$25.00	4.00%		\$
Amazon.com \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Buca di Beppo \$25.00	8.00%		\$	CVS/pharmacy \$25.00	6.00%		\$
AMC Theatres \$25.00	7.00%		\$	Buffalo Wild Wings \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Dave & Buster's \$25.00	13.00%		\$
AMC Theatres Gold Ticket \$9.50	16.00%		\$	Build-A-Bear Workshop \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Dell Computer \$100.00	4.00%		\$
American Eagle Outfitters \$25.00	10.00%		\$	Burger King \$10.00	4.00%		\$	Denny's \$10.00	7.00%		\$
Applebee's \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Burlington Coat Factory \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Dick's Sporting Goods \$25.00	8.00%		\$
Arby's \$10.00	8.00%		\$	Buy Buy Baby \$25.00	7.00%		\$	Disney \$25.00	2.00%		\$
AT&T 125 Minute Prepaid Card \$9.50	20.00%		\$	Cabela's \$25.00	11.00%		\$	Dominick's \$25.00	4.00%		\$
Autograph Collection \$50.00	**10.00%		\$	California Pizza Kitchen \$10.00	4.00%		\$	Domino's Pizza \$10.00	8.00%		\$
AutoZone \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Carson Pirie Scott \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Dressbarn \$25.00	8.00%		\$
B. Dalton Booksellers \$10.00	9.00%		\$	Casual Male XL \$25.00	9.00%		\$	Dunkin' Donuts \$10.00	4.00%		\$
Babies-R-Us \$20.00	1.50%		\$	Century Theatres \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Eddie Bauer \$25.00	10.00%		\$
Bahama Breeze \$25.00	9.00%		\$	Century Theatres Single Admit \$9.50	15.00%		\$	Einstein Bros. Bagels \$10.00	10.00%		\$
Baja Fresh \$25.00	7.00%		\$	Champps Americana \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Express \$25.00	10.00%		\$
Banana Republic \$25.00	14.00%		\$	Cheesecake Factory \$25.00	5.00%		\$	Express for Men \$25.00	10.00%		\$
Barnes & Noble Booksellers \$10.00	9.00%		\$	Children's Place \$25.00	12.00%		\$	Exxon \$50.00	1.50%		\$
Baskin Robbins \$2.00	9.00%		\$	Chill's Grill & Bar \$25.00	11.00%		\$	Family Christian Stores \$25.00	9.00%		\$
Bass Pro Shops \$25.00	9.00%		\$	Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10.00	10.00%		\$	Family Video \$10.00	12.00%		\$
Bath & Body Works \$10.00	**18.00%		\$	Chuck E. Cheese \$10.00	8.00%		\$	Fannie May Candies \$10.00	25.00%		\$
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25.00	7.00%		\$	Cinemark Theatres \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Fashion Bug \$25.00	6.00%		\$
Ben Pao \$25.00	12.00%		\$	Cinemark Theatres Single Admit \$9.50	15.00%		\$	Fazoli's \$25.00	7.00%		\$
Bergner's \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Cineplex Odeon \$25.00	7.00%		\$	Foot Locker \$25.00	9.00%		\$
Best Buy \$25.00	3.00%		\$	Cineplex Odeon Gold Ticket \$9.50	16.00%		\$	GameStop \$25.00	3.00%		\$
Best Cuts \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Claim Jumper \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Gap \$25.00	14.00%		\$
Big Bowl \$25.00	12.00%		\$	Claire's \$10.00	9.00%		\$	GFS Marketplace \$25.00	4.00%		\$
Bloomingdale's \$25.00	12.00%		\$	Cold Stone Creamery \$10.00	8.00%		\$	Great Clips \$25.00	8.00%		\$
Bob Evans \$10.00	10.00%		\$	Container Store \$25.00	9.00%		\$	Groupon.com \$25.00	7.00%		\$
Body Shop \$25.00	8.00%		\$					Gymboree \$25.00	13.00%		\$
Bonfish Grill \$25.00	8.00%		\$					Hallmark \$25.00	**5.00%		\$
								Hard Rock Cafe \$25.00	10.00%		\$

Make Checks Payable To: *Nerge PTA*

Total Due All Columns: \$

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Harry & David \$25.00	10.00%		\$	Marathon \$25.00	3.00%		\$	Radio Shack \$25.00	4.00%		\$
Home Depot \$25.00	**5.00%		\$	Marshalls \$25.00	7.00%		\$	Rainforest Cafe \$25.00	9.00%		\$
HomeGoods \$25.00	7.00%		\$	Meijer (not AK, HI, MI) \$25.00	3.00%		\$	Red Lobster \$25.00	9.00%		\$
Honey Baked Ham \$10.00	12.00%		\$	Men's Wearhouse \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Red Robin \$25.00	**11.00%		\$
Icing \$10.00	9.00%		\$	Menards \$25.00	3.00%		\$	REI \$25.00	8.00%		\$
IHOP \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Michaels \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Restaurant.com \$20.00	50.00%		\$
iTunes® \$15.00	5.00%		\$	Mobil \$50.00	1.50%		\$	Ruby Tuesday \$25.00	8.00%		\$
J. Crew \$25.00	13.00%		\$	Motherhood Maternity \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Sam's Club \$25.00	2.00%		\$
J. Jill \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Neiman Marcus \$50.00	12.00%		\$	Sears \$25.00	4.00%		\$
Jamba Juice \$10.00	7.00%		\$	Nike \$25.00	12.00%		\$	Sephora \$20.00	4.00%		\$
JCPenney \$25.00	5.00%		\$	Noodles & Company \$10.00	8.00%		\$	Shell \$25.00	2.50%		\$
Jewel-Osco \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Office Depot \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Shoe Carnival \$25.00	5.00%		\$
Jiffy Lube \$30.00	**11.00%		\$	Office Max \$25.00	5.00%		\$	Shutterfly \$25.00	**14.00%		\$
Jo-Ann Fabrics \$20.00	6.00%		\$	Old Country Buffet \$25.00	5.00%		\$	Speedway \$25.00	4.00%		\$
KFC \$5.00	8.00%		\$	Old Navy \$25.00	14.00%		\$	Sports Authority \$25.00	8.00%		\$
Kmart \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Olive Garden \$25.00	9.00%		\$	Staples \$25.00	5.00%		\$
Kohl's \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Omaha Steaks \$25.00	11.00%		\$	Starbucks \$10.00	7.00%		\$
L.L.Bean \$25.00	**17.00%		\$	On The Border \$25.00	11.00%		\$	Steak 'n Shake \$10.00	8.00%		\$
Lands' End \$25.00	16.00%		\$	Outback Steakhouse \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Subway \$10.00	3.00%		\$
Lane Bryant \$25.00	6.00%		\$	Overstock.com \$25.00	**10.00%		\$	Supercuts \$25.00	8.00%		\$
Lettuce Entertain You Restaurants \$25.00	12.00%		\$	P.F. Chang's China Bistro \$25.00	8.00%		\$	Sweet Tomatoes \$25.00	8.00%		\$
Limited \$25.00	9.00%		\$	P.S. From Aeropostale \$25.00	7.00%		\$	T.J. Maxx \$25.00	7.00%		\$
Little Caesar's Pizza \$20.00	8.00%		\$	Panera Bread \$10.00	9.00%		\$	Taco Bell \$10.00	5.00%		\$
Loews Cineplex \$25.00	7.00%		\$	Papa John's Pizza \$10.00	8.00%		\$	Talbots \$25.00	13.00%		\$
Loews Cineplex Gold Ticket \$9.50	16.00%		\$	Payless Shoes \$20.00	13.00%		\$	Tanger Outlets \$25.00	8.00%		\$
Lord & Taylor \$25.00	8.00%		\$	PetSmart \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Target \$25.00	2.00%		\$
Lou Malnati's Pizzeria \$10.00	8.00%		\$	Pier 1 Imports \$25.00	9.00%		\$	ULTA \$25.00	4.00%		\$
Lowe's \$20.00	4.00%		\$	Pizza Hut (Not AK or HI) \$10.00	8.00%		\$	Wendy's \$10.00	4.00%		\$
Lowe's \$25.00	4.00%		\$	Pottery Barn \$25.00	8.00%		\$	White Barn Candle Co \$10.00	**18.00%		\$
Macaroni Grill \$25.00	11.00%		\$	Qdoba Mexican Grill \$25.00	7.00%		\$	Whole Foods Market \$25.00	3.00%		\$
Macy's \$25.00	10.00%		\$	Quiznos \$10.00	10.00%		\$	Wildfire \$25.00	12.00%		\$
Maggiano's Little Italy \$25.00	11.00%		\$					Williams-Sonoma \$25.00	8.00%		\$
								Zappos.com \$25.00	8.00%		\$

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*“PBIS....not just
another acronym!”*

PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) is a behavioral and social/ emotional support system incorporated into the school day of almost all District #54 school buildings. Through thoughtful consideration, students are taught the behavioral expectations needed to be successful throughout the school day. Come find out how you **can incorporate some of these same principles into your home setting**, as well as how you may become a more active parent participant in your school building’s PBIS process!

Class presented in English

When: Tuesday, December 6, 2011
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Where: Blackwell Teacher’s Lounge
(345 N. Walnut Ln. Schaumburg)

Presenters: Lynn Owens & Brigid Janiak
(Current and Former District 54 PBIS External Coaches)

**To register, Please call Meg Kwak (847) 357-5534 or fax your registration to (847) 357-5556