



September Issue – The Ram Gram ~ Editor [Carla Smith](#)

PTA President Remarks: WELCOME BACK!! Please be sure to check out our [EVENTS](#) for the month of October. If you are interested in attending our PTA meetings, please join us the second Tuesday of each month at 6pm in the school library. Questions about PTA; contact [Jill Burley](#). [Click here for 2009-2010 PTA Roster](#)

Reflections – 2009-2010 – “Beauty is ...” Take the time to discover exactly what BEAUTY IS and prepare to participate in this year’s Reflections contest. [Click here](#) for the official packet and entry form. **Submissions and entry forms are due October 14 and can be turned in to Mrs. Gonzales in the art room.** Students can also participate in the 2011-2012 Theme Search. [Click here](#) to download the form and return it to school by October 23, 2009. Good luck. ~ [Rachel Rodgers](#), PTA Reflections Chair

Pastries for Parents: The NLES PTA invites you to join us in the cafeteria for bagels, donuts, coffee & juice from 7:45 a.m.-8:15 a.m. on Thursday, October 15(last names A-I) and Thursday, October 22(last names J-Z). You are also invited to visit your child’s classroom when the bell rings at 8:15 a.m. Please email [Andrea Uhler](#) at if would like to volunteer to help with this event.

PTA Membership: We are getting closer and closer to our goal of **100% membership**. It is our goal that each parent joins the PTA this year. Grandparents, friends, neighbors & others close to your child’s education are also welcome to join. Your membership shows your support for both NLES and your child’s education. [Join today!](#) Thank you for your support! ~ [Christy Lucas](#) @ 689-0778

Accelerated Reader Program: AR is a program where students can read books from the AR list, take a computerized quiz to test their comprehension & earn beads for their brag tags. Students can proudly wear their brag tags every Friday. Earn a free pizza lunch! Eat on stage with Mrs. Asire, our librarian. Start reading today! The library has [5000 books to read](#). For more info, contact [June Ameika](#) or [Denise Brickey](#).

Parents of Gifted Students – Please [click here](#) for the Parents of Gifted Students Workshops that will be offered this school year.

Volunteer Corner: VIE would like to recognize Karen Webb as September’s volunteer of the month. Karen has two sons; Jared and Joseph, at NLES and a young daughter at home. Thanks to Karen’s work, the Box Top program is ready to go this year! This fundraising program helps our school and gives the students a sense of accomplishment. Students, teachers, and parents please look for the new program and contests that Mrs. Webb has helped create. If you are interested in making a difference at our school please [click here](#) to download the form. ~ [Andrea Manetz](#)

Science At Home: The science program is in need of donations. If you can help, please [click here](#) for a list of items that are needed.

Library Links: This October, we have an opportunity to recycle some reading material by collecting and donating newspapers to the Virginia Beach Animal Control. Students may bring bundled newspapers (in paper bags or twined together) to the NLES library. We will deliver them to Animal Control for use in the cat and puppy cages that are changed three times daily. If you need additional information, contact [Marty Asire](#)

Pansy Sale – Join us for our Annual Pansy Sale on Thursday October 15th from 8 am – 6 pm.

School Store – The NLES school store has everything you need to show your school spirit. We will be in the cafeteria on the first Friday of each month. **Cans 4 Kids** - is a PTA program that earns money for our school by recycling aluminum beverage cans. Students will be eligible to win prizes throughout the school year just for participating. [Click here](#) for more info.

Chick-fil-a – [Purchase a Chick-fil-a calendar](#) Save on food purchases and help NLES raise money. Calendars may be purchased from **Mrs. Gonzales in art room 17 through October 8th** or until we run out. **Cash or check only made payable to NLES.**

Capri Sun Fundraiser: Recycle your Capri Sun Pouches. Help save the environment & raise money for our school all at the same time. Look for the new recycling can in the cafeteria. Be sure to bring your Capri Sun pouches from home too! ~ [Andrea Uhler](#)

Stress Free Fundraising Event: If you have not made a donation towards our **STRESS FREE FUNDRAISING EVENT**, your contribution of \$15 or more, would be appreciated. Your contribution eliminates the need to do door to door sales and helps fund numerous activities and programs throughout the year. If you would like to participate, [click here](#). ~ [Kim Erwin](#) at 689-0804

Spirit Wear: Don’t forget every Friday is Spirit Day at NLES. Students can show their school spirit by wearing their shirts! The last day to [place an order](#) will be Friday, October 23rd. After this, inventory will be limited to what is on hand only. Contact: [Kim Erwin](#) at 689-0804 with questions.

Box Tops – Your Trash is our Cash! The first contest of the new school year has begun. The class that collects the most Box Tops by October 16th wins a root beer float party! [Click here for the October Contest](#). Contact [Karen Webb](#) or [Jean Blackwell](#) for more information!

Help the PTA generate Money to help the school: A portion of your sale is donated to NLES just because you linked your card!
[Harris Teeter Vic Card](#) (School Code 4373) * [Food Lion MVP Card](#) * [Target Red Card or Visa Card](#) or call 1-800-316-6142 (School Code 104859)

Books a Million Discount: Ask about the community card for NLES. Get 20% off books & other items (School # 648-3160)

Thank you for your jean donations: A huge ‘thank you’ to Ms. Jansen & Mr. Gurvich’s 08-09 students for donating 57 items of denim clothing for National Geographic’s denim drive. They will be recycled into insulation to rebuild houses lost in natural disasters. [Read More](#) ~ [June Ameika](#)

Cafeteria Corner: Read the [September Issue of the Café Newsletter](#). What’s for lunch? Click on the [Menu](#) to see.

Boy Scouts: Is your son interested in becoming a boy scout? If so, contact [Kim Erwin](#) at 689-0804. [Tidewater Council, BSA](#)