

# New Braintree Grade School News

November 6, 2009

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## Message from Mrs. Worthington

Progress reports were sent home for all students this past Wednesday. As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child, please call the school at 508-867-2553 so you can schedule a meeting with your child's teacher.

Staff members have been involved in several different training sessions in the last few weeks. These training sessions, which were held after school, on Saturdays, and on the curriculum day, include Training for Safe Schools, Training for Flu Clinics, CPR Training, Star Math, and Math Power Standards.

New Braintree Grange members Mr. Thomas Severance and Mr. Al Randall visited the third graders on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and presented each student with their own dictionary. Mrs. Heppenstall is having the children leave their dictionaries here at school to use during the school day. Thank you very much to the NB Grange for providing this wonderful learning tool to our third graders.

November 11, Veterans' Day, will be a no school day, so we can honor the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

The New Braintree PTO met for the second time on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Officers are: Brenda Howland, President; Lori Gregoire, Treasurer, Jessica Bettencourt, Secretary, and Suzette Howland and Michele Salvatore as Vice Presidents. The PTO has been working very hard and has some very special events and fundraising planned. You should have received a packet of information about ordering GIFT CARDS through the PTO. The order form along with a check must be send back to school by next Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Checks must be made payable to "NBGS PTO". If you haven't received a form and would like one please call Mrs. Rousseau or stop by the school to pick one up. You'll be glad you did!

## Calendar of Events

**November 10: Walking Club meets 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.**

**November 11: No school in honor of Veterans' Day**

**November 13: PTO gift card orders due in to school**

**November 17: School Banking with Country Bank**

**November 18: Nutcracker Performance at 12:45. Parents invited to join us**

**November 24: Walking Club meets 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.**

**November 25 – 27: No School Thanksgiving Recess**



**NEW!!! NBGS PTO Gift Card FUNDRAISER** came home yesterday with your children.

Check their backpacks for info and order form. This is a great way to make a donation to the school without having to spend any more than you usually do for holiday gifts or even for your own personal purchases. It's simple, fill out the form along with a check and send back to school by next FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 and you will have gift cards in hand right before Thanksgiving.

For example:

LL Bean purchase a gift card in the amount of \$25 and PTO receives \$4.50.

Dunkin Donuts purchase a gift card in the amount of \$10 and PTO receives \$.40.

99's Restaurant purchase a gift card in the amount of \$25 and PTO receives immediately \$3.25.

See how it adds up and will benefit the children of New Braintree Grade School without spending more than you normally do.

**PASS ON THE INFORMATION TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS!!**

Call Suzette Howland if you have any questions at 508-867-4563 or email [wbitssuzette@aol.com](mailto:wbitssuzette@aol.com).

**ALSO, SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**BEMIS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP AND SHOPPING NIGHT OUT!**

PTO has invited Tina Bemis of Bemis Farms & Nursery to host a workshop on making a holiday wreath like the one you see below. A description of the class is available at their website, [www.bemisfarmsnursery.com](http://www.bemisfarmsnursery.com).

We will have two sessions, so choose a time that works for you, either from 5:00 – 6:00 or 7:00 – 8:00 and in between do some early holiday shopping from Pampered Chef, Butterfly Beach Cape Cod Jewelry and Tastefully Simple as they will be on display during the evening. Should be a FUN Night!!

Cost: \$29.00

If you are interested in attending please contact either Julie Rousseau at the school at 508-867-2553 or Brenda Howland at 508-867-9840, [Brenda@1st-string.net](mailto:Brenda@1st-string.net)



# Santa Shop



Sixth graders will be sponsoring the Santa Shop again this year. The shop will be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, December 9, 10, and 11 from 9:00 – 12:00. Donations for the shop will be greatly appreciated. We are looking for items for men, women, children, handcrafted items, and hard wrapped candy. The proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to help pay for our sixth graders to attend Nature’s Classroom in the spring.

The Mass Audubon’s Wachusett Meadow Wildlife Sanctuary is offering a series of **FALL WONDER WALKS** as an after school program for students in grades 2, 3, & 4. You must pre-register by calling the Sanctuary at 978-464-2712. Cost: \$6.00 per session; \$18.00 for all 3 sessions. We ask that you sign up for all three sessions, if possible. Make checks payable to: Mass Audubon.

**DATES:**

November 30: “Seed Dispersal” – Look for seeds and see how they travel.

December 7: “Evergreen Trees” – Some trees keep their leaves. Some do not. Make an evergreen decoration to take home. Learn about trees and which ones are evergreens.

December 14: “Winter Solstice” Where is our sun? Learn about the shortest day of the year. What celebrations occur around these natural phenomena?

Any questions please call Mass. Audubon at 978-464-2712. Minimum: 8 children Maximum: 25 children

Please remember a written permission must be sent to school saying that your child is staying after for the Audubon’s nature program.



Already thinking about Black Friday????

Order GIFT CARDS NOW through the NBGS PTO  
& be prepared for the shopping frenzy on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>



Why buy gift cards through this program?

- **You pay face value for the gift cards!** There are no added fees. They cost no more than you would pay in the store.
- The gift cards are available in various denominations.
- NBGS School gets a percentage of the amount of each card, most range from 1.5% to 15%.
- This is a great way to make a donation to the school and not spend more than you usually do for *holiday gifts*.
- Gift cards to hundreds of nationwide stores are available.
- There are no expiration dates.

**\*\*\*DATE CHANGED ORDERS DUE BY**

**\*\*\*Friday Nov. 13th**

Just fill out the attached order form, put it in an envelope with a check made out to NBGS PTO (no cash please) and return it to the school. Orders due by Nov. 13th.

***Guaranteed delivery of gift cards by Tuesday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>***

If you don't see a merchant listed, go to [www.glscrip.com/retailerlist/index.aspx](http://www.glscrip.com/retailerlist/index.aspx) for an enormous selection of other merchants. Simply write in your additional choices in the blank section of the order form.

**Any questions, contact: Suzette Howland 508-867-4563 [wbitsuzette@aol.com](mailto:wbitsuzette@aol.com).**

# NBGS PTO BLACK FRIDAY GIFT CARD ORDER

Name:

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Phone:

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Email:

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Student Name:

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Teacher:

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**Orders are due**  
**Friday, November 13th!**

Please indicate how you would like to receive your gift cards:

I would like my gift cards sent home in my child's backpack on Tuesday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>.

I would like to pick up my gift cards at the school on Tuesday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>

**Give a form to friends and family and help make money without spending more for NBGS PTO!**

Groceries	Card Amount	Profit	Quantity	Total \$
Stop N Shop	\$25	4%		
Stop N Shop	\$100	4%		
Health & Beauty	Card Amount	Profit	Quantity	Total \$
Bath & Body Works	\$10	13%		
CVS	\$25	6%		
Walgreen's	\$25	6%		
Rite Aid	\$25	4%		
On-Line Stores	Card Amount	Profit	Quantity	Total \$
1-800-Flowers	\$10	25%		
Amazon.com	\$25	4%		
LL Bean	\$ 25 & \$100	17%		
Eddie Bauer	\$25	10%		
Harry & David	\$25	10%		
Lands End	\$25 & \$100	17%		
iTunes	\$15	4%		
Shutterfly	\$25	9%		
Home Improvement & Home Furnishings	Card Amount	Profit	Quantity	Total \$
Ace Hardware	\$25	4%		
Home Depot	\$25 & \$100	4%		
Lowe's Home Improvement	\$25 & \$100	4%		
Specialty	Card Amount	Profit	Quantity	Total \$
Michael's	\$25	5%		
Radio Shack	\$25	4%		
EB Games	\$25	3%		
Game Stop	\$25	3%		
Best Buy	\$25	3%		
Staples	\$25	5%		
Apparel & Accessories	Card Amount	Profit	Quantity	Total \$
Aeropostale	\$25	7%		
American Eagle Outfitters	\$25	9%		
The Children's Place	\$25	12%		
Gap/Old Navy/ Banana Republic	\$25	9%		
The Limited	\$25	9%		
Marshall's/TJ Maxx	\$25	7%		
Men's Wearhouse	\$25	8%		
Payless Shoes	\$20	13%		
Talbots	\$25	13%		
Children's	Card Amount	Profit	Quantity	Total \$
Build A Bear Workshop	\$25	8%		
Chuck E Cheese's	\$10	8%		
Disney	\$25	2%		
Toys R Us	\$20	1.5%		

Please turn over →

<b>Sporting Goods</b>	<b>Card Amount</b>	<b>Profit</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total \$</b>
Bass Pro Shops	\$25	9%		
Dick's	\$25	8%		
Foot Locker	\$25	9%		
Finish Line	\$25	10%		
Nike	\$25	12%		
Sports Authority	\$25	8%		
<b>Department Stores</b>	<b>Card Amount</b>	<b>Profit</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total \$</b>
JC Penney	\$25	5%		
Kohl's	\$25	4%		
Macy's	\$25	10%		
Sears	\$25	4%		
Wal-Mart	\$25 & \$100	2%		
<b>Entertainment</b>	<b>Card Amount</b>	<b>Profit</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total \$</b>
Barnes & Noble	\$10 & \$25	9%		
Best Buy	\$25	3%		
Borders	\$10 & \$25	9%		
Regal Entertainment	\$9.50	15%		
Regal Entertainment	\$25	8%		
<b>Fast Food</b>	<b>Card Amount</b>	<b>Profit</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total \$</b>
Dunkin Donuts	\$10	4%		
Panera Bread	\$10	9%		
Papa Gino's/D'Angelo	\$10	10%		
Starbucks	\$10	7%		
Subway	\$10	3%		
<b>Restaurants</b>	<b>Card Amount</b>	<b>Profit</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total \$</b>
99 Restaurant	\$25	13%		
Cheesecake Factory	\$25	5%		
Chili's	\$25	11%		
Legal Seafood	\$25	13%		
Longhorn Steakhouse	\$25	9%		
Olive Garden	\$25	9%		
Outback Steakhouse	\$25	5%		
Red Robin	\$25	9%		
Ruby Tuesday	\$25	8%		
TGI Fridays	\$25	9%		
Uno's Chicago Grill	\$25	12%		
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Profit</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total \$</b>
American Express	\$100	1.25%		
Visa	\$25	2%		
Visa	\$50	2%		
Holiday Gift Card Holders	\$5.60	20%		
Donation X-mas Angels	\$5			
<b>Other</b> (Please specify)	<b>Card Amount</b>	<b>Profit</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Total \$</b>
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>\$</b>

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[www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com)  
and click on  
"Order Scrip" for  
a complete list of  
available items  
and for more  
information.

**NEW!**  
Donate \$5 to purchase  
gift cards for the  
New Braintree  
X-mas Angels.  
Each month a different  
charity will be helped  
with your donations!

*Please make  
checks payable to  
"NBGS PTO".  
Place the check and  
order form in an  
envelope and return it  
to the school.*