



# Caring Community Update

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## WELCOME

We hope everyone had a good summer and hope you are all ready for the new school year.

To all of our returning families, welcome back!

To all of our new families, welcome to our Caring Community of Learners!

### STAY INFORMED

This is NFCS' weekly newsletter, the *Caring Community Update*, or CCU for short. It is written to keep everyone informed of events, meetings, trips, activities, school schedules, etc. that are happening at school and concern our children.

The CCU will be available each week on our website, [nfcsonline.org](http://nfcsonline.org). A monthly calendar will be available online on the last Wednesday of each month. Flyers will also be online this year. Hard copies of CCUs, monthly calendars and flyers will be available at the main office.

A V.I.P Envelope will be sent home each Wednesday with each child and will contain many important papers. Each V.I.P. Envelope must be signed and returned to school the next day so that the school and your children's teachers are certain you received all the information sent home to you.

### DON'T FORGET ABOUT SCRIPT

Script is available throughout the year so buy your script today! Remember, for every \$100 of script you buy you earn 1 hour of volunteer time.

**Get the scrip form at [www.nfcsonline.org](http://www.nfcsonline.org).**

### NFCS Activities

09/09/09 through 09/18/09

- **Wednesday, September 9th**  
 First Day of School for Kindergarten-Last Names N to Z  
 12:00 Noon Dismissal for Kindergarten Only  
 Full Day for Grades 1 to 8  
 NFCS Jacket & Sweatshirt Sale begins
- **Thursday, September 10th**  
 Full Day of School for Grades K to 8  
 Home & School Exec. Board Meeting-3:30 pm
- **Friday, September 11th**  
 Full Day of School for Grades K to 8
- **Monday, September 14th**  
 Faculty Meeting-3:15 pm
- **Tuesday, September 15th**
- **Wednesday, September 16th**  
 Hoagie Sale Starts
- **Thursday, September 17th**
- **Friday, September 18th**
- **Saturday, September 19th**  
 Flea Market-8:00 am to 2:00 pm

### BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT AND



### HOME & SCHOOL MEETING

Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:00 pm

Come meet your child's teachers.

Come meet other NFCS families.

Come hear what exciting plans the Home & School Association has in store for us this year.

All Student Absences must be called into the Main Office by 8:30 am.

All Homework requests must be made to the Main Office no later than 8:30 am

The Main Office will not be responsible for passing on any items forgotten by students

No student dismissal changes will be accepted by the Main Office after 2:00 pm.

## IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR ALL FAMILIES

1. No cars are allowed in the school yard during either the start of school or dismissal times. All students must be dropped off in the AM at either the Rhawn St. or Torresdale Ave. walk through gates. At dismissal all students must be picked up at the Rhawn St. gate.  
At dismissal time the open Torresdale Ave. drive through gate is for school buses only.
2. Please make certain that your children know what they are supposed to do after school (go to after care, take the bus, go to grandmom's, etc.) before they leave home in the morning. If you think your child will not remember what he or she is supposed to do then you need to write a note to the teacher.

The office cannot pass along day to day dismissal instruction to you child/ren.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER TO VOLUNTEERS

One of the agreements you made when joining our school was to complete 20 hours per child per year of volunteer time.

Please remember that you must have your Child Abuse and Criminal Background Clearances on file at the main office if you want to volunteer anywhere around NFCS' students. This means that without these clearances you cannot volunteer anywhere you will be interacting with the students (chaperoning a trip or dance, helping in a classroom, etc.).

If you already have your clearances on file you do not have to submit them again.

Clearance forms are available at the main office.



We would like to thank the dozens of volunteers who helped at school this summer. You helped make things run very smoothly!

### ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES

If you have not already returned the forms sent to you in the summer mailing (they were due by Friday, September 28th), please return them to the main office immediately!



Home & School  
Association



**NFCS JACKETS/SWEATSHIRT SALE BEGINS**  
Wednesday, September 9th  
Orders & money due Wednesday, September 23rd

**HOAGIE SALE BEGINS**  
Wednesday, September 16th

**FALL FLEA MARKET**  
Saturday, September 19th  
Get the form at [www.nfconline.org](http://www.nfconline.org)

**BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT**  
Wednesday, September 23, 2009  
6:00 to 8:00 pm

**6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADE DANCE**  
Friday, September 25th

**CAR SHOW**  
Saturday, October 3rd

### BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Ongoing throughout the year.  
Help our school earn thousands of dollars each year by sending in the Box Tops for Education symbols you find on many of the food products you buy.

Look for information throughout the year about Home & School events, sales and programs right here in every week's CCU and at [www.nfconline.org](http://www.nfconline.org).



### CANNED FOOD COLLECTION BENEFITING PHILABUNDANCE

Please join us in helping those in need by donating canned food items. All donated items will benefit Philabundance, a regional food bank which helps people in need.

This collection of food will be in conjunction with our students learning about the issue of hunger in Philadelphia.



## NFCS' UNIFORM CLOSET HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday through Friday

7:00 to 7:30 am and 3:15 to 5:30 pm

Wednesday

Thursday

8:30 am to Noon

11:00 am to 1:30 pm

You can drop off uniform pieces that don't fit your child and see if we have anything that will fit them before you go and buy brand new ones.

Please make sure that anything you send into the uniform closet is free of stains and without holes.

All items in the closet cost \$1.00 each.

### WEEKLY PRETZEL SALE UPDATE

Pretzels are sold at school each Wednesday morning.

Pretzel sales will start next week,

Wednesday, September 16th.

The price is now 35 cents per pretzel.



## WELCOME DOWLING FOOD SERVICE

We welcome Dowling Food Service to New Foundations Charter School.

They will provide breakfast each morning for purchase. It is the same system as the lunch program for free, reduced and full pay.

The cost for each meal is:

	BREAKFAST	LUNCH
FREE:	Free	Free
REDUCED	30 ¢	40¢
FULL PAY	\$ 1.50	\$2.00

Whatever your status was last year will remain in effect until you complete new forms for this year.

The new forms will be sent home to you in the next few weeks.

## Things To Remember

### Inclement Weather

Listen to KYW for School Closings  
NFCS' Number is

**171**

If Philadelphia Public Schools are closed, we also are closed.  
If Public Schools are open we still may be closed

### Pretzels

Pretzels are sold every Wednesday.

The cost per pretzel is 30 cents.

Proceeds go toward the Home & School Association for student activities.

### Ink Cartridges

Send in all of your used ink cartridges.

The school recycles them and earns a great deal of money.

### Lost & Found

Lost & Found located in the Lunch Room.

Remember to periodically check for lost items because everything left in the Lost & Found more than 1 month is donated to charity.

### Phone Drive

Send in all of your used and unwanted cell phones.

We recycle them and earn a great deal of money.

### Campbell's Labels/Box Tops for Education

Remember to send in your Campbell's Products' Labels and Box

Tops for Education. We redeem them for needed educational equipment as well as cash.

### Free Library Homework Hotline

Help is available in all subjects and can assist with concepts and editing reports. Log on to [www.library.phila.gov](http://www.library.phila.gov) and Click on to the word Homework Help

### Volunteer Clearance Reminder

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