



January 2017

Dear Young Families:

The NYE PTA is excited to present our seventh One Book/One School event. In this program, our entire school community will read the same book simultaneously and participate in various activities along the way, including a visit with the author of the book. The program is designed to create a school-wide *buzz* about books.

The PTA will be providing every family with one copy of the book *Pickle: The (Formerly) Anonymous Prank Club of Fountain Point Middle School* by Kim Baker, as well as a bookmark. On the bookmark, your child(ren) can check off chapters as they are read. This program will begin on Monday, January 23rd, and run for four weeks. The premise is that the reading will be done at home, as a family, to encourage everyone to read.

Summary of the book: Ben Diaz thinks starting the year with a prank is a good way to expand his circle of friends. Some ball-pit leftovers and an open window give him a great starting point. When he forms *The League of Pickle Makers*, a secret prank club, his diverse co-conspirators help him learn the true meanings of friendship.

Reading Schedule: *Note: This is just a guide; feel free to take your time or read ahead.*

Week 1 – Read Chapters 1-13	January 23 - January 27
Week 2 – Read Chapters 14-25	January 30 - February 3
Week 3 – Read Chapters 26-36	February 6 - February 10
Week 4 – Read Chapters 37-51	February 12 - February 17

Weekly Events: In addition to weekly vocabulary words and trivia questions read over the P.A. at school, we will have *Foolin' Fridays*, listed below.

FOOLIN' FRIDAY EVENTS:

Week 1 * **NEW CLUB APPLICATION** (Friday, January 27th) - Fill out a form detailing what kind of club you would like to start at NYE. Place your completed application in the box in the LMC by January 27th. We will draw names for prizes.

Week 2 * **PICKLE JAR ART** - Creatively decorate the Pickle Jar sheets that come home. We will use these to decorate for the author visit at the end of the program. Please turn the sheets into the appropriate boxes in the LMC by Friday, February 3rd.

Also, to decorate for the author visit, please bring in a see through container of a non-food item (ie: paper clips, balls, legos, crayons, etc...) to display. Place your name and classroom on the bottom of the container. We will display them in the LMC for the author visit. Containers may be picked up in the LMC by February 17th.

Week 3 * **FAMILY BINGO** - On February 3rd, a *Family Bingo* sheet will go home with all students. Complete with your families and return to school by Friday, February 10th. Names will be pulled randomly from every grade for prizes.

Week 4 * **RECIPE CARDS** - Write down a recipe that your family loves to make and eat! Drop off completed recipe cards in boxes in the LMC. We will collect the cards and compile a book of Young family recipes. Names will be pulled randomly from every grade for prizes.

Author Visit: On Wednesday, February 8th, the author, Kim Baker will visit Nancy Young Elementary and hold assemblies with the students.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please feel free to contact Joanne Jachimiec at joanne17@sbcglobal.net.

