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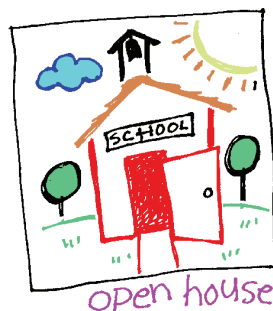
Dear NES Community,

I have been looking at our MCAS results from last spring and having conversations with people about the stories that the data tell us. I thought it important to summarize some of those stories for you below:



- ◆ Newbury Elementary School outperformed the state in every grade level on every test looking at the percent of students scoring Advanced and Proficient.
- ◆ 95% of the 6th Grade students last spring scored advanced or proficient on the English Language Arts test.
- ◆ 97% of all of our Grade 3 through Grade 6 students achieved a passing score of 220 or higher.
- ◆ According to the 2011 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) determinations, 1,404 schools (82%) and 354 districts (91%) did not make AYP. Triton made AYP putting the district among the 9% of districts that made AYP statewide.
- ◆ The Department of Elementary Education now releases Student Growth Percentiles for each student so we can now look at achievement as well as growth for every individual student
- ◆ Newbury Elementary School strives to have every grade level reflecting high achievement and high growth to ensure we are challenging all students.

The NES School Council held its first meeting on September 26th and welcomed new parent members Maureen Heffernan, Stacy O'Shea and staff member, Bonnie Langendorfer. School Council agendas and minutes are posted on the NES webpage.



Lastly, it was great to see so many families come to our Open House events over the last couple of weeks. Your participation in our simulated morning meetings and "That's Me!" was greatly appreciated!

Michael Tracy, Principal

Mix It Up at Lunch Day October 18th

Students in grades 1-6 at NES will be participating in the 10th annual “Mix it Up” day, a national event designed to foster respect and understanding. Students will be asked to sit with somebody new at lunch and get to know some peers that they may have not interacted with before.



See the Newburyport Daily News article about Mix It Up here:

<http://www.newburyportnews.com/local/x744030876/Students-going-to-mix-it-up-to-foster-school-spirit>

Where in NES am I???



Here is our mystery picture from our last newsletter — did you find it? It is the H in “PUSH” on the water bubbler!



Look at the picture to the right—Can you find where I am in NES? Keep your eyes open to spot me—and check the next newsletter for the answer!



News from our Classrooms

Band



The Advanced Band has been working every Tuesday after school and it shows! Stage band is also up and running. Our first rehearsal was Tuesday October 11th. Our Winter Concert will be December 6th at 7 P.M. Don't miss it!

Fourth Grade

Fourth Graders at NES have become cartographers! In social studies we have been exploring maps...What is a map? What are map features? Are there different maps for different purposes? The students are now working on a culminating mapping project in which they are creating their own island based on a theme of their choice. The completed map needs to show their understanding of the key components of a map. This is one of the many beloved projects in fourth grade.



Physical Education



Our new incoming Kindergarten students have spent the first weeks of school learning Physical Education class procedures and the use of personal and general space in many game activities. Grades 1-2 have also reviewed use of personal and general space while practicing overhand throwing skills in games such as "Clean Up the Messy Backyard" and team "Monkey in the Middle." Grades 3-6 have played Pillo Polo and basic soccer skill games. They have also taken their first fitness assessment - a timed 4-minute jog/walk.

News from our Classrooms

Music

Kindergarten: In Kindergarten we are doing a variety of activities that emphasize singing, movement and listening. We use Beanie Babies to match vocal pitch, solo sing our names, explore movement games and songs with teddy bears, and play with jingle bells and rhythm sticks. We are also now learning some Halloween songs and games. A “star of the day” is chosen each week. Each child will have a turn! Watch for your child to come home with the “excellence in music” star.



First grade: In first grade we continue using Beanie Babies to match vocal pitch and take turns solo singing our names at the beginning of every class. We have learned a line dance “The Chimes of Dunkirk”, a hand clapping game, “Alligator Pie” and a circle singing game “The Old Brass Wagon”. We also took the story “Caps for Sale” and had fun adding musical parts to this story with xylophones, metallophones and unpitched percussion instruments. Now we are learning some new Halloween songs.

Second grade: In second grade we still enjoy using Beanie Babies to match vocal pitch and solo sing our names. We have sung the “Barnyard Song” with solos, danced to “Everybody’s Body is an Instrument”, played xylophones and did a clapping game to “It’s Fun to Be in Newbury”, played the tubano drums to “Tiny Surfer”, and are presently enjoying many Halloween activities.

Third grade: In third grade we have been doing some singing and mostly have focused on receiving and learning to play our recorders. Every child should practice at home about four times a week for at least 5 -10 minutes per day. Last week we began playing “Mary Had a Little Lamb”. If a child can play this and the three notes B, A, and G are clearly heard, then the child receives his/her white belt.

Fourth grade: In fourth grade we have been doing lots of lessons with Orff instruments (xylophones, metallophones and glockenspiels). “Chattanooga Choo Choo” helped us to learn the sixteenth notes. We also learned about drumming with tubanos and unpitched percussion instruments added as ostinati. Now, we are using various Orff instruments to accompany Halloween songs.



Fifth grade: We began the year with an Orff lesson, singing and dancing to the Simple Gifts tune, (also known as Lord of the Dance). We have also reviewed many rhythms in a variety of forms using a game called “Zip Around”. In October we will sing and play many Halloween songs including listening to Camille Saint-Saens “Danse Macabre”, following along to his orchestral composition with our own listening maps. If anyone owns “Danse Macabre” and they want their own listening map for home listening, please feel free to ask Mrs. Peterson for a copy.

Sixth grade: We began the year with a lesson called “Pizza Rondo” which reviews whole, half, quarter, eighth and sixteenth notes. In this lesson we construct a multi-layered felt pizza and we sing and use Orff instruments. Next, we did several lessons on African music. We learned a rock passing game, a dance and a song with movement and African instruments. In October we will do some Halloween songs and a Halloween Orff arrangement.

News from our Classrooms

Music (continued)

Chorus and Choir: Just a reminder that our winter concert will take place on Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00 P.M. Remember to wear white shirts and black pants for the boys and black skirts for the girls. The children are asked to arrive at 6:30 P.M. and the concert begins at 7:00 P.M. We are looking forward to sharing our wonderful music with you!

4th grade beginner trumpets, flutes and clarinets: We have begun our instrumental lessons with our very own instruments! Everyone is doing a great job. Don't forget to mark down the minutes that you practice every day in your lesson book. If you practice four times a week for 5-10 minutes per day you will receive a sticker on the practice chart in my room. When you have five stickers, you receive a bead. These beads will be put on the colored belts that are earned for playing songs and rhythms (similar to the belts that we earned for recorder playing last year). Keep up the good work!



Third Grade



Third graders are studying tall tales as a fundamental element of American folk literature. The tall tale's origins are seen in the bragging contests that often occurred when the rough men of the American frontier gathered. Tales of the west were often based on real-life events and history and then exaggerated over time so that the original story is "stretched" into a tall tale using similes and hyperboles. We are beginning our own personal tall tales and writing as excitedly as a cat playing with catnip!

In Social Studies, students are exploring the regions of Massachusetts. We will be creating brochures to become experts on the regions of the North Shore, South Shore, Cape and the Islands, Connecticut River Valley, Pioneer Valley, and the Purple Hills. Please look for them in the hallway in the next week or two.



We are moving right along in Mathematics. Following the new Common Core, we've skipped over a unit in Investigations to unit 3 covering adding, subtracting, and the number system to 1,000. We'll go back to unit 2 later in the fall. Students are making great progress with math facts, and we're hopeful all children will make the end-of-year benchmark by getting through multiplication! Keep practicing those facts!

If the shoe fits...

Tips from Irene Kelley, Physical Therapist

A properly fitted shoe or sneaker gives a child support and flexibility and helps prevent pain or injury.



Tips for getting the right fit:

- ◆ Shoes should fit from the heel to the ball of the foot.
- ◆ There should be a thumbs width or 1/2 inch between the longest toe and the end of the shoe.
- ◆ Shoes should have an arch support inside.
- ◆ Don't use hand me downs for children's shoes. Shoes conform to the wearer's feet and will not fit a child's feet properly.
- ◆ Avoid backless shoes like "Crocs" or "Flip-flops". They do not offer enough support.
- ◆ Slip on shoes like "Merrills" should fit snugly.
- ◆ Avoid shoes with heels as they are not safe.

An Activity a Day Keeps the Doldrums Away

Ideas from Anne Jerome, Occupational Therapist



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Plan to get up early and help make breakfast!
2 Play a board game with a grown up.	3 Read a book about fall colors and why leaves change.	4 Make a fort out of your couch cushions, pretend you are a pirate!	5 Rent a yoga video for kids, twist your body all around!	6 Help rake leaves	7 Write a postcard to a relative that lives far away!	8 See if you can recite your address and phone number
9 Take a bath and do some floating experiments with foil boats.	10 Columbus Day Learn a poem about Columbus!	11 Can you say the days of the week in a row? How about months?	12 Play simon says and try to fool your friends.	13 Ask a grown up to read to you, then draw a picture of what you heard.	14 Ride your bike all around!	15 Plan your Halloween costume if you celebrate.
16 Use sidewalk chalk, write the ABC's or numbers	17 Dance to spooky music!	18 Cut pictures out of a magazine that you like.	19 Play a video game with a grown up.	20 Go for a nature walk. See what you find!	21 Play tag with a friend at school.	22 Help make scrambled eggs, beat them up!
23 Draw a picture of a haunted house or a pumpkin patch.	24 Lay in bed in the dark and make the alphabet with a flashlight on the ceiling.	25 Tell someone about your life and what you want to be someday.	26 Walk heel to toe all over your house, have your family do it!	27 Count how many pencils you have in your house!	28 Make up a song about Halloween.	29 Play with a pet, feed them, love them.
30 Read the Sunday comics with a grown up.	31 Halloween Be safe with treats!					



PTA News

Box Top Progress



Participants

September **2010** - 97 Members

September **2011** - 133 Members

Earnings Breakdown

133 New Online School Supporters

27 New Market Place Shoppers

Mid Year Update - On December 1st we will announce the total # of eBoxTops/ Clipped Box Tops for NES.

Market Place Shopper Quotes:

Jeanne Bartram NES Parent - *"That was easy, I just earned 265 box tops. I will be shopping online more often now!"*
- September 29

Erica Coles Jacobsen NES Parent - via Facebook

"I just earned 40+ box tops by shopping online - it is SO easy!"
September 23

Coins for a C.A.U.S.E.

Gather up your spare change and get it counted at any of the Institution for Savings branches during the month of October. As part of the Coins Add Up to Support Education program, the bank collects a 5% usage fee from its counting machines and then donates 100% of those funds to area elementary school parent organizations. NES is the recipient this month. Last year the PTA received over \$1000 from this great program.





PTA News

Scavenger Hunt Fundraiser - THANK YOU NES COMMUNITY!! **We Raised \$7,800!**



Congratulations, NES community. We raised \$7,800 for the PTA which will fund activities such as enrichment, teacher grants, technology, field trips, and more. The night was filled with fun, food, drink, and, of course, hunting through Newburyport. The auction and raffle items were a big hit as well. A special thank you to our NES parent volunteer chairpersons, Emily Abt and Alexa Strauch, and all of our parent volunteers. Additionally, thank you to everyone who donated items for the night. It truly takes many to pull off an event of this magnitude. We appreciate your time, your efforts, and your donations.

Please send along any comments or suggestions for Scavenger Hunt and any other fund-raising events to nesptafun@gmail.com

We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair – with hundreds of titles to choose from. This gives our children the opportunity to choose their own books, motivating them to read more. Look for your flyer in the next few weeks, which highlights a small sampling of the books at the fair.

Book Fair Dates: Monday, November 14th - Friday, November 18th

Shopping Hours: Mon-Thurs 8:10 A.M. – 4 P.M. Friday 8:10 - Noon

Family night: Wednesday, November 16th 5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Checks made payable to NES PTA

We hope to see you there!





BIG TENT - Coming next week!!

PTA News



Next week we will launch NES PTA on BigTent. On Tuesday, October 18th or Wednesday, October 19th all PTA members will receive a notification via email that NES PTA's BigTent private online community is active. It will take just a couple of clicks to set up your password.

This private online community will allow the NES PTA to keep all necessary information in one secure location that will be accessible to all members 24x7. Further, the NES PTA BigTent community will allow members to interact and share wisdom and information with each other! Looking for a piano teacher to come to your home to teach your kids to play? Looking for advice on the best tutors? Wondering if Explorations Legos is appropriate for your Kindergartener? Why not ask the PTA members who have wisdom and knowledge to share?

During the launch, if you have any questions about the BigTent, please feel free to contact Erica Jacobsen at EricaCJacobsen@gmail.com.



Last call:

PTA REFLECTIONS

The National PTA organizes an arts contest called Reflections. It runs in the fall, and there are prizes at the state and national level. Newbury Elementary can participate, but we need someone to coordinate the local contest and submit our winners to the state PTA. This is a project that you can likely do from home on your own schedule, aside from distributing entry forms at school and meeting the contest deadlines. More information can be found at www.ptareflections.com. If you are interested in helping out with this, please let Renée Toth know at ReneeH1992@aol.com.

Membership Update:

Thanks to all of you who have filled out your membership forms to join the NES PTA. You joined a network of five million individuals who have committed themselves to improving the lives of our nation's children. We have about 175 members at NES currently and we'd love to increase that number. Membership is open to anyone in the community. It is with your help that PTA will continue towards its goal of securing a quality education and nurturing environment for every child. You can find membership forms on the bulletin board outside the school office or email PTA-Newbury@gmail.com to have one sent to you.





School Store - Grand Opening - October 20th!

Attention all NES students in grades 1-6. The Grand Opening of the school store will be on Thursday, October 20th. Remember to come by the store **BEFORE** going out to recess. Stop by and check out our new and fun selections for the 2011 -2012 school year. Additionally, the store will also be open at the school Halloween Party on the 28th with special Halloween items. Any questions, contact amy.tardy@comcast.net.



THE ANNUAL FUND

Would you prefer to support the school with one lump sum donation? Many of you have inquired about a way to donate one time rather than contributing to small fundraisers throughout the year. We have an option for you! You decide - will it be an Annual Fund donation with corporate matching this year?

Your generosity will allow the PTA to focus on community-spirit events and enrichment for your children rather than increasing fundraising.

The NES PTA has set a goal of \$20,000 for the 2011-2012 Annual Fund. Contributions should be made to NES PTA to the attention of the PTA Treasurer in main office PTA mailbox at any time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recycling Committee News

Thank You for the Donations!

We are pleased to announce that **G. Mello Disposal** has generously donated \$500 toward our dishwasher fundraising efforts. Thank you so much NES parents, David & Kelly Woodsum, and G. Mello Disposal for the amazing contribution. G. Mello and their affiliate company, **Universal Shredding**, is also donating the use of their mobile shredding vehicle to help raise funds (see below). We appreciate all your help!

In addition, we are grateful to the owners of the **Ipswich Bottle Shop** who are also NES families. They generously offered to assist with our efforts, including giving us the proceeds from the bottle returns after the PTA's Scavenger Hunt, hosting a collection jar at their store through the end of October for donated bottle return redemption slips, and holding a bottle and can drive. Thank you so much!!!!

Recycle Day at NES

Save the date.... **Saturday, October 29th from 9 A.M. - 12 P.M., at the NES parking lot.** Document shredding! Returnable can and bottle drive! Used sport goods equipment collection!

* Universal Shredding has a mobile shredding vehicle that will shred personal and business documents in seconds. For \$5 per box, your documents will be put in the shredder. Feel free to check out their website to see how it works. www.universals shredding.com. All proceeds go directly to the NES Recycling Committee.



* Also, the Ipswich Bottle Shop will donate all proceeds from returnable bottles and cans dropped off that day to our dishwasher fundraising efforts. We are so fortunate to have such generous families at NES.

* Please consider donating any used sporting goods equipment you no longer need. We plan to sell these items at the Holiday Express to continue our fundraising efforts.

Reusable Water Bottles for Sale!

Please help support our fundraising efforts by purchasing stainless steel bottles and coffee cups with the "Newbury Elementary Recycles" logo designed by former NES parent, Jen Wright. \$5 per bottle goes toward the purchase of a dishwasher for the NES cafeteria. To go straight to the site, here is the link: <http://www.hope-2o.org/newbury-elementary.aspx>.

If you would rather not purchase these online, we have 25 ounce bottles from last year with three different designs. Costs for the large bottles (25 ounces) are \$15 or 2 for \$20. We also have extra caps for \$1. Contact us and we'll bring them to you.



Any questions or comments?

Contact Sally Milliken at milddoo@comcast.net or Tammy Cotter at tammycotter@comcast.net, NES Recycling Committee Co-Chairs

Question of the week...

How can I reduce junk mail coming to my home? Check out CatalogChoice.org. You can set up a free account to begin opting out of catalogs, credit card offers, and other junk mail.

Yearbook Update



All 6th graders: Yearbook Cover Contest:

All drawings must be on 2 8x11 ½ sheets of white paper (one for back cover & one for front cover.) Artwork must be dark (can be colored or black & white.) All entries must be submitted into the main office no later than Oct 31st. Include your name, age, and homeroom teacher.

New this year

You can now upload your photos directly onto the yearbook site.

To submit photo's to the yearbook staff, go to: <http://community.lifetouch.com> and register with the following access code: WTFAPT

Once you register, you will receive an email from Lifetouch with an activation link. You must click the activation link before you can log into the image upload site.

1. Upload 5 images at a time.
2. Enter a description for each image so the yearbook staff can identify what is happening in the photo.
3. The adviser will determine which images are used in the yearbook.

SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS BY: APRIL 1, 2011

Pictures can also be submitted on a CD (please label event & class name)

ORDERS: Information will be going home in November.

Please consider helping with the yearbook. Email us at nesyearbook12@yahoo.com

Walk to School Days

Our first Walk to School Day was October 5th, and a wonderful fall walk was enjoyed by all that participated! We hope that you will join us for the following Walk to School dates.

- ◆ October 28th Friday ½ day; Kids wear Halloween costumes for walk
- ◆ November 23rd Wednesday ½ day
- ◆ December 23rd Friday
- ◆ January 20th Friday
- ◆ February 17th Friday; Healthy Heart theme
- ◆ March 23rd Friday
- ◆ April 27th Friday; Celebrate Earth Day
- ◆ May 25th Friday

If you would like to participate, please join NES parent Liz Zukowski at the Newbury Upper Green at 8 A.M. If you would like to help Liz in this effort, you can contact her at elynds@mit.edu. Please remember all children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



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Technology Donations



Do you have an old ipod touch or iphone that you could donate to NES? We are using apps to differentiate across the subject areas! The device needs to be functioning. We have extra power cords, but would take donations of covers as well. Please drop off donations in the office or in room 142. If you have a question, please feel free to email me at bwilliams@trsd.net.

Thanks! Mrs. Williams

Thank you from Newbury Town Library

The Newbury Town Library would like to extend a special thank you to Nancy Nicholson and some terrific Newbury Elementary School sixth grade students. We sent out an S.O.S. for volunteers and Nancy immediately made an effort to reach out to the sixth graders.

Claire Zywiak, Jamie Towns, Taylor Penniman, and Katie MacDonald responded immediately and have been at the library the last few weeks to volunteer. Thanks to their parents who have delivered them to the library on Wednesday afternoons. The girls have been willing to help in every capacity that we need them. They have been preparing crafts for Story Hour and then actually assisting with the Story Hour held for ages 4 through kindergarten, helping them to complete their craft. They are hardworking and very efficient.

We appreciate their service to the community and wanted to take an opportunity to extend our appreciation. Thanks to the Triton Regional School District for sharing your students' time and talents with the library.

Sincerely and with regard, Laurie Collins, Children's Librarian



Grade 6 Meet & Greet



Grade 6 Parents/Guardians are looking for a volunteer from Newbury to help coordinate the end of year Meet and Greet at the Middle School.

If you are interested in volunteering for this opportunity please contact Principal, Dr. Michael Tracy at mtracy@trsd.net

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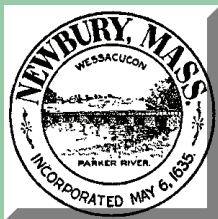
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The NES Newt-paper is published by Heather Leonard on a monthly basis. If you would like to submit something to be included in the NES Newt-paper, please email your information to hleonard@trsd.net by the Tuesday before the newsletter is published.



Upcoming Events

October

10/19—DI Information Night 6:30 P.M.
10/28—Walk to School—
Halloween Theme
10/28—NES Halloween Parade
10:15-11:00
10/28—HALF DAY, Professional
Development
10/28—PTA Old Fashion Halloween Party, 5-7 P.M.
10/31—Newbury town Trick or
Treat 5:30-7:00 P.M.

November

11/9 & 11/10—Grade 3 Field
Work, York, ME
11/10—PTA meeting, 7:00 P.M.
11/11—Veterans Day—NO
SCHOOL
11/14-11/18—Scholastic Book Fair
11/14—11/18—Grade 6 Environ-
mental Camp
11/18—HALF DAY—Professional
Development
11/23—HALF DAY
11/24 & 11/25—NO SCHOOL

School Community

PTA Officers

President: Candice Madill
Co-Vice Presidents: Elaina Sayles and Ellen Hazo
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School Committee

Mrs. Dina Sullivan - Chair, Newbury
Mrs. Deborah Choate - Vice Chair, Salisbury
Mrs. Suzanne Densmore - Secretary, Newbury
Mr. Lane Bourn - Rowley
Mr. Paul Lees - Rowley
Mrs. Linda Litcofsky - Salisbury
Mrs. Mary Murphy - Rowley
Mrs. Jane Purinton - Salisbury
Mrs. Robin Williams - Newbury



Recycle Day



Saturday, October 29
9am-12pm



*Newbury Elementary
School parking lot
63 Hanover St
Newbury*

* Storing old financial documents that are just taking up space? Bring your boxes and **Universal Shredding** will shred them with their mobile shredding vehicle. \$5 per box. All proceeds go directly to the NES Recycling Committee

* Save your empties (returnable bottles & cans) and bring them to us on October 29th or stop by the **Ipswich Bottle Shop** any time during the month and donate your return deposit slip there. You'll find details inside the store.

* Donate **used sporting goods** items you no longer want and we will sell them at the Holiday Express.

Why do NES kids need a dishwasher?

1. Removal of potential health risks from consuming heated food in contact with Styrofoam.
2. Reduction in costs for trash removal and the purchase of the trays.
3. Education (we don't like the message this waste is giving to our children)

The Recycling Committee is holding this fundraiser to raise money towards purchasing an industrial dishwasher for our cafeteria. This will eliminate the need for the children to eat off of disposable and non-recyclable Styrofoam trays.

Any questions, contact NES Recycling Committee Co-Chairs, Sally Milliken at milldoo@comcast.net or Tammy Cotter at tammvcotter@comcast.net.



PREVENT Candle Fires Follow the Circle of Safety

Burn candles inside a one foot circle of safety, an area free of anything that could come in contact with the flame and burn.

Use candles in the center of an area one-foot in every direction free of anything that could burn, such as decorations, curtains that could blow around, other items on a table or bureau. Use a sturdy metal, glass or ceramic container.

Stay in the same room with burning candles; never leave them burning unattended.

Most candle fires start when they are left burning unattended. Don't leave a candle burning out of your sight or when you fall asleep at night.

Use candles out of reach of children and pets

Many candle fires are started when pets knock them over, or when children touch or play with them.

Keep all matches and lighters out of reach of children.

Store in a high cabinet, preferably a locked one. You wouldn't leave a loaded gun lying around and a lighter can be just as dangerous in a child's hand.

Teach everyone in the family the rules of safe candle use.

Children, teenagers, grown-ups and older adults should know the rules of safe candle use.

Candle fires have tripled in Massachusetts over the past decade!

Candle use has risen greatly in the past decade, but unfortunately so have candle fires. They have more than tripled in Massachusetts in the past ten years.

Candles have become one of the leading causes of fire deaths in the home in this state.

Several people are killed, usually in their own homes, from candle fires each year.



FireFACTORS

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