

Newbury Elementary School Parent Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- 11/16-11/20
Scholastic Book
Fair
- 11/25 Half Day
- 11/26-11/27 No
School Thanksgiving
- 11/18 Family
Reading Night 6:30
PM
- 11/20 Half Day Prof.
Dev.
- 12/3 and 12/4 half
Day Parent
Conferences

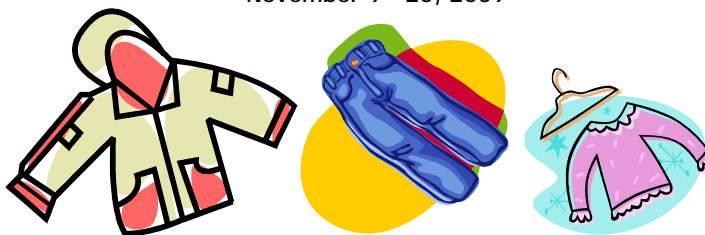
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Second Grade Technology News

While the 6th grade has been away at camp, it has left some valuable open time in the computer lab, which the 2nd and 3rd grades have leaped into. On Monday we fit all 5 of the second grades in the library to watch a Brain POP short movie about fossils; what they are, how they are made and how old they are. Some children are already quite knowledgeable about fossils, especially dinosaurs, but they learned that there can be fossils of just about anything. Brittany Williams showed us the internet site where many fossils are found, and the 2nd graders were ready to start digging for fossils to find real ones in the buckets of dirt which came from the mines in the internet site. After finding many fossils, the children are now filling up the computer lab and trying to match their real fossils with many online pictures of real fossils.

Newbury Elementary School Thirteenth Annual Clothing Collection November 9 - 20, 2009



Coordinated by 6th graders at NES and the Senior Center
Your generous donations over the years have helped many programs and families in the area. You may have already contributed to other recent collections for worthy programs. If you missed those opportunities or have additional fall or winter items, the programs we help would be grateful for your support. The programs we contribute to appreciate receiving items that are clean and in good condition with no holes or stains. It would be a helpful if you would bag and label each of the following categories separately:

- Children's fall and winter clothes (short sleeve shirts okay)
- Children's winter jackets, hats, scarves, mittens, boots
- Men's clothes, jackets, hats, scarves, gloves
- Women's winter clothes, jackets, hats, scarves, gloves

Donations may be left in the lobby.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Please call Kathleen de Stadler at 978-465-5353 with any questions.

YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST.

All Entries must be submitted no later that Monday, November 16th.

Winner will be announced on November 25th

PTA Corner

Thank you to everyone who sent in donations to our Hats and Mittens drive for the Pettengill house. We collected over 100 items and a cash donation. Your kind generosity will help keep many local children warm this winter.

Thank you to all those who attended this past Tuesday's PTA evening meeting, we had a record turnout in attendance. More details on the meeting will follow next week. We hope to see you all at our next meeting on December 1st at 6:30pm.

Please join us on Wednesday November 18th at 6:30pm for Family Reading Night in the story room. This event is being held in connection with our Scholastic Book Fair which will be open that night. Please come, have some goodies and listen to some good books.

PTA Holiday Raffle: Chance to Win 4 Tickets to the 9th Annual ICS Polar Express Event in Newburyport. The winner's family will leave Newburyport Train Station for the North Pole on Dec 5th @ 7:30. The 70 minute roundtrip adventure includes cocoa and treats, a visit from Mr. C and his elves, lots of fun and games, and a silver bell presented to each child during a reading of a holiday themed book by local storytellers. Come in your pajamas or as you are! It truly is a magical experience for children and parents alike! Remember to bring your camera! The tickets for this raffle will be sold during the Book Fair and at the Family Reading Night, \$5 for 1 or \$10 for 3. (See Scholastic Book Fair info in the newsletter for fair dates and times). If you have any questions about the raffle please contact Belen Wieler at bwielier.bwc@verizon.net. Thanks to Aidan Hawes and family for donating the tickets.

Save the date! The Annual Holiday Express and Pancake Breakfast will be held on December 5th from 8am to 11:30am. In addition to a yummy breakfast there will be a holiday raffle, vendors, crafts and fun for the whole family. The PTA needs volunteers to help at this event, if you are interested in helping please contact Margie Frew at margiefrew@hotmail.com. If you are interested in donating items to be included in the raffle, please contact Michelle Walsh at mwalsh9@msn.com. We are also looking for additional vendors for this event. If you have a product or craft you would like to sell, please contact Maureen Heffernan at maureen.heffernan@comcast.net.

This year the PTA is looking for sponsors for our events to help cover the cost of food and supplies. If you or your company is interested in sponsoring one of our upcoming events like the Holiday Express, Pizza Dance, March Madness or the Spring Fling please contact Michelle Walsh at mwalsh9@msn.com.

Do you love the Bruins? ...Live at the Garden? Starting next week is our Bruins Game tickets Raffle. 1st prize is 4 loft seats at the Garden to see the Bruins on Jan 30th at 7pm against the LA Kings, food and parking pass included – tickets donated by the Merrimack Health Group. 2nd prize is a Play Station 3. 3rd prize is a \$100 gift certificate to the Newburyport Chamber of Commerce donated by the Irving Family. Tickets are \$1 each and will be sent home next week. Please

Newbury Town Library



Scott Lago, the world class snowboarder is scheduled to be coming to Bingo night at the Newbury Town Library on Friday, November 13th at 6:30pm. Scott is looking forward to meeting all the kids and signing posters!

Dear Parents,

The Triton Regional School Committee is currently searching for the next Superintendent of Schools. To help with this most important decision, they are seeking representatives from the district community to serve on an advisory committee, which will be responsible from narrowing the semi-finalist field of **eight to ten** candidates then from **three to five** finalists.

This difficult task will require that the representative commit to the interview schedule. ***Only those representatives who participated in all interviews will be allowed to take part in the finalist selection.***

The Search Advisory Committee will be comprised of seventeen individuals representing various groups within the district community. The committee will meet with the search advisor, Mike Gilbert from the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, on Wednesday, January 27, at 7:30 pm to review the selection criteria and compose questions for the interviews.

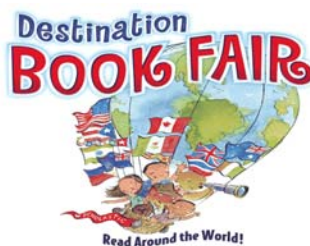
The interviews will take place on February 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 (if necessary). Interviews will be scheduled beginning at 6:00pm each evening and ending no later than 9:45pm. Each interview will last one hour and there will be a fifteen-minute break between interviews. The selection of the three to five finalists will occur immediately after the last interview.

The Triton Regional School Committee is asking each PTO/PTA board to choose **one (1) parent from each school for a total of five (5) representatives** willing to commit to this schedule. We are asking you to submit your name to Maureen Heffernan, NES PTA/PTO President, at Maureen.heffernan@comcast.net by Friday, December 4, 2009. The decision will be made by Friday, December 18, 2009 for us to report the name of the representative to Central Office by the deadline of December 23, 2009. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Maureen Heffernan, Maureen.heffernan@comcast.net



Newbury Wear is Back!!!

Newbury Wear is back by popular demand! Creative Touch in Salisbury sells high quality sweatshirts, t-shirts, jackets, and more. Newbury Wear makes great gifts for the holidays! Place your order before Nov. 30 to receive your clothing before Christmas! All online orders can be mailed directly to your home. The sale runs from 11/5 – 11/30. Go to <http://www.ctdemb.com> and click on Newbury Wear under Elementary schools. All funds raised go to the NES PTA. **Newbury can only be ordered online.**



The SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR is coming to our school from **NOVEMBER 16 - 20** in the **LITTLE GYM!** From easy readers to picture books, to best sellers and more, the Scholastic Book Fair connects students with books they want to read. Each child will visit the book fair with his or her class and will have the opportunity to purchase books for home or school. Proceeds from the fair help to provide books and other enrichment supplies for our library and classrooms.

WHEN WILL MY CHILD VISIT THE FAIR?

Students generally visit the fair during their classroom's library special time. Some classes will visit during alternate times. Your child's teacher will notify you of the specific time at the fair for that class.

HOW DO I PAY FOR THE BOOKS?

Students may pay with cash or with a check made payable to NES PTA. If a check is sent in without the amount, please note the maximum amount in the memo section or with a separate note. We will fill in the amount and send home the amount for your records.

Parents may also purchase books using a credit card, but must be present to use this option.

If your child forgets his or her money, they may bring home a "wish list" and purchase the book(s) the next day.

ARE PARENTS INVITED TO THE FAIR?

Parents may come to the fair at any time during the week. All parents must sign in at the office before heading to the fair.

WHAT IS A TEACHER WISH LIST?

Our teachers have been asked to identify books that they would like for their classroom libraries. Our NES families may purchase books on behalf of the teacher. Many families find that this is a nice way to recognize the hard work and efforts of their children's teachers. Check out the Teacher Wish List table at the fair to see if your child's teacher has a book in mind for the classroom.

WHAT ARE THE FAIR HOURS?

The Book Fair will be open from Monday, November 16 - Thursday, November 19 from 8 am - 4 pm. Additional evening hours will be offered on Wednesday, November 18 from 6 pm - 8 pm. On Friday, November 20, the fair will be open from 8 am - 11:40 am only.

Books can take you near and far, to places known and to places only in the imagination. See you at the Scholastic Book Fair!