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April 13, 2015

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that we are heading toward our last trimester of the 2014-2015 school year. During this time parents begin to look ahead to their child moving up to the next grade level, and with that come many questions about student placement. I am writing to explain the process that is used so that you will have a better understanding as to how the decision is made.

I want you to know that this is a long, thoughtful process and my greatest priority is to balance the classrooms in order to provide the best possible learning experience for all the children. Creating class lists is a complex process that the staff and I take very seriously. Although the principal is responsible for approving the class assignments of children, I spend a great deal of time with staff carefully weighing the following factors before we make a decision.

- special needs
- instructional groupings
- learning styles
- student interests
- boy/girl distribution
- special situations
- student abilities
- student academic needs
- heterogeneous balance
- peer relations
- work habits
- class size
- social dynamic
- parent letters

We use existing assessment data, as well as teacher input during this process. The last consideration is the actual classroom teacher. My experience has been that children adapt to new classroom environments extremely well. However, occasionally there are a few children that require special consideration and there is a need to carefully place a child in a particular setting. We deal with these instances as they arise.

I ask that if you wish to share in a letter addressed to me any particular information you believe is important to your son or daughter's placement that you do so by **Friday, May 1, 2015**. I will NOT honor any request for a particular teacher. However, you are encouraged to describe your child as a learner and the type of classroom you believe he/she would most benefit from. If there are students who have a documented history of struggling socially with another student and you do not want your child placed in the same classroom, you should communicate this concern directly to me in a letter. I will do my very best to honor the request, however, with a limited number of classrooms I cannot make guarantees.

Please understand that once classes are created the decisions are final, unless new information warrants a change. The entire staff works incredibly hard to honor this process so that we create well balanced classrooms for the children. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me via phone or email.

Sincerely,

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Pre-School and Kindergarten Screening



There will be no Pre-School on May 1st and no Kindergarten on May 7th and 8th due to screening.



April Vacation

Have a safe and relaxing April Vacation. See you back on the 27th!



Pre-School Update...

The circus is coming to town right here at our NES Preschool! Under the "Big Top", our children had tons of fun learning rhymes, participating in movement, art, literacy and math activities. Here are a few highlights from our Circus Theme:

We created circus tents and clowns using paper of various shapes and colors.

We mixed colors to paint grey elephants and orange tigers.

We painted colorful collages using blown up balloons.

We made circus structures with Legos.

We created our own version of Brown, Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? Our version was about what a brown bear sees at a circus.

We blew up balloons using baking soda, vinegar and small water bottles.

In the math center, we played a color, counting and number identification game using color and number dice.

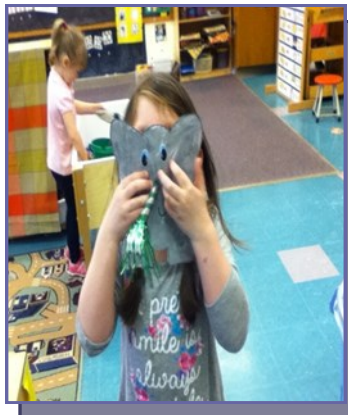
The children had fun pretending to be circus performers using parachutes, balance beams, hula hoops, tunnels and a trampoline.

Our sensory table was filled with plastic circus animals hidden under popcorn kernels.

The children used punching balls to wake up lions to the song *The Lion Sleeps Tonight*.

The children enjoyed reading and listening to circus themed books with a particular interest in the book *Olivia Saves the Circus* by Ian Falconer.

On behalf of the preschool community, we wish you all a safe and happy Spring break!



"Good habits formed at youth make all the difference."

-Aristotle

PTA Update...

The Yearbook Needs Pictures By May 3rd

Efforts to put together the NES yearbook are underway. Between now and May 3rd, you may submit pictures of school events and activities for consideration. Pictures should be of high quality and in focus and show current students and staff. (Please note that pictures from home are not appropriate.)

Pictures should be uploaded onto the yearbook website.

To upload pictures, go to: http://link.entourageyearbooks.com/view_account.asp?l=E0E15A54-89AB-4CE5-AC83-80FA4497A9DD

Click the blue Upload Photos button which will bring you to a new page.

Click Login

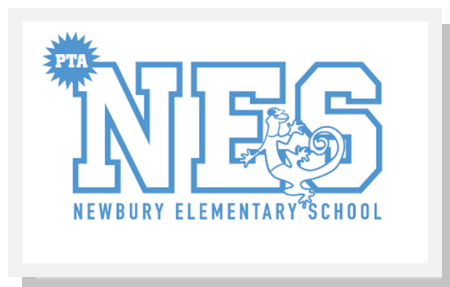
Username is nesyb2015@gmail.com

Password is nesyb2015

Photos should be loaded into categories. If one isn't listed, or if you have questions, please email Yearbook Coordinator Maddy Judkins at nesyb2015@gmail.com.

Keep Saving Box Tops and Labels!

Our PTA saves Box Tops and Labels for Education. Please clip them from products you purchase and send them to school. There is a blue collection box near the front entrance.





Wanted: Fairy & Gnome House Builders!

Fairy & Gnome Discovery Walk
Saturday, May 16th 10AM-3PM
Pettengill Farm, 45 Ferry Road, Salisbury, MA

Start designing *your* fairy house! What will the fairies do there? Or will it be a gnome house? What colors will it be? What will you use to make it? Draw a picture and start collecting materials. We can't wait to see it!

Explore the enchanted grounds and discover fairy gnome houses handcrafted by students, local business, and community groups. Local librarians will read fairy tales, dancers will perform fairy dances, kids yoga will be taught, and local musicians will perform throughout the day.

NES Librarian Mrs. Brown will be reading fairy and gnome stories at the event from 12-1pm!

Tickets are \$5 per person and \$15 a family (children ages 2 and under FREE). Proceeds from this event are to benefit NES PTA GROWS Schoolyard Rebuild Campaign and Salisbury Elementary PTA.

To sign up to submit your own home, please visit:
<http://fairygnomewalk.weebly.com/wanted-fairy--gnome-home-builders.htm>

Home submission is *free* and you need not be a SES or NES student to participate.

For how to build a fairy gnome home, more information, and ticket purchases please visit:
[FairyGnomeWalk Weebly.com](http://FairyGnomeWalk.Weebly.com)

 [Facebook.com/FairyGnomeHouse](https://www.facebook.com/FairyGnomeHouse)

SEPAC News...

PRESENTATION:

From the authors of Shut Up About Your Perfect Kid!

The Movement of Imperfection

Thursday, May 7th, 7 pm Triton High School Auditorium

Star athlete. Prima ballerina. Musical genius. From the time our children are born, we have “perfect” plans for their futures. But for most of us, parenting is about letting go of the expectations and loving the reality. In this fun, interactive, and refreshingly imperfect talk, sisters Patty and Gina Terrasi (The “Shut Up Sisters”), authors of the best-selling book, *Shut Up About Your Perfect Kid*, openly discuss the joys and challenges of raising “imperfect” kids on a perfection-preoccupied planet. The sisters will showcase their imperfect pride with hilarious anecdotes and funny bragging bumper magnets.

The workshop is for ALL parents to come together and celebrate the joys and imperfections of ALL children. This event is sponsored by the Triton SEPAC and is open to the public.

WORKSHOP:

Let's Get Organized!

Monday, May 18th, 7-8:30 pm Triton High School Library

Do you wish you had a way to keep track of your child's IEPs, evaluations, progress reports, doctor reports, test results, and more? In this workshop from Family Ties of Massachusetts, we will offer effective ways for parents to organize and manage paperwork, building a customized binder for your child - plus general ideas on “keeping it together” and tips for developing community connections for your child.

RSVP by May 11th to SEPACTriton@gmail.com reserve materials.

About the SEPAC

The Triton Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) is a group of community members whose mission is to work for understanding of, respect for, and support of all children with special needs in the community. Contact us at sepactriton@gmail.com. We maintain an email list to share relevant events and news; email us to join the list.

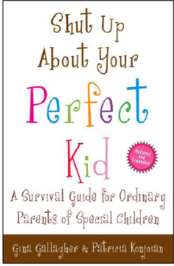
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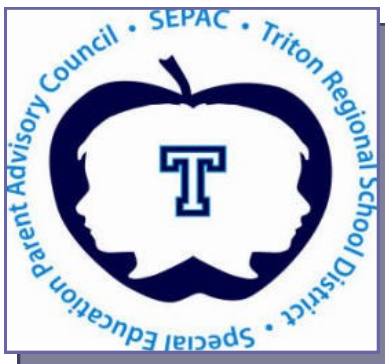
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My kid WAS a student this month![™]

www.shutupaboutyourperfectkid.com

Sponsored by the Triton SEPAC. Contact SEPACTriton@gmail.com for more information.





Important BNLL Opening Day & 80's Fundraiser Information (4/14/15)

Opening Day for the 2015 Baseball and Softball Season is just 11 days away. Below are important details about Opening Day and how to purchase tickets and support our BNLL 80's Fundraiser and Silent Auction on May 9th at Steeple Hall/Mission Oak Grille:

April 26th Opening Day Ceremonies Overview:

- Players must be dropped off in uniform, at 10:30am @ the Byfield Senior Center.
- Players must stay with their coach and team the entire time.
- The parade will begin around 11:00am and proceed to Pearson Field.
- The National Anthem and Opening Remarks will kick off the afternoon.
- Players will have a chance to participate in fun activities to win prizes.
- Food will be available for sale between 11:30-3.
- Team photographs will be taken near the Library. (You will receive your team's picture time and order form shortly. Please bring completed paperwork and a check to the Opening Day Ceremonies).
- Additional activities will take place. Details to follow.

May 9th BNLL 80's Dance Party Fundraiser – Get Your Tickets Now:

- We look forward to seeing you at our Dance Party Fundraiser on Saturday, May 9th from 7pm-12 at Steeple Hall/Mission Oak Grille.
- Super Duper Scott Cooper will spin classic 80's tunes while you enjoy delicious appetizers prepared by Mission Oak Grill.
- The cost is \$30.00 per ticket and there will be a cash bar and silent auction.
- The money raised at this year's fundraiser will help us cover the costs associated with running the league like hiring umpires, Opening & Closing Day festivities, and maintaining and improving our fields.
- If you can't attend our event but want to support us, you can still purchase tickets online or donate an item to our silent auction. If you have something you'd like to donate, email us at BNLLupdates@gmail.com
- Tickets may be purchased online or at the door. To buy them now via Eventbrite, copy and paste this link in your browser: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/bnll-80s-dance-party-fundraiser-tickets-16483342120?ref=ebtnebtckt>

We look forward to kicking off the season and seeing you in a few weeks!

The BNLL Board

Volunteer Support:

Volunteers are the lifeline of our league! We have some upcoming events that we need your help with:

Urgent: 2 T-Ball Coaches Needed:

We're making one final plea for 2 volunteers to coach T-ball teams based on the number of the children that have registered. Contact us at bnllupdates@gmail.com if interested.

Opening Day Volunteers Needed:

We need volunteers to help us:

- Setup in the morning
- Sell food between 11:30-12:30, 12:30-1:30, 1:30-2:30 & 2:30-3:30
- Cook/Grill between 11:30-2:30
- Cleanup in afternoon
- Help sell 80's Fundraiser Tickets

Contact Brian O'Shea at brian.bluedog@comcast.net

80's Fundraiser Volunteers Needed:

We need volunteers to help us:

- Setup & Decorate Steeple Hall between 5pm-7pm
- Check Guests in between 7-8:30, 8:30-10:00 & 10-11:00
- Man the Silent Auction bids
- Clean up/load cars 12-12:30am

Contact bnllupdates@gmail.com if interested.

Visit us at www.byfieldnewburylittleleague.com for important league news and updates

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 29 | 30 PARCC/ELA Grades 4 and 5 | 31 PARCC/Math Grades 3, 4, and 5 | 1 PARCC/Math Grades 3 and 6 4:15 School Council 6-8 SEPAC Meeting | 2 PARCC/Math Grades 4, 5, and 6 | 3 Half Day – Good Friday PARCC Make Up Day | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 7:30 am Student Council | 8 7:00 pm School Com- mittee Meeting | 9 | 10 Half Day – Professional Develop- ment | 11 |
| 12 | 13 Book Fair | 14 Book Fair Math Meet – Gr. 5 & 6 | 15 Book Fair | 16 Book Fair Second Grade Ancestry Day 4:00-7:00PM/Book Fair Family Night | 17 Book Fair | 18 |
| 19 | 20 Spring Vacation | 21 Spring Vacation | 22 Spring Vacation | 23 Spring Vacation | 24 Spring Vacation | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 7:30 am Student Council | 29 | 30 3:15 Technology Committee Meeting | | |

Did you know?

A big thank you to Ms. Brown and all of the volunteers who helped to make the NES Spring Book Fair such a success! The grand total is still being calculated, but the money raised will go towards new books for the NES library.

School Book Fairs are the main source of income to update and stock our library shelves. The hard work and dedication of Ms. Brown and all of the volunteers benefits the entire NES community.

Thank you!

*Photos taken by Principal of the Day Yablin
 and Vice Principal of the day Kingsbury.*

