



# The Newbury Elementary School

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## Newbury PTA Spring Fling Luau & Silent Auction

### Thank you to all who made it such a success!

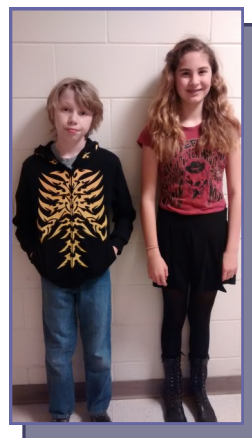
Thank you to the NES PTA for all of their hard work in organizing and running the Spring Fling and Silent Auction. What a wonderful and supportive community we have! Thank you to all who participated and donated!



## Change of plans during the school day...



If you have a change in plans for your child during the school day, please notify the office before noon as the office gets very busy towards the end of the day.



## Triton's Science and Engineering Fair

Triton's Science and Engineering Fair was held at the High School Library on Thursday, April 2nd. Two of our NES sixth grade students showcased their experiments and did a wonderful job! Luke and Kate represented NES well and we are so proud of their work. Nicely done!

## PARCC Testing at NES

This week we finished the first round of PARCC testing. Thank you to all who helped get your child(ren) to school on time and well rested. The next round of PARCC testing will be in May. The exact days will be shared as soon as they are set.

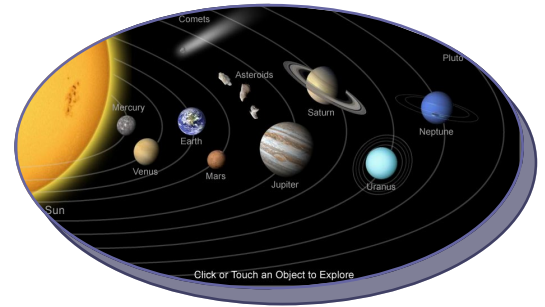


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## First Grade Update...

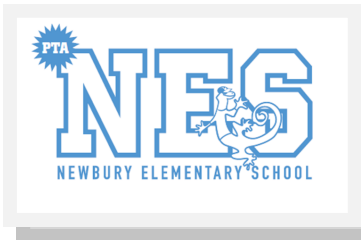
Where in the world are the first graders? Well, that is the question they have been answering over the last couple of weeks. The first graders have been working hard to learn their global address, which includes: their house number, street, town, state, country, and continent! Many first graders can now locate where they are on planet Earth, but we didn't stop there! We continued on into the Milky Way to learn about the planets in our solar system, the moon, the sun, and the big and little dipper! This was a great unit of study as we explored non-fiction reading and writing. The children read books and sang songs to gather facts for their own non-fiction flip books. They took notes and kept journals about all they learned! They created beautiful art to show their knowledge of the solar system, the phases of the moon, and the constellations. Our last stop on this space ride is creating our own planets with moons and other fun facts!



## PTA Update...

### Spring Fling Luau and Silent Auction: THANKS

A big THANK YOU to everyone who made last week's Spring Fling Luau and Silent Auction a success. The results are being compiled and will be reported next week.



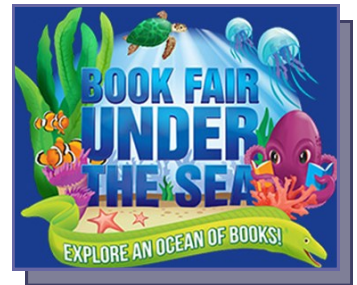
### Spring Book Fair is coming!

April 13th – 17th

Look for more information to come in students' backpacks.

Signup to volunteer for a shift or two at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e48a5a72ca46-20151>.



The NES Newt –paper is published by Amy Pasquarello on a weekly basis. If you would like to submit something to be included in the NES Newt-paper, please email your information to [apasquarello@trsd.net](mailto:apasquarello@trsd.net) by the Wednesday before the newsletter is published.

## SEPAC NEWS...

### SEPAC BUSINESS MEETING

Monday, April 13th, 6 pm

Triton High School Library

Join in the discussion about events and activities for the remainder of the school year, the summer and the new school year.

### WORKSHOP:

#### Learning Opportunities for Students with Intellectual Disabilities in Massachusetts Public Colleges and Universities

Monday, April 13th, 6:30pm

Triton High School Library

Glenn Gabbard, PhD, is the coordinator of Inclusive Concurrent Education Enrollment for the state Executive Office of Education. He will present information on state funded program opportunities available to public high school students with severe disabilities, ages 18-22, who have not



“Wake up every morning with the thought that something wonderful is about to happen.”

-Unknown

## SEPAC News Continued...

passed MCAS. This presentation will be helpful for any parent with a child of transition age.

### PRESENTATION:

From the authors of *Shut Up About Your Perfect Kid*:

#### The Movement of Imperfection

Thursday, May 7th, 7 pm

Triton High School Auditorium

112 Elm St., Byfield, MA

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](mailto:SEPACTriton@gmail.com) to 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](mailto:sepactriton@gmail.com). We maintain an email list to share relevant events and news; email us to join the list.

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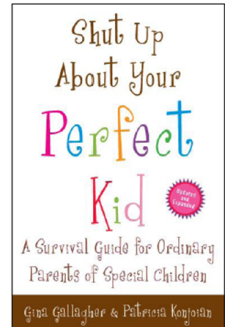
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My kid WAS a student  
this month™

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Family TIES of Massachusetts

Presents

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Time: 7:00-8:30 pm  
Place: Triton High School, 112 Elm St, Byfield  
RSVP: [SEPACTriton@gmail.com](mailto:SEPACTriton@gmail.com)

Hosted By:

Triton Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUESTED  
BY May 11, 2015 in order to assure ample supplies are available.

Family TIES of Massachusetts is a project of the Federation for Children with Special Needs, funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Family and Community Health, Division for Perinatal, Early Childhood & Special Health Needs.





## Wanted: Fairy & Gnome House Builders!

Fairy Gnome House Submission Form  
 Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 10AM-3PM  
 Pettengill Farm, 45 Ferry Road, Salisbury, MA

Newbury Elementary School (NES) PTA and Salisbury Elementary School (SES) PTA cordially invite you to participate in our *Fairy & Gnome Discovery Walk* located on Pettengill Farm's enchanted grounds. We hope that you will join and support us by creating your very own fairy or gnome home to display at our walk.

Guests of the discovery walk are invited to explore the farm 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. Tickets are \$5 per person and \$15 a family (children ages 2 and under FREE). Proceeds from this event are to benefit NES PTA Schoolyard Rebuild Campaign and Salisbury Elementary PTA. Home submission is free and you need not be a SES or NES student to participate.

This enchanting community event is appropriate for all ages and a great opportunity for you to get creative and show just how magical you are! Please spread the word and help us make that happen.

For how to build a fairy gnome home, more information, and ticket purchases please visit:

[FairyGnomeWalk.Weebly.com](http://FairyGnomeWalk.Weebly.com)



**Fairy Gnome House Submission Form**– Please return to NES PTA or complete online at [FairyGnomeWalk.weebly.com](http://FairyGnomeWalk.weebly.com)

Name of Participant(s)\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Fairy House(s) – if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

School, business, group affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Permission  I Agree and give full permission

I understand that the exhibit will be unguarded and located outside in a designated area on the tour. I will not hold any party responsible for any damage to the exhibit by individuals, animals, weather, etc. I give permission for quotations and photographs of me and my exhibit(s) to be used for all purposes and in all forms, including print, websites, etc.

**DELIVERY & INSTALLATION**

- Your completed house should be brought to Pettengill Farm for installation on May 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to deliver your house during the drop off hours, contact [nesgrows@gmail.com](mailto:nesgrows@gmail.com) and we will try to make other arrangements for you.
- Small signs will be provided for you to display a name of your fairy house or you may use your own, if you wish.
- Houses may be picked up at 3 pm. Fairy Gnome Discovery walk will not be held responsible for any house left after tour. We ask that you do not remove your house before the designated time.

## Newbury Town Library CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS: WEEK OF APRIL 5-11

\*\*\*Want to hear more about what's happening at the library? Sign up for the monthly eNewsletter here: [newburylibrary.org/youth](http://newburylibrary.org/youth)\*\*\*

### FLATBREAD PIZZA - AMESBURY, Tuesday, April 7th between 5 & 9pm!

Visit Flatbread Pizza in Amesbury on April 7th to dine in or take out, and a percentage of Flatbread's net profits will be donated to the FRIENDS of the Newbury Town Library. The FRIENDS helps fund most of our children's programs. Check them out at: <https://fontl.wordpress.com/>

### DO-DROP-IN PLAYTIME SESSIONS (Ages 0-4, siblings welcome)

Every Wednesday morning from 10:30am-12pm - Do drop in on Wednesday mornings for some playtime in the big room. We'll have all our toys pulled out, ready for some serious playtime! No registration required.

\* Please note, during April vacation we are rescheduling Do Drops to Friday, April 24th at 10:30am. This is because Toto the Tornado Kitten will be making a visit to the Newbury Library on Wednesday, April 22 at 11am! Hope to see you at both events!

### SPROUTING MELODIES (Ages 18mos - 3yrs)

Thursday, Apr. 9th at 1pm: In this music program, toddlers enjoy the routine they crave yet also the freedom and creativity to grow in self-expression and to build social relationships with their peers in music through instrument play, movement and singing. Click here to register on our online calendar. (Sponsored by a grant from the Local Cultural Council of Newbury, MA)

### BABIES & BLOCKS (for babies who can sit up through age 1-1/2)

Friday, April 10th at 10:30am - Babies who can sit up through age 1-1/2 will be able to participate in 30 minutes of block building, tower making, and knocking it all down. Music will be playing and parents will be able to talk and share stories. Click here to register, or go to our online calendar found at [newburylibrary.org](http://newburylibrary.org). \* Hosted by Family Connections of Newbury, Rowley, and Salisbury

### SIMPLE & SWEET STORY TIMES (Ages 3-5, siblings welcome)

Friday, April 10th at 11am - After Blocks & Babies, we have our Simple and Sweet Story Times with songs and craft just for our little ones. The Newbury Town Library's Simple & Sweet Story Times are thematic in nature and offer an opportunity for children to hear stories from classic children's literature as well as new additions to our collection. The children are able to practice developmental skills, such as listening and taking turns, in a warm and welcoming environment, as well as to meet new people and maybe make a friend (children and parents/caregivers alike!). After we sing a song and share a story or two, we'll use our fine motor skills to create a simple craft that relates to the stories we've read. Click here to register and reserve your child's spot - you will receive a confirmation email upon registration. Space is limited.

### LUNCH BUNCH (Ages 3-5, siblings welcome)

Friday, April 10th at 11:45am

We have a wonderful crowd of kiddos bringing their lunches to LUNCH BUNCH - an add-on to our Simple & Sweet Story Time (ages 3-5). Story time functions as a way for your children to learn valuable socialization skills, and Lunch Bunch will facilitate the development of these social skills even more, while providing the children with a little more time to be together after story time.

Click here to sign up!

### HALF-DAY MOVIE SHOWING: DOUBLE FEATURE!

Friday, Apr. 10th at 1pm (NES HALF-DAY)

1p Penguins of Madagascar (PG)

3p Night at the Museum 3: Secret of the Tomb (PG)

Popcorn and bottled water will be served. Children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult. [Click here to let us know you're coming](#) by registering on our online calendar found at [newburylibrary.org](http://newburylibrary.org). (Sponsored by the Friends of the Newbury Town Library)

\*For more information about this movie and others, check out [commonsensemedia.org](http://commonsensemedia.org).

### READ to a DOG: Reading Sessions with Blu (Grades 2-6)

Saturday, Apr. 11 - A dog in the library?! Yes! Welcome to Blu, a black lab therapy dog who needs some doggie down time. Children can sign up for a 10 minute session to read to Blu in a comfy section of the library. It's great for Blu, who gets some snuggle time, and great for the children who get to practice their oratory skills with a very special pup. There will be 3 spots available on each Saturday: 10:15, 10:30, & 10:45. [Click here to register.](#)



Please join us Tuesday, April 7th for dinner between 5pm and 9pm and a portion of each flatbread ordered will go directly to The Friends of the Newbury Town Library. You do not need to present this postcard at the event and take-out is also allowed. Thank you for your support!

Flatbread phone: 978-834-9800


Questions? Please send us an email at: [friends@newburytownlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friends@newburytownlibrary@gmail.com)

Visit our web site: [www.fontl.wordpress.com](http://www.fontl.wordpress.com)




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of the Newbury Town Library



Please join us  
for our upcoming  
Flatbread Fundraiser

for the  
**FRIENDS OF THE  
NEWBURY TOWN LIBRARY**

Tuesday, April 7th, 2015 5-9pm

Amesbury Location



## April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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 6:00 pm Storm Surge Meeting	16 Book Fair Second Grade Ancestry Day	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 all of the wonderful things the NES PTA does for our school?

The Newbury Elementary School Parent Teacher Association is a group of volunteers who are dedicated to enhancing and supporting our students' educations at NES.

They offer activities, donations and grants for the "extras" at NES. Last year, with volunteer support, they raised approximately \$40,000 to support our school.

The purpose of the NES PTA is to enhance and support the educational experience between school and home by encouraging parent involvement and to improve the community environment at Newbury Elementary School through volunteer and financial support.

Learn more about what the NES PTA does at:

<http://newburyppta.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/NESPTA>

## Did you know?

