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Dear Parents and Guardians,

At the beginning of this week, I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Massachusetts Elementary Principal's Association (MESPA) Spring 2014 Conference along with my colleague, Mrs. Christine Kneeland, Pine Grove Elementary School Principal.

This conference allowed me the opportunity to connect with principals from districts all over Massachusetts to gain new ideas while validating the incredible teaching and learning that is happening in the Triton Regional School District.

This year the focus of the conference was: *The School Principal as Leader: Guiding Schools to Better Teaching and Learning.*

Michael Fullan was the Keynote Speaker. He is the author of over 30 books, including Leading in a Culture of Change, The Six Secrets of Change, What's Worth Fighting for in the Principalship, and his most recent book, The Principal: Three Keys to Maximizing Impact.

Mr. Fullan spoke about three of the most essential roles of the Principal: Change Agents (moves people and organizations forward under difficult conditions), The Learning Leader (models learning and shapes the conditions for all to learn) and The District and System Player (contributes to and benefits from system improvements). Mr. Fullan emphasized the importance of teaching as being, "*Irresistibly engaging for both students and teachers and steeped in real-life problem solving.*"

Throughout the presentation, we were able to watch videos of model schools as Mr. Fullan identified at least seven main elements of success:

1. Vision and Goals
2. Resources
3. Exemplary Pedagogy
4. Data
5. Digital Citizenship
6. Proliferation of Leadership
7. Unbounded Learning

This short synopsis does not cover even a fraction of the information gained, as the opportunity to learn from and collaborate with other Massachusetts school leaders is absolutely invaluable.

I would like to thank the educators, central office and families for supporting me during my absence as my processing of information gained throughout this three day conference will be ongoing for months to come.

Sincerely,

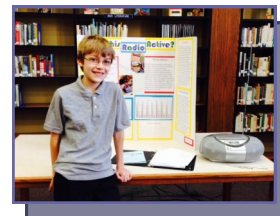
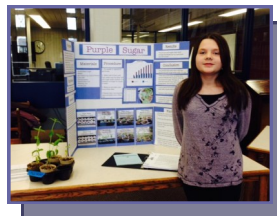
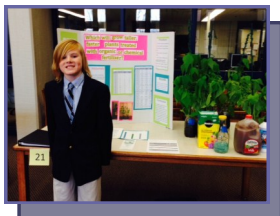
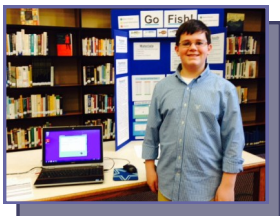
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Science Fair

Congratulations to all of our NES Science and Engineering Fair students for showing such great projects at the district's science fair on April 2nd. The library at Triton was packed with impressive middle school projects by 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students from the entire district. Four NES students will join six other students from the district at the Northeast Regional Science and Engineering Fair on April 12th. Griffin F. (*Go Fish*) and Ben M. (*Organic vs Chemical Fertilizers*) tied for 3rd place, overall. Arianna S. (*Purple Sugar*) earned the overall honorable mention, and Kiefer C. (*Is this Radio Active?*) was the first place winner for NES. All of our science fair students from NES have worked so hard since the beginning of December, and they all did a great job!



Triton Regional Elementary School Math Meet

Fourth and Fifth grade students participated in the district math meet on Monday, April 7th. There were 8 individual questions and one whole team question. Theo N. was the top scorer for NES. Jack L. acted as team captain, and Chloe H. and Hannah G. were group leaders for the team question. Newbury came in second place. All participants were treated to an outdoor pizza lunch at the SES courtyard. Overall, it was a job well done. They all made NES proud!

Congratulations to Alicia Chiasson!

Ms. Chiasson collaborated with other math teachers from around the state to create a sixth grade state model curriculum unit called, "Ratios and Rates." Last Thursday she was video taped teaching one of the lessons from that unit which had the focus to demonstrate two of the Mathematical Practices: #4 Model Mathematics (explain thinking through use of equations, text, tables, graphs, etc) and #6 Attend to Precision (accuracy in work and in communication of ideas to others) while solving real life problems about ratios and rates. Students worked in groups to share problem solving strategies they used in solving a set of problems independently the day before. Then they showcased one of the solutions in the form of a visual display that they then presented to the class. After the lesson a couple of students, Kaylyn P., and Cody W. were interviewed about their experiences in math class and during the lesson itself. Ms. Chiasson was also interviewed in regard to the shifts in learning as the Common Core is implemented, the model curriculum work she been involved in, how she structures her classroom, and how the lesson observed was shaped. Congratulations to Ms. Chiasson! She is a leader not only at NES, but across the state!



A note from Ms. Kay-French

Dear NES Community,

I will be taking a short medical leave from April 16th - May 8th to undergo ACL surgery on my left knee. Ann Reardon will be the nurse covering the Health Office during my absence. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call me at 465-5655 before April 16th. If you need to reach me during my leave, please contact me at my email ekayfrench@trsd.net as I will be checking it periodically.

I will miss you all and I look forward to seeing you when I return in May!

Warmly,

Emily Kay-French MS, RN



Spring has Sprung!

Students at NES got outside this week to enjoy the spring weather... finally! Students got their hands dirty as they turned over soil and planted vegetables in our raised gardens. Thank you to Michelle Walsh for all of her time and efforts to bring such an enriching experience to the students of NES!



MCAS ELA testing is over. We are so proud of how hard the NES students in grades three, four, five, and six worked over the past two weeks. We would also like to thank the parents for supporting your child through this testing. Making sure students are well rested and come to school on time with a healthy breakfast in their bellies help to prepare them for success.

Our next testing dates for mathematics and science are below. Please make sure your child is in school on time as testing will begin promptly at 9:00 am.

Tuesday, May 6th	Grades 3 and 5	Mathematics (Day 1)
Wednesday, May 7th	Grades 3 and 5	Mathematics (Day 2)
Monday, May 12th	Grade 5	Science, Technology, & Engineering (Day 1)
Tuesday, May 13th	Grades 4 and 6	Mathematics (Day 1)
Wednesday, May 14th	Grades 4 and 6	Mathematics (Day 2)
Thursday, May 15th	Grade 5	Science, Technology, & Engineering (Day 2)

NES Food Drive Starting, Monday, April 7th

STUDENT COUNCIL - AT WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

This year, we will continue to support The Pettengil House as well as the Senior Center & Newbury and Byfield's Food Pantry's.

GOAL FOR 2014

1,000 Items

Be sure to ask your family and friends to support your community efforts by donating and/or collecting from their friends and family to help you even more.

FOOD DRIVE DETAILS:

Please bring all items to your class to be collected by the Student Council. We will keep a weekly tally in the school lobby for you to track our progress.

ITEMS IN GREATEST DEMAND:

Peanut butter, Jelly, Soup, Pasta, Sauces, Rice, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Canned Tuna, Baked Beans, Mac & Cheese, Cereal, Juice, Raisins, Goldfish, Graham Crackers

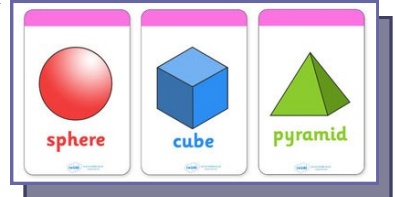
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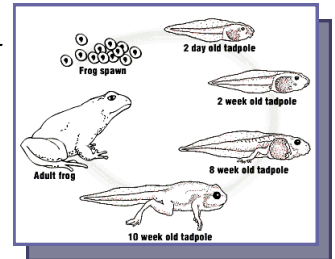
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Kindergarten Update

The kindergarteners have started a new math unit focusing on 3D shapes. The children have gone on a shape hunt around the classroom looking for various shapes and used their positional words (beside, above, etc.) to talk about where objects are located in space. We have also talked about where we see different shapes in our world. The children will be looking at and modeling various 3D shapes out of different materials such as play dough. Lastly, the children will be able to describe if a shape is 2 dimensional (flat) or 3 dimensional (solid), and compare and contrast those shapes.



Have you heard about the tadpoles that are living in the kindergarten classrooms? We are studying the life cycles of plants and animals. We are taking care of the tadpoles by changing their water once a week and feeding them on a schedule. We are checking every day to see if their back legs have started to emerge. We hope they will turn into Leopard Frogs before the end of the school year. The kindergartners also observed and recorded the growth of an Amaryllis plant. These tall, beautiful flowers didn't take long to grow once they get started. The changing of the seasons is happening right now. We record the temperature every day. The days are getting warmer, finally! Reading books about spring is helping us to know what to look for outside as



the seasons change. Some of the children have even started wearing shorts to school! It was a long, cold, snowy winter...

Kindergartners have started a new unit in Foundations that focuses on digraphs. We learned that there are two letters that are "stuck together" and make one sound, such as ch, sh, th, wh, and ck. We will continue to learn more trick words and will focus on reading sentences with fluency. During center time, the students have been writing stories remembering to use an upper case letter at the beginning of their sentence, finger spaces, and a punctuation mark on the end of the sentence. The children are also encouraged to add details to their writing that will paint a picture in the reader's mind of what the story is about. The children have enjoyed being the "guest reader" each day where they read a story to their classmates.



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APRIL 10TH - 13TH

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-B.B. King

PTA News...

Book Fair is Next Week

The Fiesta Book Fair from Scholastic is next week. The PTA hosts the book fair and all profits are used to buy materials for our school library. Please consider getting some fresh reading materials for the upcoming break. All students will visit the book fair during the school day. The schedule for classes is:



Monday: Dollas, Lapham, Astuccio, Casagrande, Peicott, Winter, Soini

Tuesday: Dolphin, Williamson, Mollineaux, D. Williams

Wednesday: Chiasson, Dow, McParland, Townsend, Jakobsons, Byrnes, B. Williams

Thursday: Lucy, Fournier, Arsenault, Pacenka, Harper, Towne

Friday: Nicholson, Fremont-Smith

Send cash or a check made out to NES PTA with your student. (You can write the maximum amount you want your student to spend in the memo and a volunteer worker will fill in the exact dollar amount.) Additionally, credit cards are accepted. Parents are welcome to visit the fair anytime, 8 am to 4 pm or visit on Family Night, Thursday, April 17th, 5 to 7 pm.

Scholastic has developed an app to help you find the right books for your students. With the scan of a book cover or bar code, you can find out the recommended age, grade and reading level for each title. Find out more at [Scholastic Book Fair App](#).

Volunteers are still needed for a few shifts. Please sign up at [Book Fair Volunteers](#) or email newburyptainfo@gmail.com. Many thanks go out to those who have already signed up.

Please Take Our Fast Survey

The PTA is creating a budget for the next school year. We have asked teachers for their thoughts on where we should focus our funds and now are asking our parents and guardians for their views. Please answer this simple two-minute survey; results will guide us, but not be binding. Please complete the survey by Sunday, April 13th.

Find the survey online at:

[PTA Spending Survey](#)

Save the Date!

NES GROWs Clean-Up and Play Day!

Friday, May 16th from 5-8 PM in the NES Schoolyard, Rain or Shine

Free Admission, Fun Activities, and Projects to Enrich the School Grounds

NES GROWs is a PTA Committee working to improve outdoor learning, teaching, and playing opportunities on the NES grounds. We need volunteers to help organize! Please contact Eileen Wallwork or Sally Milliken at nesgrows@gmail.com for more information or to get involved.

PTA Family Night on Tuesday at Not Your Average Joe's

Treat your family to a meal out--and treat the PTA to some easy funds! Not Your Average Joe's Restaurant, 1 Market Square, Newburyport, has selected NES to be their "Not Your Average Cause" fundraising beneficiary *every Tuesday during April*.

Just bring the certificate found at the end of this newsletter and present it to your server and our PTA will receive 15% of your total purchase. Valid days are April 15th, 22nd, and 29th between 11 and 9. The restaurant offers dine-in, carryout, and even curbside pickup. You can find their menu at [Menu](#).



PTA News Continued...

Families are encouraged to gather on Tuesday, April 15th, 5-7 pm for family night. Enjoy seeing some of your classmates out to dinner – or go whenever is convenient for you.

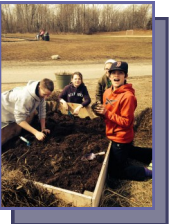
Also, parents and kids not enrolled in school are encouraged to meet up for lunch and conversation on Tuesday, April 29th 11:30 am -1:30 pm. We'll reserve some tables; email newburypta@gmail.com and let us know if you can join us.

The Gardens are Awake!



The gardens at NES are coming alive, thanks to Michelle Walsh and the NES Grows committee. This week, some classes went outside to clean the beds, plant seeds, and transplant seedlings.

Some students in grades 6, 4 and 1 plus Mrs. Marcolini and Mrs. Wotton's students started strawberries, cabbage, brussel sprouts, kale, cauliflower, swiss chard, carrots, potatoes, peas, beets, onions, broccoli, and lettuce. The students enjoyed finding lots of worms!



Order your yearbook now

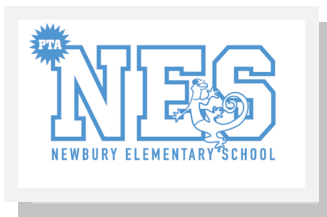
Work is underway on this year's NES yearbook. The yearbook is \$15 and includes 64 full color pages of life at NES, with pictures of all students and staff, Pre-K through grade 6.

Order yours online at [NES Yearbook](#) or via the paper order forms sent home with students. The deadline for ordering is May 12th.

If you have any questions, contact Maddy Judkins at nesyearbook2014@gmail.com.

Yearbook photos needed

Photos for the yearbook can be submitted at [Yearbook Photos](#) (Or go to entourageyearbooks.com and do a search for Newbury and follow the links.) Just use upload code NES2014 and follow the easy onscreen instructions. Find your best pictures of students and staff that capture the fun experiences at NES!



Check Out...

The Byfield Newbury Little League Fundraiser on their website at <https://bnll.ticketbud.com/bnll-fundraiser>

Byfield Newbury Little League
of Newbury, Mass

Newbury Elementary School Presents

All School Art Exhibit

April 30, 2014

6-8pm

See work by all the students at NES!

And

Compliments of the PTA

Enjoy a special display of work by

French Artist

Georges Seurat



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Name of Organization:

Newbury Elementary School PTA

Valid:

Tuesdays in April 2014, 11:30 am – 9 pm

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NES Calendar



April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 11:30-9 NYAJ Fundraiser	2 9:30 Middle School visit to NES	3	4 Half Day – Professional Development	5
6	7 8:50 Math Meet at SES (Gr. 5 and 6); 9:00 Kindergarten Lottery; 6:30 PreK Orientation	8 11:30-9 NYAJ Fundraiser	9 TWS School Performance; 7:00 School Committee	10 4:00 NES Technology Committee Meeting; 7:00 PM/TWS Performance	11 7:00 PM/TWS Performance	12 TWS Performance
13 TWS Performance	14 Book Fair; 10:15 Grade 5 Hands on History; 4:30 School Council	15 Book Fair 7:30/Student Council 11:30-9 NYAJ Fundraiser;	16 Book Fair	17 Book Fair; Grade 1 Poetry Day; Grade 2 Ancestry Day (1pm) Gr 5&6 Poetry in Motion	18 Half Day – Holiday; Book Fair; Progress Reports go home	19
20	21 Schools Closed – Vacation	22 Schools Closed – Vacation; 11:30-9 NYAJ Fundraiser	23 Schools Closed – Vacation	24 Schools Closed – Vacation	25 Schools Closed – Vacation	26
27	28 6:00 pm SEPAC Meeting	29 Class Pictures 11:30-9 NYAJ Fundraiser	30 Class Pictures Gr 6 STEM to visit /6-8 pm All School Art Show	<div style="background-color: #002060; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Visit us on the web! http://newbury.trsd.net/ </div>		

Who's Who at Newbury Elementary School

Second Grade

Ms. Pacenka has been teaching for 10 years and has enjoyed being at NES for the last 7 years. She has taught in 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade. She lives in Rowley with her husband and daughter Lillie. Her family is anxiously awaiting the arrival of another little girl next month. She grew up in a military family so she did lots of moving and traveling as a little girl. These days she enjoys reading, visiting the beach, and spending time with her family.

Ms. Townsend is in her ninth year at NES and she loves this school! She has taught Pre-K, Kindergarten and Second Grade. Before NES, Ms. Townsend taught at Head Start and Horizons for Homeless Children in Boston. She lives in Beverly where she just bought her first home. She is having so much fun watching the flowers start to bloom in her garden. She is a cellist and plays with the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra. Also, Ms. Townsend is in the process of opening an Etsy store called "Prospect Hill" where she will sell cozy little baby quilts and other warm and snuggly things! She looks forward to many more fun years here at NES!



Mrs. Peicott first came to know Newbury Elementary School in 1997 through her two children, Anna and Paul, who both came here K-6. Loving the sense of community, caring, and professionalism she found at NES, she began subbing and working as an IA in 2001 and was thrilled to be hired as a teacher in 2003. Each year she loves getting to know her students and seeing their growth as well as working with their families. Anyone who spends more than a little bit of time with Mrs. Peicott will know that she is a very proud grandmother to her 15 month old granddaughter, Elianna. Her house is full with her husband, her two children, her future son-in-law, and Elianna. And if that's not enough, she also has two dogs and a cat. In the summer she adds to the crew by fostering puppies from Aruba--five of which have found homes with teachers and families of NES!

Ms. Williamson has been teaching at NES for 16 years. Though she enjoyed teaching first grade for many of those years, second is her favorite grade to teach. She especially loves the second grade science and social studies units, such as engineering, life cycles, and ancestry. Ms. Williamson's family includes Mr. Hay, two boys named Alex (age 12) and Isaac (almost 10), and a rescue dog from Aruba named Harpo. Recently, Ms. Williamson has been busy getting ready for her third marathon. She is hoping to get to finish Boston this year, and is grateful to her second grade teammates, students, and parents for cheering her on as she trained this year.

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