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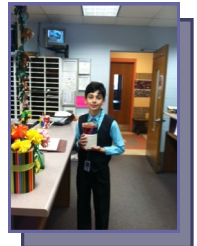
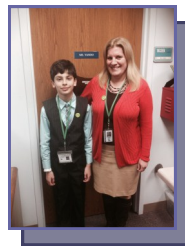
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Principal for the Day

On Wednesday, April 16th, Miguel Gigandet was the Principal for the day at NES. He also started the day by arriving in a fire truck with friends. When asked about what the best part of being the Principal for a day was, Miguel says "Saying the morning announcements". Thank you to Miguel for leading NES through such a wonderful day!



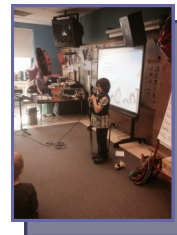
Dismissal at NES



Dismissal at NES is a busy time. We are dismissing almost 600 students within a very short amount of time. We are asking that once you have picked up your child, please make sure they are with you. We have had a few close calls with students who have been dismissed to parents and are then running near the moving pick up line. Although with the nice spring weather it is nice to stop and chat with neighbors, safety is our first concern and we thank you for your help with this matter.

Poetry Day for 1st Grade

April 17th was a big day for our first graders. "Poetry Day", an NES tradition, was a joyful experience for all. Our young poets recited poems written by famous authors, such as Shel Silverstein and Jack Prelutsky, shared original work and sang songs with a poet's heart. The excitement continued as parents and students shared poetry folders, poetry on the walls of the classrooms and poetry displayed in the circle. The first grade team is so proud of our young poets!



April Vacation

We wish you a safe and relaxing April vacation. See you on April 28th!



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Pre-school Update

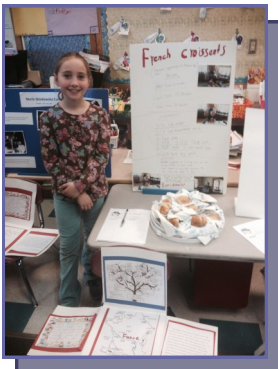


The pre-schoolers just finished a mini theme on The Signs of Spring. We sorted spring pictures into various categories, scooped seeds and soil in our sensory table, looked for signs of spring on a nature walk around NES, and colored eggs blue to represent Robin eggs (which we placed in homemade nests). We also read the book Inch By Inch (the Garden Song) and learned to sing and sign the song of the same title. Happy Spring!



Ancestry Day for 2nd Grade

We have a tradition in second grade of completing a family ancestry project. This is a home-school project. The main focus of the project is country research with students researching the major landmarks and traditions of countries in which they have ancestry. On Thursday, April 17th we celebrated our hard work with a Country of Origin Open House event. Families came and were awed by the hard work and knowledge that these second graders demonstrated about their countries! Visitors were able to experience tastes and sounds around the world as food was served and music was played. The colors of our countries were displayed and facts were popping off of poster boards and out of children's mouths everywhere! The second grade teachers were tremendously proud of their students' hard work and appreciative of the families' support of this long-term project.



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

Good Luck

Ms. Williamson!

The NES community would like to wish Kelly Williamson good luck on Monday as she runs the Boston Marathon! Go Mrs. Williamson!



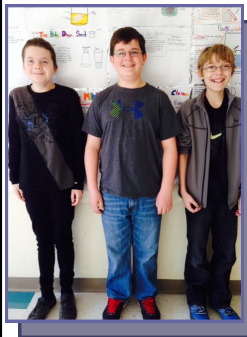
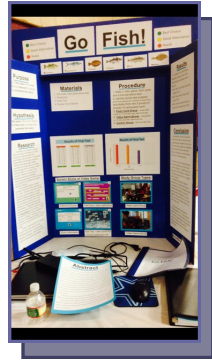
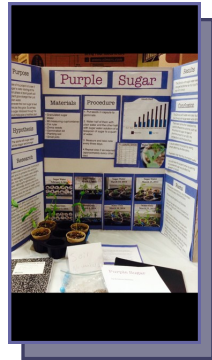
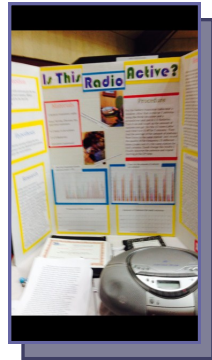
“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

-Nelson Mandela

Triton Students Advance to State Science Fair

This weekend ten Triton students competed at the Region IV Massachusetts Middle School Science and Engineering Fair at Lowell High School; with seven earning the right to advance to the state championships.

Place	Student	School	Project
1 st	Kiefer C.	NES	Is This Radio Active?
1 st	Alden G.	TMS	Introduction to Autonomous Robotics and Artificial Intelligence
1 st	Skyler T.	TMS	Solar Panels Times Two for Free
2 nd	Griffin F.	NES	Go Fish!
3 rd	Lily F.	TMS	The Right Light for Plants
3 rd	Travis T.	TMS	What is the Most Effective Way to stop Beach Erosion?
Special Recognition Award	Arianna S.	NES	Purple Sugar



These students have been working diligently on their projects since December. Coached by Nancy Nicholson (NES) and Paige Ribaud-Smith (TMS), these students will now prepare for the state finals at Worcester Technical High School in June. While not advancing to the finals, Glory T., Lee D., and Benjamin M. also represented Triton with distinction at the regional fair.

The Massachusetts Middle School Science & Engineering Fair is a forum for students in grades 6-8 to explore "real world" science and engineering discovery through hands-on experience. Students also learn about the many exciting and emerging fields of science and technology today, building important life skills-- from reading, writing and math to communications, teamwork and design.



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)



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 by the Wednesday before the newsletter is published.

"Photo goes here"

The yearbook truly needs pictures! As of now, there are lots of "photo goes here" placeholders!

**PTA News...**

Please, please upload some pictures of your students, their classes, and activities at school. The goal is for all students to appear in the yearbook in a place other than their formal portrait. However, as of now, the yearbook is lacking candid photos from almost all classes. The deadline for photos has been extended to this Sunday, April 19th. Final layouts are being designed now, and we don't want blank pages!

Uploading pictures is fast and easy... Really!

Go to: <http://edo.entourageyearbooks.com/YearbookLogin.asp?YBID=7A040B161F> (Or go to www.entourageyearbooks.com and do a search for Newbury and follow the links.)

Click on "Upload Photos".

The next screen asks for an upload code; it is NES2014.

Then choose a category for your photos and follow the directions for uploading. It only takes a few seconds to upload the pictures.

If you have any problems, email Maddy at nesyearbook2014@gmail.com.

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.

Vacation Week Break from Cooking

Staying in town for the vacation? 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 22nd, and 29th between 11:30 and 9:00. The restaurant offers dine-in, carryout, and even curbside pickup. You can find their menu at [Menu](#).

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

Yearbook orders are due

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.



Book Fair Wrap Up

PTA News Continued...

Thank you to everyone who attended the Spring Scholastic Book Fair. A special thank you to Mrs. Brown and to the school faculty who helped support and promote it.

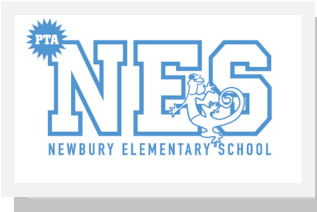
We also appreciate the parent volunteers who helped make this book fair a success: Emily Abt, Beth Abbott-Bishop, Joyce Bokuniewicz, Tammy Cotter, Heather DePaolo, Erika Joyner, Carrie Kennedy, Sheila Little, Hilary Lind, Katharine Mace, Amy Sasso, Madelaine Thompson-Judkins, Renée Toth, David Toth, Dan Valianti, and Krista Yablin.

All purchases benefit the NES Library. Did you know that the Book Fair profits are the only means of support for our library? Please continue to shop at our Book Fairs in order to keep the shelves filled with wonderful books and tools to help educate our children.

Thank you again for your support!

Alexa Strauch, Elaina Sayles, and Pam Murray

Book Fair Chairs



We serve creative cuisine. And worthy causes.

Present this certificate to your server and your cause will receive 15% of your total purchase* every Tuesday during April.

Name of Organization:

Newbury Elementary School PTA

Valid:

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

*Excludes Alcohol, Tax and Gratuity



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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 5-8 FE-MA Information Night	30 Class Pictures Gr 6 STEM to visit /6-8 pm All School Art Show			

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Who's Who at Newbury Elementary School

Bonnie Langendorfer



Ms. Langendorfer is the ETC and grade four special education teacher at NES. She lives in Amesbury and has 29 year old son who is working on his PhD program at UPenn. Ms. Langendorfer grew up on a farm in Iowa and collected the eggs and rode horses. She enjoys traveling and has been all through Europe and the United States. She has also been to Hungary, Turkey, and the Czech Republic.

Robin Volpone



Ms. Volpone married Bill, her high school sweetheart. She has two children, Ben, 16, who is a sophomore at Triton Regional High School and Paige, 12, who is a 6th grader at NES. She also has a rescue dog from Aruba named Vinny. Ms. Volpone enjoys traveling with her kids and camping is a favorite activity. She coaches for Triton U13 lacrosse and is a college field hockey and lacrosse official.