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Triton High School Musical Tour

On Wednesday morning, the fourth, fifth, and sixth graders were entertained by the Triton High School and Middle School Musical Tour. The band and chorus shared songs and demonstrated their work together. Students were excited to see what



band and chorus looks like for the upper grades and enjoyed the beautiful music of the season.

As the winter weather begins...

As the winter weather begins, it is a nice time to review recess and appropriate attire. When the weather allows, students will go outside for fresh air and a well deserved motor break to keep them focused and energized for learning. Please encourage your child to dress for the weather.

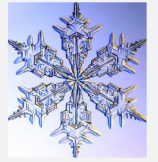
It is recommended that all students who want to walk in the snow, wear boots. If your child would like to play in the snow, they should bring snow pants and gloves/mittens to keep dry and warm. A warm winter jacket is also recommended.



Thank you for your support in keeping our students ready for recess.

NES NEWT-paper Update...

Next week's NEWT-paper will be a shortened version due to the winter holiday break.



Parent Conferences

Thank you to all who came in to meet with your child's classroom teacher this week. The home – school connection is so important and your support and encouragement of the important work your children do here at NES is appreciated.



'Hour of Code'

All students in 4th, 5th and 6th grades at NES have done the "Hour of Code" in the computer lab this week. We hope many continue at home. It was great fun! This was just a taste, there are many more activities to try on the website for all on Mrs. Raycroft's website. (parents might enjoy this too)

Washington Post reports:

Week-long 'Hour of Code' campaign lures millions of U.S. students to computer coding

Millions of students from kindergarten through 12th grade are learning computer code this week as part of "Hour of Code," a nationwide campaign embraced by President Obama and featuring free tutorials by Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg and Microsoft titan Bill Gates that are designed to get U.S. students interested in computer science.

Through its Web site, "Hour of Code" offers lessons in computer coding that are aimed at every age group and accessible on a range of devices, from tablets to desktops. Entire schools have been holding "Hour of Code" sessions for their students. Students also have been logging on at home.

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Triton Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)

SEPAC Meeting on Monday

The Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) will meet Monday, December 16, in the NES Library. The business meeting is at 6, followed by a presentation at 6:30 pm. Kerry Mahoney from The ARC of Greater Haverhill-Newburyport will discuss the transition process and timelines for students and share information about the services at the ARC. While transition may seem far in the future, it is beneficial to know the process and goals while children are young.

“Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.”
-Anthony J. D’Angelo

The mission of the Triton SEPAC is to work for understanding of, respect for, and support of all children with special needs in the community. The SEPAC is open to all families, staff, and community members. Your involvement is needed. For more information, email SEPACtriton@gmail.com.

Fourth Grade Update...

Math: Fourth grade students have been investigating the different methods that can be applied to multiplying multi-digit multiplication problems. Some of these methods include the box method, the lattice method, the distributive property, and the traditional algorithm. After weeks of practice, the students consider themselves to be multiplication masters! The students have been continuing work on solving multi-step word problems, with a specific focus on explaining mathematical thinking in writing. Students are now switching their focus to the inverse operation of division. The students will continue this investigation through the holiday season and beyond.

Reading & Writing: In Reading, fourth grade students have been practicing citing specific text evidence to support their comprehension. Two significant projects that they have recently completed are the character trait poster project and a cause and effect investigation project. In Writing, students have continued their exploration of the three different genres of writing. In particular, students have been working very hard synthesizing their knowledge of the Northeast region of the United States into a well-written expository writing piece! As you wander down the fourth grade hallway, you can observe the magnificent display of these pieces!

Social Studies: In Social Studies, the students are continuing their travel through the United States! Having recently completed the Northeast portion of their year-long passport project, the students are now heading down to the warmer shores of the Southeast, focusing on the culture, land, and economy of the region.

Science: Prepare for liftoff! After completing a unit on the Earth's changing surface, students will now travel to outer space to get a look at the Earth from the outside in. Several stellar topics will be covered, such as the way that Earth travels and what characterizes each of the planets in our solar system. In January, fourth grade will host a guest speaker who will be bringing in a large, inflatable, model solar system for the students to interact with.

A Holiday Fundraiser Benefiting Next Year's NES 6th Grade Environmental Camp

A special holiday fundraiser awaits you!



Next Year's NES 6th Grade Environmental Camp Fundraising Committee is pleased to announce a very special holiday fundraiser between now and Christmas 2013.

Newbury's very own Anastasia's Flowers on Main Street, will provide a portion of the proceeds on all holiday flowers and floral arrangements purchased by the NES community, your friends, and family.

Flowers bring the holidays to life, and this special fundraiser enables you to support this special school program next fall, and a local business, as you place your orders for:

- Upcoming School Winter Concerts
- Hostess Gifts
- Entertaining
- Teacher Gifts
- Christmas

Just reference "NES" when you place your order and be sure to spread the word about this special holiday fundraiser with your friends and family!

Please contact Belen Wieler-Hawes with any questions at belenwieler@gmail.com

Have a safe and wonderful holiday season!



Place Your Order by:

Phone: 978.255.2077 Email: flowersonmainst@comcast.net www.anastasiasflowersonmain.com

Join us for the Fourth Annual Newbury Town Library **HOLIDAY COOKIE SWAP**



Thursday, Dec. 19, 6:30-7:30 pm
Library Function Room

Visit with old and new friends at 6:30; the swap will be made at 7:00 pm sharp.

Cookie Swap Rules:

BAKE: Choose a recipe and bake six dozen of your favorite holiday cookies.

BRING: Be sure to label and creatively display your cookies.

PRINT: Please bring copies of your recipe to share at the Cookie Swap.

SWAP: Each guest will get to take home some of each cookie—we will divide the cookies equally, so you will have six dozen assorted cookies. Don't forget containers for taking cookies home!

QUESTIONS: Contact friendsofnewburytownlibrary@gmail.com

MORE INFORMATION: <http://fontl.wordpress.com/2013/11/01/join-us-for-the-fourth-annual-friends-of-the-newbury-town-library-holiday-cookie-swap/>

PTA News...

Keys to Literacy Talk at Next PTA Meeting

Mark your calendars for the next general PTA meeting on Thursday, January 9, at 7 pm in the school library. The meeting will feature a presentation by Reading Specialist Margot Ryan about the Keys to Literacy initiatives that have been implemented at NES and throughout the district.



Mixed Bag Orders were Delivered

The orders from Mixed Bag Designs were distributed to students this week. If there are issues with your order, please email NewburyPTAinfo@gmail.com.



Thanks to your generosity and the organizational skills of coordinators Ellen Hazo and Emily Abt plus our volunteers, \$6000 was raised for the NES PTA.

December Annual Fund Update

The holidays are upon us--you, your friends, and family still have time to make a tax-deductible donation to The NES PTA Annual Fund to make your child's future bright!

We are thankful to those community members that have made donations and are thrilled to share we are already at 45% of our annual goal! Your giving spirit reminds us of how much we have to be thankful for at NES.

To donate now: go to www.newburypta.com/donate and enter "annual fund" in the comment box.

Or, make a check payable to the NES PTA, enter "annual fund" on the memo line, and return via your student to the PTA mailbox in the school office.

Please check out the attached flyer for the complete December 2013 NES PTA Annual Fund Update.

Happy Holidays!

Belen Wieler-Hawes

NES PTA Annual Fund Chair

Book Swap

The second annual PTA book swap is coming in January. Start putting aside some used books to trade. Details will be coming soon.



Save the Date:

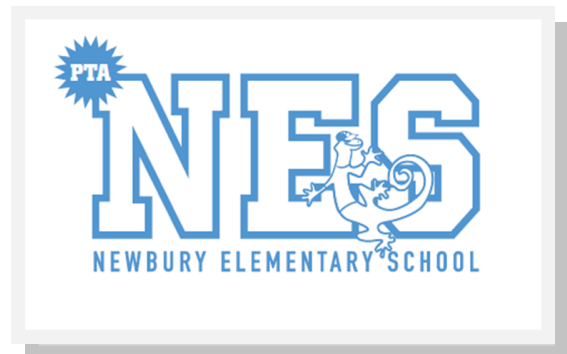
January 29: PTA Fundraiser Night at Oregano's

Stay in touch with the PTA:

Email: newburyPTAinfo@gmail.com

Website: <http://newburypta.com>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/neppta





NES PTA Annual Fund Update: December 2013

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Your giving spirit reminds us of how much we have to be thankful for at NES. We are confident that with ongoing community support, we will be able to reach 100% of our goal to help deliver enrichment activities and events to you and your family.

Why People are Giving:

A few of our many donors asked that we share why they donated in an anonymous fashion:

"Donating to the PTA Annual Fund goes directly to the benefit of our children and the other students. The fact that it's tax-deductible too makes it a no-brainer".

"Our PTA programs cover a variety a topics including scholastic, technology, community, and plain fun events for the children. Donating to the Annual Fund helps us support these important causes".

Donating is Easy:

Donate Online:

Go to newburypta.com/donate, select your donation amount, and enter "annual fund" in the comment box.

Donate by Check:

Write a check payable to the NES PTA, place "annual fund" in the memo line, and return to the PTA Treasurer in the school office.

Request a Company Match

Contact your company's HR department to see if they offer a company match and complete the paperwork. It's an easy way to get more for your money and to double the amount of your Annual Fund contribution.



Annual Fund donations fuel our ability to deliver enrichment activities & events.

Recent PTA Successes include:

- Our Mixed Bags fundraiser raised \$6,000 to support the PTA.
- Our Fall Book fair raised over \$2,400 to purchase new materials for the library and support every grade level.
- Over 160 parents and teachers attended the Executive Functioning presentation by Sara Ward to learn strategies and tactics to support their children's long-term personal and academic development.
- Classes continue to read *Weekly Reader*, *Time for Kids*, and *National Geographic* materials funded by the PTA.
- Our 1st grade students harvested broccoli abi from our new gardens to share with their families over Thanksgiving.
- We provided a grant to help fund the recent 6th grade environmental camp.
- We introduced "the chill room" at the Halloween party for everyone to enjoy.

Contact Belen Wieler-Hawes with questions at belenwieler@gmail.com

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www.newburypta.com/donate



NES Calendar

December 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 7:30 am Student Council 7:00 pm NES Winter Concert	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 School Committee Meeting	12 Half Day – Parent Conferences 7:00pm Theater Workshop Performance	13 Half Day – Parent Conferences 7:00pm Theater Workshop Perfor-	14 7:00pm Theater Workshop Performance
15 1:00pm Theater Workshop Matinee Performance	16 6:00pm Special Education Parent Advisory Council	17 7:30 am Student Council	18 6:30pm Theater Workshop Open House	19	20	21
22	23 School Closed –	24 School Closed –	25 School Closed –	26 School Closed –	27 School Closed –	28
29	30 School Closed – Vacation	31 School Closed – Vacation	1 School Closed – Vacation	2 Schools Reopen	3	4

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Who's Who at Newbury Elementary School



Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. Cyr

NES Music Department

Mrs. Peterson lives in Newburyport with her husband Michael and daughter Sarah. Sarah attends Newburyport High School and is enjoying her senior

year. She hopes to be an elementary school teacher in the future. Their son Eric lives in Providence, Rhode Island and is the Assistant Sports Information Director at Brown University. Mrs. Peterson grew up in Stoneham and attended the University of Lowell. She knew she wanted to be a music teacher when she was in the 7th grade. She has worked for Triton for 30 years, first at Salisbury Elementary for 5 years and then for NES for 25 years. She loves to garden, read, travel (especially to Disney World), and eat chocolate! The best part about being a music teacher is that she gets to see the children grow from Kindergarteners to 6th graders!

Mrs. Laura Cyr lives in Reading with her husband Bill who is a high school science teacher. The two got married this past July and had a blast on the dance floor! Mrs. Cyr grew up in Nor-

wood and was very active in all of the instrumental groups available through her school system. After graduating from the University of New Hampshire with a degree in Music Education, Mrs. Cyr worked in Norwood for a few years teaching private clarinet lessons, jazz band, elementary orchestra, and marching band. She is also an active performer in the Metropolitan Wind Symphony which is based out of Boston. When she excitedly joined the Triton community, she took the District Stage Band to the Mass Bay Music Festival and received a rating of "Excellent"! Mrs. Cyr loves her job and has so much fun making music every single day. She and Bill have big plans for next year – they will buy two guinea pigs!

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