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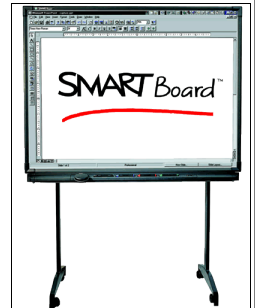
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We know what we are thankful for...

We want to thank Governor's Academy for the very generous donation of six SMARTBoards to Newbury Elementary School. The SMART-Boards will be placed into classrooms and will be used daily to enhance the curriculum and help ready our students for the 21st century.

We at NES are so very fortunate to have friends and neighbors like Governor's Academy!



NES Winter Concert

On December 3rd, the NES community celebrated the season with a winter concert. The choir and chorus sang songs and the band played beautiful renditions of holiday favorites.

Thank you to Ms. Peterson and Ms. Cyr for all of their hard work preparing the students for such a fabulous event.

6th Grade Environmental Camp Fundraising

We hope you enjoyed the 6th grade camp reflection in the recent NEWT. On the heels of our recent 6th grade camp success, we thought this would be a perfect opportunity to communicate more with you about what 6th grade camp is, how it works, and what it costs.

As part of our curriculum, NES sixth graders attend an environmental camp every November at W. Alton Jones, part of the University of Rhode Island in West Greenwich, RI. The students share cabins, are placed in field groups with other classmates, and cover an array of environmental studies designed to improve their knowledge, communication, and team building skills.

The program is designed with every NES student in mind and the anticipated cost per student is roughly \$500.00.

A fundraising committee for next year's 6th grade camp has been established to offer a variety of fundraisers to help raise money for next year's class and reduce the per student cost of camp. Please be sure to keep an eye out for upcoming communications enlisting your help and support with these events. Thanks to Tammy Cotter, Belen Wieler-Hawes, and Patty Olson for co-chairing these efforts.

Sincerely,

Beth Yando and Amy Pasquarello



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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!



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Holiday Celebrations...

Due to the variety of allergies within the building, we are also prohibiting homemade snacks. In order to ensure that all snacks are safe from allergens, we are only allowing snacks that are individually wrapped and the ingredients are clearly labeled. We thank you for helping us maintain a safe environment for all.

Classroom celebrations before the winter break will be determined by the classroom teachers and will only be held on Friday, December 20th. We will be having a school-wide assembly in the afternoon.

As the holiday season approaches, it is important to review our wellness policy here at NES. The policy states that "At the elementary level all parties and celebrations should include only healthy foods and snacks."



5th Grade Update...

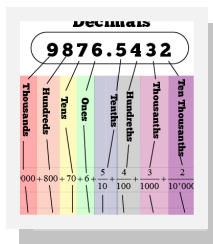
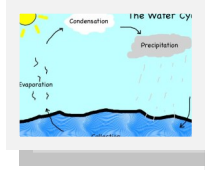
"their explorer" should be granted the Explorer of the Century Award. The students are writing a persuasive letter, illustrating their explorer and route map of their travels, and adding in an "interesting facts" section on a poster to be hung in the hallways next week. Be sure to stop by and cast your vote for Explorer of the Century!



Science: Science in fifth grade this winter has been quite the productive time! Fifth graders have studied how energy and nutrients move through ecosystems. They have examined the basic parts of any ecosystem, the roles different organisms play within an ecosystem, and how plants use photosynthesis to create their own energy. Students have also studied how scientists use food chains, food webs, and energy pyramids to illustrate the path of energy in an ecosystem. Students are now finishing the science unit, the energy of living things, by completing a project called "The Food Chain Cafe". In this differentiated project, students demonstrate their mastery of food

chains, food webs, energy pyramids, and related science vocabulary. Fifth graders will begin studying weather and the water cycle following winter break.

For math in fifth grade students are just finished their second unit which covered decimals. In this unit the students learned to read, write, order and compare decimals to the thousandths place. They even learned to add, subtract, multiply and divide decimals to the hundredths place. Students are now doing a mini-unit on operations and algebraic thinking which covers writing simple expressions and using the order of operations to evaluate the expressions. Before the vacation and into the new year, their next unit will be fractions.



Theater Workshop Presents

Mister Santa

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THURSDAY	DEC 12th 7 PM
FRIDAY	DEC 13th 7 PM
SATURDAY	DEC 14th 7 PM
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DECEMBER 12th - 15th

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“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”
 -William Butler Yeats

PTA News...

Eat Bread and Raise Dough on Thursday!

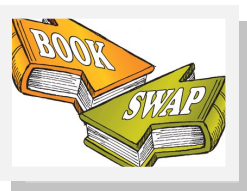
Panera's Newburyport location, 53 Storey Ave., will host a fundraiser for the NES PTA this Thursday, Dec. 12, 4-8 pm. *The attached file must be used for us to receive a portion of your purchase.*

This is one of the school conference days, so plan an easy, convenient dinner. Enjoy a fresh meal in the restaurant or use the drive-thru for convenience. You can even use the optional call ahead number to place your order: 978-465-0646.

The more purchases made with our flyers, the greater percentage Panera gives back to us. Therefore, even just swinging by for a coffee or dessert will make a difference. We earn 10% with 20-30 flyers, 15% with 31-49, and 20% with more than 50 flyers.

Please send the flyer to your friends, co-workers, and relatives. If you need more printed flyers or have questions, email newburyPTAinfo@gmail.com

Second Annual PTA Book Swap



Start collecting your gently used books for the PTA Used Book Swap coming up in January. More details will be given in the future.

Garden harvest

Some first-graders shared the harvest from their classroom gardens with their families for Thanksgiving. Students harvested broccoli rabe and packaged it with a handwritten recipe. Several families reported finding a new vegetable that their kids willingly ate since they grew it themselves!



NES PTA ANNUAL FUND: Giving is Easy!

The holidays are upon us and 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 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 and enter "annual fund" on memo line and return to NES Treasurer in the school office!

Happy Holidays!
Belen Wieler-Hawes
NES PTA Annual Fund Chairperson

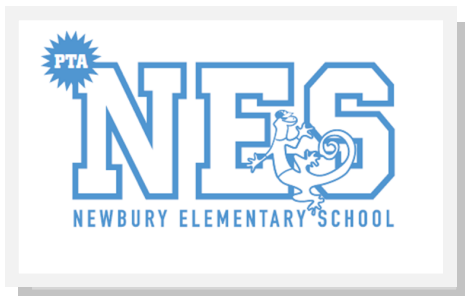
And the winner is...

The winner of the drawing for the Patriots tickets for Sunday, December 29th against the Buffalo Bills is: **Pam Murray**

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets!



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.





EAT BREAD TO RAISE DOUGH

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PLEASE JOIN
Newbury Elementary PTA
on
Thursday December 12, 2013
from
4pm-8pm

Panera Bread® located at 53 Storey Ave. Newburyport MA, 01950 will donate a percentage of its sales during the event to Newbury Elementary PTA when you show this flyer.

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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 4-8 Panera Bread Fundraiser 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
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Who's Who at Newbury Elementary School

NES Kindergarten Team

Mrs. Mackinney lives in Newbury with her husband and black lab, Hunter. Her son, Tom, a Triton graduate, and his wife live in Wells, Maine. Her family has a camp on a dirt road in central Maine where they like to spend quiet weekends and vacations. Mrs. Mackinney loves to read, sing, play Words With Friends and rings in a handbell choir at her church. Mrs. Mackinney has taught for twenty six years in the Triton district, twenty five of them as a kindergarten teacher.

Mrs. Jankowski is married to her husband Mike and a mother of four teenagers and two cats. She worked as an RN in the past, but now she enjoys being in kindergarten at NES.

Mrs. Jakobson grew up in Boston, attended Boston Public Schools and loved her

First Grade Teacher, Mrs. Curtin. She knew then that she wanted to be a teacher someday. First, she pursued a career in fashion and product development. Then, she went on to receive her teacher certification after she was married and had two children. She loves to garden, read, go to the beach, power walk and go out to dinner with friends.

Mrs. Daley, Morning Kindergarten Instructional Assistant, lives in Hamilton with her husband, ten-year-old son and their cat. Mrs. Daley used to teach Kindergarten in Richmond, VA in the late 1990's. She loves working with children!

Mrs. Casagrande lives in Beverly with her husband, two dogs, and cat. She grew up in Connecticut and graduated from Northeastern University. Her favorite thing about teaching kinder-

garten is the excitement the children bring with them each day.

Mrs. Verrier has worked at NES for 22 years. She has two sons, both married and one granddaughter. Mrs. Verrier grew up in Wakefield and moved to Byfield in 1971.



Mrs. Mackinney, Mrs. Jankowski, Mrs. Jakobson, Mrs. Daley, Mrs. Casagrande, Mrs. Verrier

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