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Your friends and classmates invite you to watch them perform in *A Not So Normal Christmas!*

Come to the show that EVERYONE is talking about!

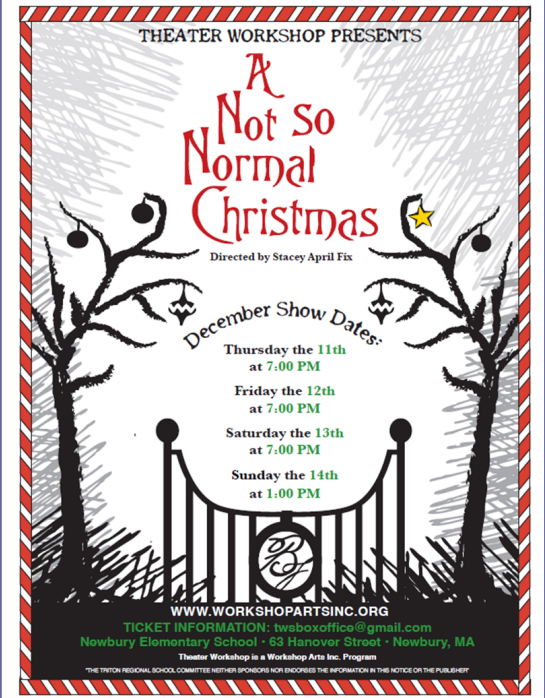
Get ready for

A Not So Normal Christmas

experience you will never forget.

Reservations recommended

twsboxoffice@gmail.com



Miles set out to find a way to bring Christmas cheer to their new family and home. The unpredictable story, which is a bit like the Addams Family meets A Christmas Story, sets the stage for big laughs and high energy dances. This holiday get ready to be dazzled and surprised for a Not So Normal Christmas ex-



Note of Thanks

Thank you to the families and staff at NES who donated to the school's food drive last month. The Community Food Pantry received some of the donations, and we were able to pass them on to some local people. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

The food pantry operates on Fridays, 1-3 pm, out of the Community United Methodist Church in Byfield. If you are in need of some help, please come by.

Steve Fram and Bob Knowles

Community Food Pantry



NES Pancake Breakfast

On Saturday, December 6th, NES students had a Pancake Breakfast. There were vendors and homemade crafts, crafts for kids, a bake sale, and wreath pick up. The NES community also collected unwrapped toys for families in need. The event was complete with a special visit from Santa.

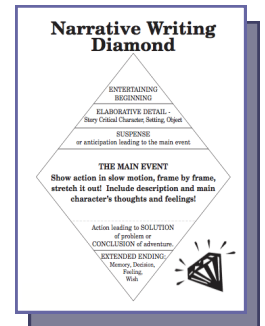


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Fourth Grade News

ELA:

Since our last NEWT news update, the students have been hard at work learning about the narrative writing process. Using the narrative writing diamond, a helpful graphic organizer, as their guide, fourth grade students have learned specific strategies to grab their readers' attention, enhance the details in their writing, create suspense, "explode the moment" for a main idea, and provide satisfying conclusions to narrative stories.



Math:



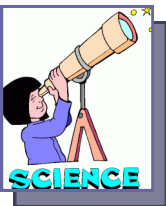
Having completed our investigation of multiplication strategies, fourth grade students have begun learning about its inverse operation: division. Using visual models called "open arrays", the students are gaining a full understanding of the relationship between multiplication and division. The students are currently working on using the distributive property method and the partial quotient method in order to work through division problems with and without remainders.

Social Studies:

Oh, the weather outside is frightful! However, fourth grade students are keeping warm by "traveling" to the shores, marshes, and swamps of the Southeast region of the United States! The fourth graders have been hard at work memorizing the states and capitals of the region and learning about its landforms, economy, and culture. We will continue our travels of the United States, with our next stop being the Midwest region.



Science:



Rotations have begun! Students have traveled to another fourth grade classroom to learn their second unit of study in Science. Topics include the solar system, electricity and magnetism, the ever-changing Earth, and simple machines. Soon to be concluded, the students will travel to yet another fourth grade classroom to begin their third unit of study.

Ninth Annual Holiday Greeting Card Drive



Dear Families,

We are coordinating the NINTH ANNUAL holiday greeting card drive to benefit the senior citizens in the Newbury-Byfield area. There are 1,100 senior citizens in this community, a large portion of which are considered "shut-ins" or are in assisted living situations. As a community service, it is an honor to delight these "seniors" with some holiday cheer from Newbury's younger population. **We are requesting that as a part of this effort, each family donate two 49 cent stamps to use on the Christmas and Valentine's Day card drives. We appreciate your generosity and thanks in advance!**

PTA News...

Fundraiser Orders Were Delivered

The PTA Silver Graphics merchandise has been distributed to the students' classrooms and should have been sent home this week. If you have any questions or issues with your products, please contact Emily Abt at emilyabt72@gmail.com.

Our PTA raised \$4,400 from this fundraiser – many thanks to everyone who participated, and to Emily Abt for organizing it. The money raised is going to be used for the grants we offer to staff to bring new materials and programs into our classrooms.

Patriots Raffle Extended

Good News!! The Patriots ticket raffle has been extended until Monday, December 15th, at 8:00 am. The winner will be chosen that morning at approximately 9:00 am. Please visit <https://www-nespta.ticketbud.com/new-england-patriots-raffle> to purchase your chances to win 4 tickets to see the New England Patriots vs. Buffalo Bills on Sunday, December 28th, 1:00. Seats are in Section 133, Row 28, seats 3, 4, 5, 6.

Coffeehouse

Thank you for attending our 2nd Coffee House this morning. Tasty treats and good conversation were enjoyed. Look for our next Coffee House in the New Year.

The Annual Fund: Holiday Giving made Easy

With the holidays upon us, now is the perfect time to reach out to friends and family members, and ask them to consider making a donation to the NES PTA Annual Fund. Supporting your child's educational experience will be one of the best gifts they can give you and your little one(s), and it's tax deductible! Donors can give to the general fund or earmark their donation for a specific need (like chrome carts, library books, or the swing set donation last year). You can donate now at www.newburypta.com/donate. To learn more, read the attached flyer or contact Belen Wieler-Hawes, Annual Fund founder and chairperson at belenwieler@gmail.com.

Resolve to attend the PTA Fitness Series

The Second Annual Fitness Series is taking shape. Plan now to try a yoga class at Buddhaful Souls in Rowley on Jan. 22nd or at Roots to Wings on Jan. 29th. More classes are being planned.

Amazon helps our PTA!

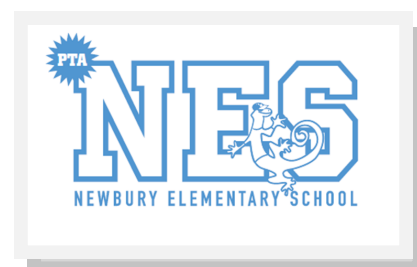
When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Newbury PTA. Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/04-3167167> and support us every time you shop.


Oregano's Night

Plans are being made for a restaurant fundraiser at Oregano's in Newburyport on Wednesday, January 28th. Word has it there will be some special servers helping out! Mark your calendar!

Holiday Breakfast Thanks

Many thanks to Hilary Lind for coordinating last weekend's holiday breakfast. The morning brought delicious pancakes, creative crafts, easy shopping, and visits with Santa to those who attended. Big thanks to all the volunteers who set up, worked, and cleaned up.





THE COFFEE HOUSE

Friday
December 12th
8:30-10:00 am
NES Story Room

Stop by to meet a friend or make a new one!
Enjoy coffee, tea and breakfast treats.
Learn more about school programs.

Questions?
Email newburyptainfo@gmail.com

See you at The Coffee House!

Sponsored by the NES PTA



The NES PTA Annual Fund Update (Nov. 2014)

Thanks For Giving

The NES PTA Annual Fund is up and running again in 2014. With the holidays rapidly approaching, now is the perfect time to reach out to friends and family members and ask them to consider making a donation to the NES PTA Annual Fund. Supporting your child's educational experience will be one of the best gifts they can give you and it's tax deductible!

Why People Give to the Annual Fund

"We donated to the Annual Fund because we are continually impressed with the amount of enrichment activities and events the NES PTA offers our grandson".
- Bob & Alice Hawes

"The ability to provide a targeted donation through the NES PTA Annual Fund puts our family in the driver's seat and lets us decide where we want our money to go and how it will be used".
- Anonymous donor

"The PTA's recent technology donations (Chrome carts) have done so much to enhance our children's educational experience, we want it to continue".
- Anonymous donor

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.

Donate now at
www.newburypta.com/donate



The PTA is off to a great start in 2014. Annual Fund donations fuel our ability to deliver enrichment activities & events.

Recent PTA Successes include:

- The joy & laughter experienced on our new Playground Swing Set thanks to the \$12k anonymous family donation made to the Annual Fund specifically for playground enhancements.
- Each new student and staff member received NES PTA t-shirts to support school pride.
- Our NES Grows committee & student council members harvested and planted over 500 new bulbs to support environmental learning.
- Our NES Grows committee held their ongoing Playground Design planning session with NES families and received School Committee approval to continue their planning efforts.
- We provided a grant to support 6th grade Environmental Camp.
- We supported Triton Haunted & hosted the Annual NES Halloween Party.
- We ran the annual November Scholastic Book Fair and

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.



JOIN THE CAST
Theater Workshop Spring 2014

INFORMATIONAL OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, December 17th at 6:30pm
Newbury Elementary School Auditorium

Afterschool Theater Programs & Production for
2nd - 8th Graders from ALL COMMUNITIES
Programs begin Monday, January 5th

Full schedule and program details available at open house and at
WWW.WORKSHOPARTSINC.ORG

"One way to keep momentum going is to constantly have greater goals."
- Michael Korda

BYFIELD NEWBURY

Tee Ball Little League Softball

December 2015: A Message from Tim Perry, BNLL President

It's hard to believe that the 2015 Baseball and Softball Season is just around the corner. I'm pleased to announce that Player Registration is now open on our league website at www.byfieldnewburylittleleague.com

Plans are well under way to kick off the season with a bang and make this our most memorable season yet. We listened to your feedback and are happy to share key enhancements we're introducing this year:

Season Schedule:

- The regular season will run from April 26th through June 7th. (*Weather permitting, practices will begin in March for older players and early April for the younger players. No games will occur before April 26th.*)
- A Parent Information/League Appreciation Night will occur for families on January 23, 2015.
- Player Evaluations will take place on January 31, 2015 at Governor's Academy.
- Team Assignments should be completed and announced by March 1, 2015.
- Opening Day Ceremonies (with parade and cookout at Pearson Field) will begin at 11:00 a.m. on April 26, 2015.
- Closing Day Ceremonies (with cookout and trophy presentations) will be held on Sunday afternoon, June 7, 2015 at Spencer Pierce Little Farm in Newbury.

Registration Process:

- Children will be registered based on their date of birth and grade. Every Double A, Triple A, and Major League player is required to attend our Annual Player Evaluation Session held at Governor's Academy on January 31, 2015. At the end of the season, every player will receive an evaluation from their coach that will provide insight into where they excel and how they can improve their game.

Timely and Streamlined Communications:

- We revamped our website www.byfieldnewburylittleleague.com to serve as your one-stop shop for all things BNLL. It will offer: timely league news, updates, an upcoming events calendar, team standings, tips and games of the week, photos, and sponsor information.
- Important league news and updates will be shared with you via BNLL email and Newbury Elementary School's Connect Ed distributions.
- We've expanded our social media presence to help us create an online BNLL community. Please like our new Facebook page (Byfield Newbury Baseball & Softball) and follow us on our new Twitter account (@bnllupdates).

Volunteer Support:

It goes without saying that volunteers are the lifeline of our league!

One of BNLL's biggest accomplishment's last season was the construction of the new baseball field at Newbury Elementary school.

This field was the result of collaboration between the league and the school district, your volunteer man hours, and very generous donations by many local businesses, including a \$5,000 grant from the Institution for Savings.

We always need help with coaching, opening & closing day ceremonies, fundraising, and field clean-up day. Please let us know if you are willing and able to contribute in some way to the continued success of the league.

Finally, I want to personally take this opportunity to recognize several individuals who served on the Board of Directors through the 2014 season and recently stepped down. Their time, energy, and devotion helped make us what we are today:

- Emily Abt, Registrar
- Robert Clark, Player Agent
- Greg Zywiak, Field and Operations Manager

Thanks again for being part of the BNLL family. We are poised for many great things this season and it's because of the players, families and community members that make it what it is today and can be in the future. Here's to Spring 2015 and Let's Play Ball!



December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7:30 am Student Council 7:00 pm Winter Concert	3 4:15 Student Council	4	5	6 PTA Holiday Breakfast 11-5 TWS Dress Rehearsal
7	8	9	10 Report Cards go home TWS School Performance 7:00 pm School Committee	11 Half Day: Parent Conferences 7:00 pm TWS Performance	12 Half Day: Parent Conferences 8:30-10:00 am PTA Coffee House 7:00 pm TWS Performance	13 7:00 pm TWS Performance
14 1:00 pm TWS Performance Matinee	15	16 7:30 am Student Council	17 6:30 pm TWS Open House	18	19	20
21	22 Schools Closed: Winter Vacation	23 Schools Closed: Winter Vacation	24 Schools Closed: Winter Vacation	25 Schools Closed: Winter Vacation	26 Schools Closed: Winter Vacation	27
28	29 Schools Closed: Winter Vacation	30 Schools Closed: Winter Vacation	31 Schools Closed: Winter Vacation			

Did you know?

Newbury's lost and found is full!

Please be sure to stop by the main lobby to check out the lost and found. We have three tables full of items that your children have left behind. The items will be left on the tables until Tuesday, December 16th.

