



# The Newbury Elementary School

## Newt-paper

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## Have a safe and healthy winter break!



The NES staff wants to wish everyone a safe and healthy winter break. May you have time with your family and friends, happiness

and hope as we begin a new year, and warm memories of the year that has passed. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2015!

## NES NEWT-paper Update...

School will be closed for winter Holiday Recess through January 4th. We will reopen on Monday, January 5th.

The next edition of the NES NEWT-paper will be published on January 9th.

Have a safe and happy break!



## Holiday Sing-A-Long

On Friday, NES celebrated the holiday season with a Holiday Sing-A-Long. Thank you to Mrs. Peterson for leading us in a joyous celebration! Happy Holidays to all!



## Hour of Code-

Last week the students in grades 2-6 took part in "The Hour of Code", a global initiative to expose students to the concept of writing code to program computers. This initiative is propelled by many people in the tech industry. Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg, many famous sports figures, and personalities, including the president, have taken the challenge to try programming.



Some grades watched short videos showing how software engineers design products and write code to make things such as shoes that light up when touching the ground and coats that have buttons that light up at night, all inventions of people who write code. The code the students wrote was in a game like atmosphere using blocks that have code beneath them. The activities start out very simple and slowly get more and more challenging. The students worked with partners to solve the challenges. Feel free to check out this link. There are many more links at the top of the first page of my website that can give you an idea about the world of coding.

<http://code.org/>

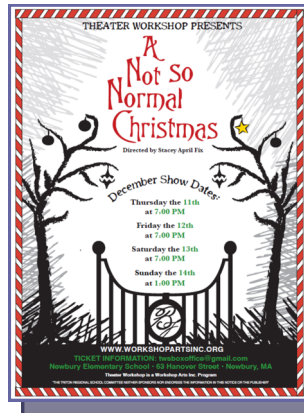
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## A Not So Normal Christmas!

Congratulations to the cast of *A Not So Normal Christmas!* The show was a huge success! The students of NES got to enjoy the show on December 10th and the show continued throughout the weekend. It was wonderful to see so many talented performers. Well done!



“Work alone is noble.”  
- Thomas Carlyle

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](mailto:apasquarello@trsd.net) by the Wednesday before the newsletter is published.

## JOIN THE CAST

### Theater Workshop Spring 2015

15 YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL CHILDREN’S PRODUCTIONS!

A Program of Workshop Arts Inc. Directed by Stacey Fix  
A 501(C)3 Non-Profit Organization

**REGISTRATION OPEN HOUSE**  
Wednesday, December 17th at 6:30pm  
Newbury Elementary School Auditorium  
63 Hanover St, Newbury

Afterschool Theater Programs & Production for 2nd - 8th Graders from ALL COMMUNITIES

**REGISTRATION HELP:**  
Zoe Fogarty, Enrollment Manager  
[tvnewburyearrollment@gmail.com](mailto:tvnewburyearrollment@gmail.com)  
Financial Aid and Payment Plan Available.

Programs begin Monday, January 5th  
Full schedule, program details, and fees available at open house and at  
[WWW.WORKSHOPARTSINC.ORG](http://WWW.WORKSHOPARTSINC.ORG)

### Join us for the Annual Friends of the Newbury Town Library **HOLIDAY COOKIE SWAP**



Saturday, Dec. 20, 11am-1pm  
Library Function Room

Visit with old and new friends at 11; the swap will be made at 1pm 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:** [friendsofnewburytownlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofnewburytownlibrary@gmail.com)



## Congratulations!

The PTA congratulates Allison Tirone, the winner of the drawing for Patriots tickets. Thanks to everyone who supported the PTA!

**JANUARY 2015****NEWBURY TOWN LIBRARY YOUTH eNEWS**

2015 is going to be a great year here at the library and we have some wonderful programs coming up in the month of January. One new program we're adding to the line-up for January is READ to a DOG Saturday sessions with Blu, a therapy dog. Check it out and reserve your spot today! And as 2015 moves forward, we'll be rolling out even more new programs, so stay tuned!!

[Tuesday Laughs & Crafts for 4-8th graders](#)

[Wednesday Do-Drop-In play sessions, birth - age 4](#)

[Thursday Sprouting Melodies for 18mos - 3yrs](#)

[Friday Simple & Sweet Story Times, ages 3-5](#)

[Friday Half-day Movie Showing, all ages](#)

[Saturday READ to a DOG sessions with Blu, the black lab, grades 2-6](#)

**SPROUTING MELODIES (Ages 18mos - 3yrs)**

**Thursday, Jan. 8th at 1pm:** In this music program, toddlers enjoy the routine they crave yet also the freedom and creativity to grow in self-expression and to build social relationships with their peers in music through instrument play, movement and singing. Please register on our online calendar found at [newburylibrary.org](http://newburylibrary.org).

**HALF-DAY MOVIE SHOWING (All Ages)****Friday, January 9th at 1pm (NES HALF-DAY)**

Popcorn and bottled water will be served. Children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Please register on our online calendar found at [newburylibrary.org](http://newburylibrary.org). (Sponsored by the Friends of the Newbury Town Library)

**READ to a DOG:****Reading Sessions with Blu (Grades 2-6)**

**Saturday, January 10th & 24th** - A dog in the library?! Yes! Welcome to Blu, a black lab therapy dog who needs some doggie down time. Children can sign up for a 10 minute session to read to Blu in a comfy section of the library. It's great for Blu, who gets some snuggle time, and great for the children who get to practice their oratory skills with a very special pup. There will be 3 spots available on each Saturday: 10:15, 10:30, & 10:45. Signup on our online calendar

[REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED]

**LAUGHS & CRAFTS (Grades 4-8)**

**Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 4pm** - January's Laughs & Crafts session is all about the art of paper quilling. Come learn how and enjoy some hot cocoa and treats while you craft! [REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED]

**SIMPLE & SWEET STORYTIMES (Ages 3-5, siblings welcome)**

**Fridays at 11am (Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30)** - Join us for the start of a new 6-week session of story times, the first of the year with songs and craft just for our little ones. The Newbury Town Library's Simple & Sweet Story Times are thematic in nature and offer an opportunity for children to hear stories from classic children's literature as well as new additions to our collection. The children are able to practice developmental skills, such as listening and taking turns, in a warm and welcoming environment, as well as to meet new people and maybe make a friend (children and parents/caregivers alike!). After we sing a song and share a story or two, we'll use our fine motor skills to create a simple craft that relates to the stories we've read. Please register on our online calendar found at [newburylibrary.org](http://newburylibrary.org) - you will receive a confirmation email upon registration.

**DO-DROP-IN PLAYTIME SESSIONS (Ages 0-4, siblings welcome)**

**Every Wednesday morning from 10:30am-12pm** - Do drop in on Wednesday mornings for some playtime in the big room. We'll have all our toys pulled out, ready for some serious playtime! No registration required.

[Sign up](#) for our monthly eNewsletter containing information on our upcoming programs, or check out our website at [www.newburylibrary.com/youth](http://www.newburylibrary.com/youth).



## December 2014

| Sun                                | Mon                                | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat   |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|
|                                    | 1                                  | 2 7:30 am Student Council<br><br>7:00 pm Winter Concert | 3 4:15 Student Council  | 4  | 5   | 6 PTA Holiday Breakfast<br><br>11-5 TWS Dress Rehearsal |
| 7                                  | 8                                  | 9   | 10 Report Cards go home<br><br>TWS School Performance<br><br>7:00 pm School Committee | 11 Half Day: Parent Conferences<br><br>7:00 pm TWS Performance | 12 Half Day: Parent Conferences<br><br>8:30-10 am PTA Coffee House<br><br>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  |  |   |   |

## January 2015

| Sun | Mon                            | Tue                        | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat |
|-----|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---|--|---|-----|
|     |                                |                            |   | 1 Schools Closed: Winter Vacation                      | 2 Schools Closed: Winter Vacation                     | 3   |
| 4   | 5 School Reopens               | 6 7:30 am Student Council  | 7 4:15 School Council<br>7:00 pm School Committee | 8 6:00 pm Kindergarten Information Night – NES Library | 9 Half Day – Professional Development<br>NES Ski 12-6 | 10  |
| 11  | 12                             | 13                         | 14 7:00 pm School Committee                       | 15 7:00 pm PTA Meeting                                 | 16 8:30-10:00 am PTA Coffee House<br>NES Ski 3-6      | 17  |
| 18  | 19 Schools Closed: MLK Jr. Day | 20 7:30 am Student Council | 21 7:00 pm School Committee (Tentative)           | 22 3:15 Technology Committee Meeting                   | 23 Progress Reports go home<br>NES Ski 3-6            | 24  |
| 25  | 26 6-8 pm SEPAC                | 27                         | 28 PTA Oregon Fund-raiser                         | 29 All School Cultural Enrichment                      | 30 NES Ski 3-6<br>7:00 pm PTA Movie Night             | 31  |