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Thank you Mr. Murphy!



The NES Community shared a special thank you to Mr. Murphy on Friday to honor the many years he has worked at

our school. Students and staff sang songs, shared cards, and skits to wish him well as he retires. Mr. Murphy will be missed by all!

NES NEWT-paper Update...

School will be closed for winter Holiday Recess through January 1st. We will reopen on Thursday, January 2nd.

The next edition of the NES NEWT-paper will be published on January 10th.

Have a safe and happy break!



Have a safe and healthy winter break!

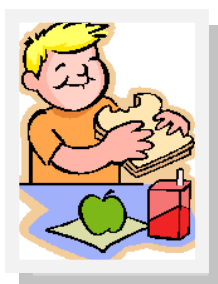


The NES staff wants to wish all a safe and healthy winter break. We wish you time with your family and friends, happiness and hope as we begin a new year, and warm memories of the year that has past.

We look forward to seeing you all again in 2014!

Sharing the Holiday Cheer...

On Tuesday, December 17th, the third graders were entertained by a select group of sixth grade musicians during their lunch period. The band members played Holiday songs. The music was beautiful and inspired many future musicians!

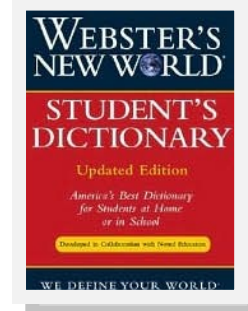


Third Graders Receive Dictionaries from the Rotary Club

The Rotary Club once again donated dictionaries to the entire third grade class and delivered them



on Thursday, December 19th in the auditorium. We would like to thank them for their generous donation that will support our curriculum!



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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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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.

School House Rock Live!

On Wednesday, January 18th, NES Kindergarten through Third Graders were entertained by the Triton Theater Touring Company's performance of School House Rock Live!, the award winning Saturday morning educational series, and now the basis for an energetic musical. The program was designed for the Triton High School performing arts students as well as the elementary students.



"Always do your best.

What you plant now, you will harvest later."

-Og Mandino

Mister Santa Preforms for NES

Congratulations to the cast of Mister Santa! The show was a huge success! The students of NES got to enjoy the show on Monday. It was wonderful to see so many talented performers. Well done!



PTA News...

Keys to Literacy Talk at Next PTA Meeting: Mark your calendars for the next general PTA meeting on Thursday, January 9th, 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. The meeting is open to everyone.

Free childcare is available from the Kids Club staff for children in kindergarten and older. Reserve your spots by emailing newburyPTAinfo@gmail.com.

Book Swap: The second annual PTA book swap is coming the week of January 20th. Start putting aside some used books to trade. Details will be sent home after the break.

Eat at Oregano's and Earn Money for NES: Our next restaurant fundraiser will be hosted by Oregano's in Newburyport on Wednesday, January 29. Between 11:30 am and 9:30 pm, the PTA will earn 20% of all restaurant revenues. Come for lunch, grab takeout, or enjoy a family dinner. And, expect some special appearances by members of our own NES staff when they appear as Star Servers that night.

Thanks to everyone who visited Panera for our December fundraiser. It was the restaurant's most successful fundraiser night since opening!

December Annual Fund Update: The holidays are here--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 that we are already at 49% 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.

Box Tops Add Up! Keep saving your Box Tops—our PTA just earned \$1701.40 from our fall collection. Keep saving and sending in the Box Tops you see on packages—they add up. Ask your relatives and co-workers to save theirs, too.

You can earn money by shopping online via the Box Tops website—www.btf.com There are also printable coupons, sweepstakes to enter, and recipes.

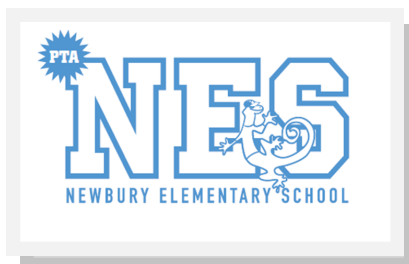
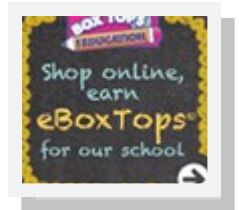
Labels for Education: Don't forget to check for Labels for Education, some of the featured brands are Campbell's, Glad, Pepperidge Farm, Post, Swanson and V8.

Collecting labels earns points we can redeem for arts, athletic and academic merchandise for NES.

Find out more about the program at www.labelsforeducation.com.

PTA Memberships: It's not too late to join the PTA and show your support for all we do. Sign up online at www.newburypta.com or pick up a membership form outside the main office.

Follow us on Facebook and the web: The PTA maintains a Facebook account—find us at www.facebook.com/nesppta. We also post information on our website, www.newburypta.com





NES PTA Annual Fund Update: December 2013

Tis The Season-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 that **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. 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.

Donate now at
www.newburypta.com/donate



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



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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January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 No School – New Year's Day	2 School Reopens	3	4
5	6 4:30 PM School Council	7 7:30 am Student Council	8 7:00 PM School Committee	9 7:00 pm PTA Meeting	10 Half Day – Professional Development	11
12	13 Beginner Band Starts	14	15 Choir Re-Starts	16 3:15 NES Technology Committee Meeting	17	18
19	20 Schools Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21 Book Swap 7:30 am Student Council	22 Book Swap	23 Book Swap	24 Book Swap Progress Reports Home	25
26	27	28 8:30-10:30 PTA Coffee House	29 11:30am-9:30 pm/PTA Oregon Fundraiser	30	31 5:00 pm PTA Movie Night Grades 3-6	

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