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NES Winter Concert

On Tuesday, NES students presented the annual winter concert. Congratulations to our NES choir, chorus, stage band, and advanced band! They all performed beautifully! It was wonderful to see so many in attendance and they made NES proud!

A special thank you to Ms. Peterson and Ms. Cyr for all of their hard work and dedication to prepare our students and organizing such a special evening.



Thank you from the Council of Aging

On behalf of the Elders in the Town of Newbury, The Council on Aging Staff wish to thank all the students, parents and teachers for their generous donations of food that made up the thanksgiving boxes. We appreciate all that you have done to make an Elders Holiday meal very special.

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Have any old Triton clothes that need to be cleaned out?

Viking Gradventure is an all-night, substance free event designed each year for the graduating class of Triton High School. All graduating seniors are invited to attend at no cost. The Gradventure committee is looking for any Triton wear from any event to use to make a quilt that will be auctioned off as a part of the fundraising for this event. We welcome any of your too small or no longer worn Triton clothing. Please send items to the office of your child's school.

Thank you!
Gradventure Committee

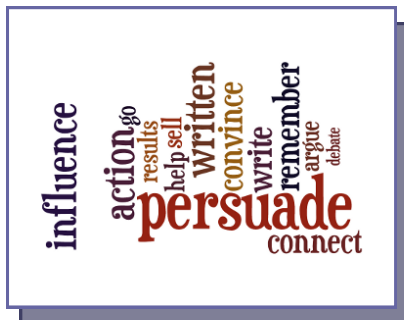
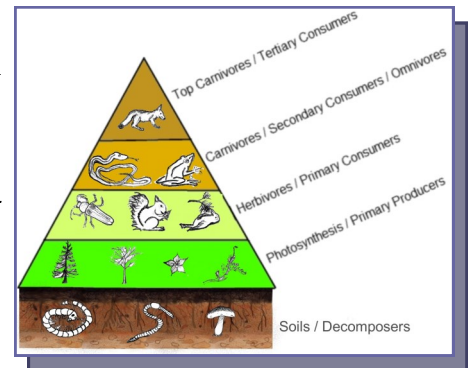


Fifth Grade News



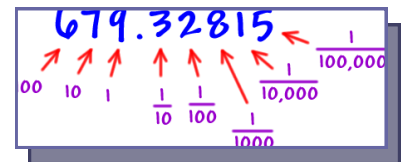
Fifth graders have been very busy studying the world of exploration. We now know that the Vikings were the first people to arrive in North America, rather than the common belief of Christopher Columbus discovering America. We studied the search for the Northwest Passage, in hopes of finding a shorter route to Asia for the explorers. After that exploration, we are studying the first settlements in North America: settlements for religious freedom, settlements for profit, and settlements for trading purposes. The students are shocked to learn that the pricey real estate of New York City was purchased from the Native Americans for just simple trinkets! Look for the plans for our newest integrated project to come home.

The late fall and early winter months have been busy ones for our fifth grade scientists. Students finished up our first unit, the adaptations of living things, and demonstrated their knowledge in a creative way that produced some great results. Each fifth grader created a creature using all that they learned about adaptations throughout the unit. You can see some of them in the fifth grade hallway. Come check them out! We are now hard at work exploring our second unit, the energy of living things. We have shifted the focus from individual species to learning about how ecosystems function and how energy is passed through an ecosystem by different organisms. We have learned about producers, consumers, decomposers, and their functions within an ecosystem. Now we are learning about food chains, food webs, and energy pyramids to prepare for the end of the unit project, The Food Chain Cafe. This differentiated project is based on Bloom's taxonomy and allows students to show what they have learned in a variety of ways.



Abra Cadabra! Last month's writing theme was "Magical" as students wrote story critical description elements, created persuasive advertisements for their imaginary magical objects, and used research notes to compose expository paragraphs about famous illusionists. We also concentrated on subject/predicate agreement and parts of speech. This month will be a social studies/ELA combined unit where students will write persuasive arguments about specific explorers. The objective will be to convince the reader why their explorer should be awarded the coveted "Explorer of the Century" title.

The fifth graders have been busy learning lots about decimals. From being able to read, write, and compare decimals to the thousandths place to using their place value understanding to round decimals to any place. Right before the Thanksgiving break, the students were working on adding and subtracting decimals to the hundredths place. This week we are working on multiplying and dividing decimals to the hundredths place too. Please continue to encourage your child to practice their math facts. It is never too late to do this, and it will only help your child with his/her math!



Ninth Annual Holiday Greeting Card Drive

Dear Families,

In the next two weeks, we will be 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!**

"Today a reader,
tomorrow a leader."

-Margaret Fuller

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

A Not So Normal Christmas is an original holiday story of two spunky orphans, Penny and Miles who go to live with relatives they have never met, Farnsworth and Mona Brown. They are welcomed into a house filled with strangely wonderful characters; where the clock jokes, statues dance, portraits speak and the bear rug is ticklish. Everyone at the Brown house is a bit spooky and a bit weird, but the oddest thing of all is the Browns have never heard of Santa Claus! While children all around the world are writing letters to Santa and anticipating Christmas, Penny and 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 experience you will never forget.

Ticket order form is below. Tickets are selling fast!



THEATER WORKSHOP at NES presents:



Ticket Options:

\$10 General Admission: Available for all performances. First come first serve seating

\$15 Premium Admission: RESERVED seating, available for ALL performances. Center section & best sight-line seats. Available Nov 15th, until sold out.

\$25 Scholarship Supporter Seat: RESERVED Front Row seating available for ALL performances. Tax deductible donation. Proceeds from these tickets benefit The Workshop Arts Inc. Senior Scholarship. Available until sold out.

TICKET ORDER FORM



NAME _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday Front Row Scholarship Seating

Specify performance date(s) _____ QTY: _____ @ \$25 ea= _____

THURSDAY Dec 11th @ 7pm QTY: _____ Premium Admission \$15.00 ea= _____
FRIDAY Dec 12th @ 7pm QTY: _____ Premium Admission \$15.00 ea= _____
SATURDAY Dec 13th @ 7pm QTY: _____ Premium Admission \$15.00 ea= _____
SUNDAY Dec 14th @ 1pm QTY: _____ Premium Admission \$15.00 ea= _____

THURSDAY Dec 11th @ 7pm QTY: _____ General Admission \$10.00 ea= _____
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SUNDAY Dec 14th @ 1pm QTY: _____ General Admission \$10.00 ea= _____

CASH _____ CHECK # _____ (make payable to Workshop Arts Inc.)Total _____

All Premium and Scholarship Seating purchases must be paid for by Dec 1st or tickets will be released. Tickets available on a first come, first serve basis.

Return this form with payment to our Box Office Manager, Amy Northup or contact her at twsboxoffice@gmail.com

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.

PTA News...

Patriots Ticket Deadline is Friday

Support the NES PTA and enter to win four tickets to see the New England Patriots vs. the Buffalo Bills at Gillette Stadium on Sunday, Dec. 28th, at 1 pm. Seats are in Section 133, Row 28, seats 3-6. Minors must be accompanied by an adult.

Winner will be randomly chosen on Friday, Dec. 5th and will be notified by email or phone.

To purchase chances, visit <https://www-nespta.ticketbud.com/new-england-patriots-affle>

Thank you to student Aidan Kennedy for donating the tickets.

Panera Fundraiser on Parent Conference Day

Bring a flyer to the Panera on Storey Avenue, Newburyport, on Thursday, Dec. 11th, 4-8 pm and our PTA will profit. The more flyers received, the higher the percentage of sales we receive. Attending with a relative? Order separately! Paper flyers are required – they will be sent home with students and are available to be printed in this newsletter or may be downloaded from <http://www.newburypta.com>.

Ho-ho-ho Holiday Breakfast is Tomorrow!

Join us tomorrow, Saturday, Dec. 6th , 8-11 am, for the NES PTA Holiday Breakfast in the school cafeteria.

Highlights of the event are:

pancakes and bacon

bake sale

crafts for the kids

vendor tables

and, of course: a visit with Santa!

Make plans to bring the whole family as you get in the holiday spirit! We will also collect toys and donations for area children in need at the event.

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.

Did you know?

We received \$336 from PI Beachcoma as a result of our Restaurant Fundraiser there. Many thanks to all who attended – and to the restaurant for their generosity!

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



We expect to earn around \$4500 from the SilverGraphics fundraiser. This money will support the grants that the PTA provides to teachers and specialists for curriculum enhancements. The merchandise will be distributed in the coming weeks!

Thanks to parent volunteer Anne Langlais for volunteering to coordinate the Second Annual New Year's Resolutions Fitness Series! You will be able to try some really nice local gyms with super nice coaches and instructors. All proceeds will go DIRECTLY to programs for our kids! More information to come!

PTA News Continued...

You can follow the PTA on Facebook!

Newburyport Five Cents Savings Banks Perks for Students and the PTA

Open a children's savings account with \$5, and they'll match it with \$5.

Adults, open a checking account and they will donate \$100 to our PTA.

(\$50 is donated within 30 days of account opening and \$50 after 6 months of active account. Promotion subject to change. Limited time promotion.)

Stop by one of their branches today:

www.newburyportbank.com.

From the Green Machines:

All those strings of lights that frustrate you and won't work can be recycled. Lowe's has a collection bin in their stores. Confirmed with Seabrook and Danvers. The bins will be available up to the holidays.



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.

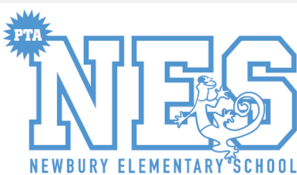


The PTA is off to a great start in 2014. Annual Fund donations fuel our ability to deliver enrichment activities & events.

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

Donate now at
www.newburypta.com/donate



Newbury Town Library Youth eNews – December 2014

Just a reminder that we've upgraded to a new format for our eNewsletter which should be much more friendly to mobile devices. To sign up for our Youth eNewsletter, click here: <http://eepurl.com/8N9n1>

We have some wonderful programs coming up in the month of December, as well as a number of new holiday DVDs for you to check out.



- * **FRIDAY SIMPLE & SWEET STORY TIMES FOR 3-5 YEAR OLDS**
- * **WEDNESDAY DO-DROP-IN PLAY SESSIONS, BIRTH - AGE 4**
- * **THURSDAY SPROUTING MELODIES FOR 18MOS - 3YRS**
- * **TUESDAY LAUGHS & CRAFTS SESSIONS FOR 4-8th GRADERS**
- * **CHILDREN'S WRITING WORKSHOP FOR 8-12 YEAR OLDS**
- * **FLATBREADS PIZZA FUNDRAISER**

Read on below for details on our December Youth Programs, and don't forget to register to reserve your child's spot! For calendar information on ALL happenings at the NTL, click here! Adult programs include a Red Cross Blood Drive, Author's Visit & Tea, Book Club, and Holiday Cookie Swap.

LAUGHS & CRAFTS (GRADES 4-8)

TUESDAYS, DECEMBER 9, 16 at 4pm, and DECEMBER 23 at 1pm

**Please note, our Pomanders (clove oranges) Laughs & Crafts has been rescheduled to Tuesday, Dec. 23rd at 1pm - hope you can make it!*

Join us for one or all three of our festive holiday Laughs & Crafts sessions in December, and enjoy treats and hot chocolate while you craft. We'll be making living terrariums, glittery ornaments, and pomanders (clove oranges) to hang with ribbons (all of which make great gifts for parents, teachers and friends). Registration is required.

SIMPLE & SWEET STORY TIMES (AGES 2-5, SIBLINGS WELCOME)

FRIDAYS at 11am (DEC. 5, 12, 2014)

Join us for the last two story times of the year with songs and thematic craft just for our little ones. We will be reading Jan Brett's *The Mitten*, and *Snowmen at Night* by Caralyn Buehner to name a few. The next 6-week session of story times begins January 9, 2015. Please register to reserve your spot - space is limited.

SPROUTING MELODIES (AGES 18MOS - AGE 3)

THURSDAY, DEC, 11TH 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 to reserve your spot.

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP (AGES 8-12)

TUESDAY, DEC. 30th 1-3:30pm

Love stories? Love to write? Come to the library during school vacation week and join us for a creative writer's workshop with author, JEN MALONE!! Jen has fifteen years of workshop and teaching experience, and a unique and fun way to kick off your imaginations for this writing workshop. Check out Jen Malone's website at jenmalone-writes.com. Please register to reserve your spot - space is limited!

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.

THE FRIENDS & FLATBREADS PIZZA!

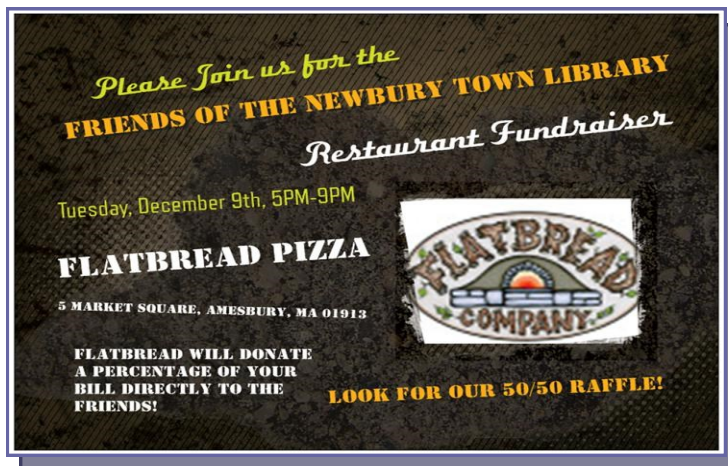
TUESDAY, DEC. 9, 2014

Visit Flatbreads Pizza in Amesbury, MA on Tuesday, Dec. 9th, and they will donate a portion of the evening's profits to The Friends of the Newbury Town Library! The Friends is a volunteer organization primarily focused on raising funds to support the Library and staff, to enhance the resources and services of the Library, and to enrich the community. For more information about the Friends of the Newbury Town Library, to join, or to volunteer, check out their website at: <http://fontl.wordpress.com/>

Friends of Newbury Town Library

Friends of the Newbury Town Library Flatbread Pizza Restaurant Fundraiser:

Enjoy at meal at Flatbread Pizza at 5 Market Square in Amesbury on Tuesday, December 9th, from 5PM-9PM and a portion of your bill will be donated back to the Friends of Newbury Town Library.



The Friends of the Newbury Town Library Annual Cookie Swap

Saturday, December 20th, 11AM-1PM

Library Function Room
The Newbury Town Library
0 Lunt Street
Byfield, MA 01922

Visit with old and new friends at 11 AM; the swap will be made at 11:30 AM

Cookie Swap Rules:

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

BRING: Be sure to bring your cookies on one tray. Please do NOT package your cookies into portions ahead of time. Bring a second empty plate or tray to hold your new cookie collection.

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. Since you are bringing six dozen cookies, you will bring home six assorted dozen. Perfect for your holiday entertaining! Don't forget containers for taking cookies home!

QUESTIONS: friendsofnewburytownlibrary@gmail.com



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 Performances 7:00 pm School Committee	11 Half Day: Parent Conferences 4:00-8:00 PM -PTA Panera Bread Fundraiser 7:00 pm TWS Performance	12 Half Day: Parent Conferences 9-10:30 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
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Did you know?

Reading is to the mind what Exercise is to the body...

Reading every day is important for everybody. Daily reading has numerous benefits and a few of them are listed in a recent article. You can read the entire article by following this link:

<http://www.lifehack.org/articles/lifestyle/10-benefits-reading-why-you-should-read-everyday.html>

10 Benefits of Reading: Why You Should Read Every Day

1. Mental Stimulation
2. Stress Reduction
3. Knowledge
4. Vocabulary Expansion

5. Memory Improvement
6. Stronger Analytical Thinking Skills
7. Improved Focus and Concentration
8. Better Writing Skills
9. Tranquility
10. Free Entertainment

