



The Newbury Elementary School Newt-paper

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Grade One – Habitats

The first graders have been hard at work learning about habitats. Each class focused on a habitat and then each student researched an animal from that habitat. Students learned about their animal's habitat, food source, adaptations, appearance, senses, and, of course, some cool facts. Students did a fabulous job displaying their research and shared their findings with parents on Thursday.

Well done First Graders!



100th Day of School!

Next Tuesday is the 100th day of school. Students will be celebrating the 100th day of school and here are a few resources if you want to continue the topic at home.

<http://www.starfall.com/n/holiday/hundredthday/play.htm?f>

The Night Before the 100th Day of School by Natasha Wing

The 100th Day of School by Angela Shelf Medearis and Joan Holub

Miss Bindergarten Celebrates the 100th Day of Kindergarten by Joseph Slate and Ashley Wolff

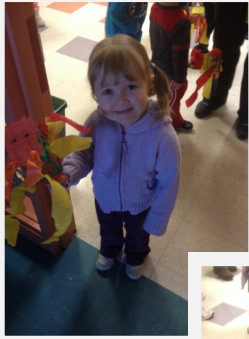
100th Day Worries by Margery Cuyler



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Pre-School Update...



Gung Hay Fat Choy... Happy New Year! The preschoolers have been busy these past few weeks learning all about Chinese New Year Traditions. Here are a few highlights from our Chinese New Year theme.

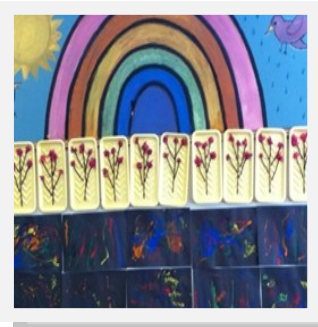
2014 is the Year of the horse.



We thoroughly cleaned our preschool room to bring in good luck for the New Year. We created plum blossom wall hangings, made Chinese lanterns and scooped colorful rice and pasta in the sensory table. We culminated our theme with a Dragon Parade and feasted on lucky Chinese foods which included rice, noodles, apples, oranges and watermelon.



After February break we will be learning all about Panda Bears.



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“When you know better you do better.”
-Maya Angelou

SEPAC Update...

SEPAC meeting on Feb. 24

Join the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) for a discussion about transitions between grades and schools at its next meeting on Monday, Feb. 24, at 6 pm in the NES Library. We'll develop some recommendations to give to the district's Transition Working Group. The SEPAC is open to anyone, and values input from all families. For more information, email SEPACtriton@gmail.com.

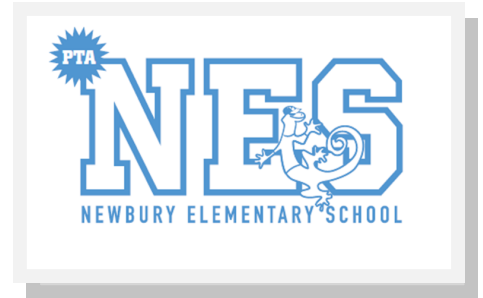
PTA News...

Save the Date:



Spring Fling and Silent Auction on March 21

The PTA is planning an amazing family Spring Fling and Silent Auction at the school on Friday, March 21st. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend with your family. There will be fun activities, including miniature golf, spin art, and games.



We need your help to be successful. If we all pitch in on some level--big or small--our school community can raise the funds needed to keep the programs and support what the PTA currently offers. If we don't have a successful auction, the PTA will likely need to reduce its support of some school programs and activities.

There are jobs that you can do from home, day or evening, weekend or weekday, alone or with kids in tow. Some take 15 minutes; some take more. We can't meet our potential without more support from our school community.

Please choose how you will help us. Email us at newburyptainfo@gmail.com and we will give you the tools you need.

Agree to contact a merchant to ask for a donation--we will give you the sales pitch and necessary forms

Create a fun experience or donate an item from your family or business--ideas abound online

Work with a classroom teacher to create a class art project for the auction

Coordinate a gift basket with a group of friends

Find and contact possible donors online

Serve on our entertainment, food, and auction committees

Pick up donations

Write thank you notes to donors

Help track paperwork

Assist with creating activities and entertainment for the Spring Fling

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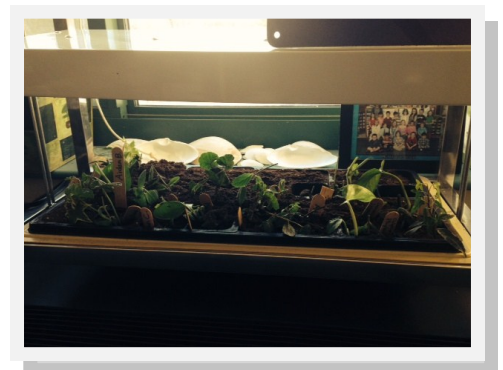


Please let us know your willingness to help by emailing us at newburyPTAinfo@gmail.com or call Elaina Sayles, PTA president, at 978-609-1420. If you don't know specifically what you want to do, but just want to help, we will happily match you up with your interests, availability, and our needs.

We look forward to your involvement!

Growing even though it's snowing

Gardening efforts at NES are underway, even though the ground is covered with snow. Last week students in Mrs. Jakobsons' kindergarten class planted root cuttings and placed them under a grow light the PTA received through the Voots Get Kids Growing Grant in the spring. The students hope their cuttings of philodendron, English ivy, dolphin plant, geranium, and spider plants will grow, grow, grow! Many thanks go to parent volunteer Michelle Walsh for setting up this project.





NES Calendar

February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 4:30 School Council 6:30 pm SEPAC	4	5	6 Grade 1 – Animal Habitats	7 Half Day – Professional Development	8
9	10	11 100th Day of School!	12	13	14 NES Ski	15
16	17 Schools Closed: Vacation	18 Schools Closed: Vacation	19 Schools Closed: Vacation	20 Schools Closed: Vacation	21 School Closed: Vacation	22
23	24 6:00/PM SEPAC	25	26 Odds Bodkins (Two Shows)	27 4:00 NES Technology Committee	28 NES Ski	

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Who's Who at Newbury Elementary School



Mrs. Paige

This is Mrs. Paige's sixth year as a mathematics specialist at NES. Mrs. Paige grew up in western Massachusetts, but has lived in five states in her lifetime, including Colorado, Wisconsin, and New Mexico. She first knew she wanted to be a teacher when she worked with fourth grade students during her time in the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps. Mrs. Paige's love for mathematics was fostered at an early age by her game-loving father. They played for hours and hours. Mrs. Paige believes that good mathematicians persevere through problem solving no matter how difficult the problem. She tells this to her daughters all of the time. She and her husband live in Exeter, NH with their daughters; Madeleine (7), Maeve (6), and Nell (5 months). The Paige family can often be seen on the weekends sledding or hiking to pass the cold winter months.

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