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Mark Rothstein's World of Jump Roping Visits NES

On Wednesday, in support of C.A.R.E.S and healthy lifestyles, the PTA sponsored Mark Rothstein's World of Jump Roping! Mark Rothstein is a Guinness World Record Holder and a National Fitness Hall of Fame Inductee. As a pro-athlete, educator, role model and entertainer, Mark presents an inspirational elementary school assembly for all ages. Having performed more than 10,000 shows since the 1980's, his program consists of high-energy rope jumping exhibitions, coupled with enjoyable and interactive character building skits.

Character building elements emphasized:

Fitness	Healthy Living	Honesty
Respect	Positive Choices	Kindness
Integrity	Trying Your Best	Teamwork



Student Council Food Drive



The Student Council at NES is again sponsoring the annual food drive to support the Pettengill House and the NES Council on Aging. The council has a goal to raise over 2,000 items. This drive is needed especially this year with the harsh winter that is upon us. Those in need especially feel the hardships of this winter. The drive will start this week and really get into full swing after the school vacation. Please help us help those less fortunate.

Thank you,
The NES Student Council

We Are 1 Triton



Thank you to all who participated in the "We Are 1 Triton" week. The focus of the week was to promote kindness, unity, and community among our students and schools. This blended nicely with our C.A.R.E.S. philosophy.

Happy Valentine's Day

We wish everyone a happy Valentine's Day!



NES students celebrated the day within their classrooms and shared warm thoughts with their peers.

Winter Vacation

Whether you are traveling or staying local, winter vacation is a time to relax and rejuvenate. We wish all of you a healthy and happy winter vacation. We look forward to seeing you back in school on the 23rd!



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Specialist Update...

Library Update

All NES students have been utilizing online resources during library and these resources can also be accessed in the classroom and at home.

Kindergarten-Grade 3 students have the choice to use Tumblebooks after making book selections during library. Tumblebooks are interactive ebooks that offer readers a large collection of picture books, chapter books and nonfiction books. Tumblebooks can be accessed from the [NES library webpage](#) and [Mrs. Raycroft's webpage](#).

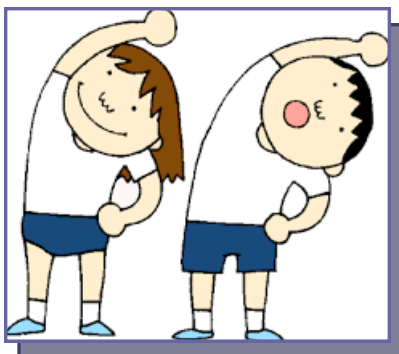


Students have had the opportunity to explore and research in the Britannica database found on the [Research page](#) of the library webpage. In the *Britannica Learning Zone* students in K-2 can tour the world through geography activities or browse the topics in the Animal Kingdom. There are three different reading levels offered to students and the option for text-to-speech audio of all articles. Students have learned that Britannica is a great place to begin research to gain a better understanding of virtually any topic.

Students in grades 4-6 who are participating in the Massachusetts Children's Book Award program will be voting for their favorite MCBA nominee on Tuesday, March 3rd to help determine the state winner. There is still time to read during February vacation to meet the five book minimum. Reading logs will be due on Thursday, February 26th to Mrs. Brown. Stay tuned for the results of the NES vote!

All new books added to the NES Library can be found on the library's virtual [Shelfari shelf](#). Thanks to the proceeds from the fall book fair, over 120 new titles have been added to the collection so far and students are thrilled to borrow these great reads each week!

Physical Education Notes



Upon returning from Winter break, NES students participated in a favorite PE activity - "Human Bowling." Kindergarten students practiced balance, agility, and skillful motor movement in the game activity "Pirates of Plum Island." The pirate theme continued with the game "Shipwreck" which requires listening, thinking and again moving with balance and agility. K-3 are now finishing up the scooter obstacle course which asks children to use and strengthen large muscle groups such as abdominals, hip flexors, upper arm and lats, back extensors, and ham strings to propel around, under and through the length of the course. Grades 4-6 are learning to play a version of team handball title "4 Corners Handball" that has several different twists as opposed to traditional team sports. Basic skills of throw, catch and team play are necessary. But the overriding skill necessary is an extreme sense of court awareness.

Children in grades K-2 are also practicing the concept of "Group Plan," "Thinking with their Eyes" and working hard to maintain a level consistent with the Green category, (Ready to Learn) in our Rainbow chart of Effort and Behavior, or higher- Blue-Working Hard or Purple-Outstanding, as they move through PE class. Grades 3-6 will be taking an 8 minute jog/ walk and upper body assessment either before February break or after, depending on the weather and its impact on our school calendar.

"An obstacle is often a stepping stone."

-Prescott

And to finish, here is some information pulled from the winter issue of NEA Today and the cited source is - Centers for Disease Control and Fitness.gov.

“Children and Physical Education: Let’s Do the Numbers”

“National recommendations say children should get at least 60 minutes of exercise every day, and at least half of that amount should take place during the school day. But here are the statistics-

*Only 1 out of 2 high school students attend physical education class in an average week.

*22% of school do not require students take any physical education classes at all.

*17.7 - The percentage of girls who are physically active at least 60 minutes per day.

*Only 6 states - Illinois, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New York and Vermont require physical education in grade K-12.

*45% of overweight children live in poverty.

*Only 1 out of 3 children are physically active every day.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

Since we’ve been back in January we have been very busy!

Grade 6 - We learned sign language for Auld Lang Syne and then learned about triads and chords. The students sang the song while playing the accompaniment (chords) with three mallets on various Orff instruments. We also played a Chinese street percussion piece where every child had either a drum (gathering drum, conga drum, tubano, etc.), or a metal instrument (cymbal, triangle, bell tree, tambourine, etc.). The boys and girls took turns on various instruments. This was a great review for reading rhythms and incorporating a multicultural rhythmic activity. We then “traveled to Italy” to learn a folk dance called the Tarantella.

Grade 5 - The students learned the Troika dance from Russia. They also did a unit with Orff instruments playing and singing a song called Rhythm Rondo. They learned about a variety of sixteenth note combinations, sang, played Orff instruments and learned about rondo form. We then learned a Caribbean song that incorporated a very tricky hand clapping game done in teams of four called “Four White Horses”.

Grade 4 - We had fun with the hand clapping game “Double, Double, This, This”, adding hand drums and other unpitched percussion instruments. We also learned an English Folk song, “The Tree in the Wood”. Everyone sang, some children played Orff instruments and some children were the “actors”. Ask your children about the “Jelly Bean Brigade”. Some children played Orff instruments and sang, while others sang, marched, played hand drums and used rainbow colored scarves. These children were the jelly beans!

Grade 3 - We have kept up with our recorder playing, and most children have now earned their white, yellow, orange and red belts. This week some children will be earning their green belt by playing Polly Wolly Doodle.



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.

Grades K, 1 and 2 – We continue to use Beanie Babies for our tone drills which help us to match pitch when we sing. In Kindergarten we have learned some new patriotic songs, “God Bless America” and “You’re a Grand Old Flag”. We have been exploring free movement to music and playing some new listening games. First and Second grades have also been bringing stories “alive” by adding song, music and sound effects to a Robert Munsch book. In first grade we are using “Thomas’ Snowsuit” and in second grade the story is “Mortimer”. The children are enjoying the integration of music and literature. Ask your children which instrument they got to play, a xylophone, a glockenspiel or a metallophone.

In **Choir** we are preparing for our annual **Triton District Arts Festival, on Thursday March 12th**. All members of choir and advanced band brought home a notice about this special day at Triton. Parents need to send back the signed permission slip so that their child may attend.

Technology News

We have been so lucky to have three **Chrome carts** to add to our technology arsenal, they are getting well used in 3rd through 6th grades in many different ways, both in the classrooms and the lab. We also have 10 new **iPads** that were donated and are being used in the 1st and 2nd grades every day to enhance their curriculum and expand the student use of technology. Most classes still come to the lab every week to use the desktops and the software that is not available on the tablets. With the new equipment in mind I am doing projects with the 5th and 6th grades, which give them a chance to get used to using their own **Google Drive** account and use the Google products for writing and presenting. The 5th graders are using Google Slides (lot like **Powerpoint**) to present the water cycle in animation, and the 6th graders are creating a visual profile of carefully selected slides, quotes, and thoughts using a mixture of Google Slides and **iMovie** with both the **Chrome-books** and the new **iPads**.



4th graders- Are completing a project using **Microsoft Word** by writing a thank you letter for gifts they have received. They are learning how to use **Word** to set up a letter format and how to insert and arrange pictures.

3rd graders- Continue to make progress in typing, using the **Type to Learn** program.

2nd graders- Are working hard on their biggest project of the year, which is a **Powerpoint** slideshow. They have been researching an animal using selected sites on the internet, and finding information about animal habitats, diet, size and behaviors, as well as interesting facts. They have been learning how to color pictures, in a slide show, add text and photographs as well as animate each picture and text. This project takes a while, but is well worth the time, and provides a basis for future work in researching, presentations, and saving of files on our network.

1st graders- Have been learning a new program which is a young version of the Microsoft Word software. They are learning how to format words and pictures as they are writing about birds and other things that interest them. They are also applying the skills they have learned about using the keyboard.

Kindergarteners- Have spent the last few weeks on recognizing beginning sounds of words, and short cvc words. We have played games to recognize and hear sounds and words using many websites. They are now learning to use the keyboard to write small words and organize them on a document and adding pictures. What a long way they have come since September!

Now if only we could have some uninterrupted weeks without snow!!

News from the Art Room by Mrs. Merluzzi

Before the Holidays, students from all grade levels made lots of snow related projects. Once upon a time they sure looked festive. Now, it is time to take them off the walls and put the snow behind us all!

It's been tricky to complete projects with all the snow days, but we will be ready for the District Arts Festival on March 12th and the All School Art Exhibit to be celebrated the following week, March 16 - 20th.

If you attend the District Arts Festival on March 12th you're in for quite a treat. Not only will you enjoy performances from several music groups, you will see a sample of artwork made by students from all the district schools. There will be visual art demonstrations and opportunities for visitors to try projects at "make and take" tables.

This year, I am trying something new for the All School Art Exhibit. Instead of just one evening, the show will be open for viewing all week! This just happens to be the week of parent conferences, making it convenient to view the show while you're already in the building. Be sure to stop by the art room and see displays and me too!

Here is a rundown of projects we have been working on by grade level:

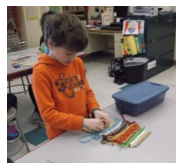
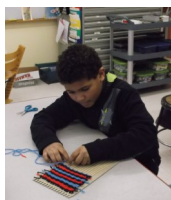
Kindergarten: Collage snowmen and clay stars

Grade 1: Matching mittens and clay pinch pots



Grade 2: Paper weaving and color mixing

Grade 3: Holiday poinsettias and weaving with yarn

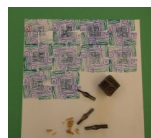


Grade 4: Chalk snowmen, self-portrait mittens and cave painting



Grade 5: Cut paper snowflakes and mobiles

Grade 6: Watercolor birch trees and relief printmaking





Thursday
March 12
5 - 8:45 pm

District Arts Festival

A districtwide celebration of student creativity at
TRITON HIGH SCHOOL

5:00—6:30 pm

K-12 Art Exhibit

Make and Take Stations

Student Artist Demonstrations

6:00 pm

Color Guard performance

Winter percussion Performance

7:00 pm

Festival Concert



Triton High School

112 Elm Street

Byfield MA 01922

978 462-8171

For more information visit:

tritonarts.net

Newbury Elementary School Presents

All School Art

Exhibit

March 16-20

2015

See work by all the students at NES!

And

Compliments of the PTA

Enjoy a special display of work by

Dutch Artist

Vincent Van Gogh

Online Math League

Students in Grades 2-5 Participate in Online Math League

In the midst of snow and cold, nearly 60 students in grade two through five, arrived at school on January 30th at 7:45 a.m. to participate in the second Online Math League contest of the school year. These eager mathematicians compete against other participating schools in Massachusetts. The current results, although not final until the contest closes on February 15th, are as follows:

Newbury Grade 2 students- third place

Newbury Grade 3 students -third place

Newbury Grade 4 students -second place

Newbury Grade 5 students - second place

We are so proud of these hard working students! Online Math League offers children the chance to engage in challenging mathematics problem solving. We hope to continue to involve more students. There is one contest left this school year. We welcome new students. Please feel free to contact Laura Paige (lp Paige@trsd.net) if you wish for your son or daughter to join.

THEATER WORKSHOP PRESENTS

Good Fortune

an Asian Fusion Fairytale

Directed by
Stacey April Fix

March Show Dates

Thurs 19th 7:00

Fri 20th 7:00

Sat 21st 7:00

Sun 22nd 1:00

NEWBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
63 Hanover Street, Newbury, MA

WWW.WORKSHOPARTSINC.ORG

TICKET INFORMATION: twsboxoffice@gmail.com

Theater Workshop is a Workshop Arts Inc. Program



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NES PTA MID-YEAR UPDATE:

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The PTA has had many successes during the first half of the school year thanks to the generous work, spirit, and contribution of you, our NES community members! Thank you! Now are turning our thoughts to the second half of the year. Here are some of the things planned:

NES PTA SPRING LUAU PARTY and SILENT AUCTION

Ready to think warm, tropical thoughts? Get ready for the **PTA Spring Luau Party and Silent Auction!**

Bring your family and friends and join us among the palm trees for lots of fun including:

Photo Booth	Limbo Contest	Indoor Miniature Golf
New Games of Skill	Arts and Crafts	Pizza, Hot Dogs, Drinks and Baked Goods for sale

Bid on great auction items online ahead of time and at the party! More information on bidding will be released after the break!

Friday, March 27, 5-8 pm

\$5/person, \$20 max per family, no charge for children under age 4.

Hawaiian shirts are encouraged!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Spring Luau Party and Silent Auction will be our biggest, best event of the year. If we want to continue the events and supports that the PTA traditionally offers, we need to raise \$15-20,000 from the auction. We need help to pull it off!

We still need help soliciting donations and picking up pledged items. These are volunteer opportunities that can be done day or night, and even with younger kids in tow. If you can help, please email newburypainfo@gmail.com.

We also need volunteers to step up to help lead parts of the party, too. We need help with tasks ahead of time, and the night of the event. We'll post some specific jobs after the break, but if you know now you can help, please email us at newburypainfo@gmail.com.

A NEW NES PLAYGROUND

Let's build a playground - together! The PTA's NES GROWS committee is hard at work with Play By Design to create an updated and improved outdoor play space at NES! We aim to raise \$150,000 and hope for an October build. We have plans for fund-raising events, sponsorship of playground components, and materials donations. These will be rolled out over the next several months.

How can I help, you ask? We are using a community-build model, relying on volunteers to help:

- Donate to the cause
- Join a committee
- Attend our events
- Spread the word

Contact nesgrows@gmail.com or visit www.nesgrows.com for more information, to sign up for the blog (the best way to stay informed), or to view the new playground design.

Fairy and Gnome Discovery Walk at Pettengill Farm

The first Fairy and Gnome Discovery Walk is a joint activity with the Salisbury PTA. The Pettengill Farm grounds will feature fairy houses made by students, families, and groups. The event will be on Saturday, May 16. More information will be coming as plans are made.

PTA Update Continued...

Other Events:

More Enrichment Programs, Assemblies, Field Trips and Classroom support, Teacher Appreciation Week and a Yearbook are all in the works. To make these happen, we plan to offer a spring book fair, more restaurant fundraisers, yearbook, and a walkathon. Interested in helping? Email us!

The 2015-16 PTA needs YOU

Short term, we need volunteers to staff our events. We need Spring Luau Party and Silent Auction committee workers. But longer term, **we need volunteers to lead the PTA next year.** Several of the current board members will be leaving their positions after years of service. Have an interest in being a school community leader? Have a nomination for a PTA officer? Email newburypta@gmail.com. We can provide information on the benefits and responsibilities of being involved.

Why do we need your help? Did your family enjoy any of these so far this school year?

Annual Halloween Party	Pancake Breakfast
New swings on the playground	Gardening at NES
Learning on a chrome book in school	Playground Redesign Unveiling and Celebration
School Assemblies including	Support of the Special Education PAC
Classroom supplies purchased through PTA grants	Field trips
Restaurant nights	NES T-shirts
Book Swap	Junior Great Books
MobyMax in classroom or at home	New library books
Free Movie Nights	Sixth grade camp

These things were all made possible because of the PTA. We strive to provide our kids with enhancements to their education. The PTA traditionally funds the “extras” that aren’t covered in the regular school budget. PTA makes these extras available through our volunteers’ leadership plus our fundraisers to date:

Book Fair: We raised almost \$2000. This is the only funding available for new materials for our library.

Silver Graphics Fundraiser: families purchased keepsakes of their children’s art, raising over \$4000 for NES Teacher Grants

Restaurant Fundraisers, Box Tops and Labels for Education Collections, and sports package drawing

New Years Resolution Fitness Series

Annual Fund Campaign: making a one-time donation to the PTA is possible by writing a check or at www.newburypta.com/donate. Select your donation amount, and enter “annual fund” in the comment box. Your donation is tax deductible and can be doubled if your employer offers a company match. You can even designate a project you wish to support.

PTA Update Continued...

We need your volunteer and financial support to continue to support our school.

How to stay in touch:

Email: newburypta@gmail.com

Web: www.newburypta.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/nespta

Donations: www.newburypta.com/donate

Playground Information: www.nesgrows.com

Thanks for Supporting us at Oregano's!

On Wednesday, Oregano's Pizzeria and Ristorante donated 20% of all sales to the PTA.

Some of our great teachers and staff helped and moonlighted as hostesses, waitresses and waiters. Many thanks go out to:

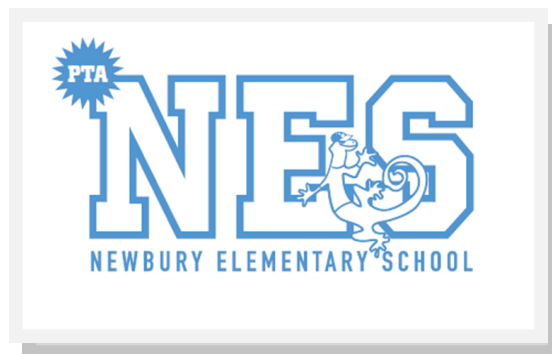
Robin Harper, Kathleen DeStadler, Margot Ryan, Beth Yando, MaryJo Lagana, Amy Pasquarello, Kate Arsenault, Michael Astuccio, Liz Raycroft, Hannah Stokes, and Bonnie Langendorfer.



And a big thanks to Kelly Williamson who organized the event, and to all the families and staff who attended.

ENRICHMENT CHAIRPERSON OPENING

Newbury Elementary is currently seeking a parent volunteer to serve as **Enrichment Chairperson** (or team up with a friend and become co-Enrichment Chairs!). This is a fun and rewarding job and almost all the work can be done from home. No experience is necessary – just be organized and have a desire to support the C.A.R.E.S. culture at NES! In this role, you will partner with the PTA and Principal to plan and execute school-wide enrichment programs. Past programs have included character building programs like World of Jump Roping and Molly Sliney Olympic Fencer, cultural and musical programs such as Russian Ensemble Barynya and Tony Vacca African Percussion as well as storytelling programs like Odds Bodkin and Len Cabral (ask your kids about them)! You will also oversee a team of parent Enrichment Coordinators who help individual grades with their enrichment programs. Zoe Fogarty, the current incumbent, is stepping down at the end of this school year, but will provide full training and guidance. All interested parents are encouraged to contact us to learn more. If you are interested, please email Zoe Fogarty at zoeandmike@comcast.net or Principal Beth Yando at byan-do@trsd.net.





February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1:00-3:00 Girls Field Hockey	2	3	4 4:15 School Council 7:00 pm School Committee	5	6 Half Day: Professional Development NES Ski 12:00-6:00	7
8 1:00-3:00 Girls Field Hockey	9 Book Swap "We Are 1 Triton" Week	10 Book Swap 7:30 am Student Council 6:30 pm PreK Information Night	11 Book Swap 8:45-9:45 World of Jump Roping 11:30-9:00 PTA Oregon Fundraiser 7 pm School Committee	12 Book Swap	13 Book Swap NES Ski 3:00-6:00	14
15	16 Schools Closed: Winter Vacation	17 Schools Closed: Winter Vacation	18 Schools Closed: Winter Vacation	19 Schools Closed: Winter Vacation	20 Schools Closed: Winter Vacation	21
22 1:00-3:00 Girls Field Hockey	23	24 7:30 am Student Council	25 7:00 pm School Committee	26 3:15 Technology Committee	27	28

Did you know?

NES C.A.R.E.S.

NES follows the responsive classroom strategy of C.A.R.E.S. One of the guiding principles of Responsive Classroom states that "to be successful academically and socially, children need to learn a set of social and emotional skills that includes cooperation, assertiveness, responsibility, empathy, and self-control – represented by the acronym CARES. If students can increase their effective, positive use of these skills, outcomes can include increased prosocial behavior and higher academic performance."

Description taken from the Responsive Classroom website: <https://www.responsiveclassroom.org/>



Cooperation...

Listen with your eyes on the speaker!

Assertion...

Respect others and self!

Responsibility...

Be responsible for your actions!

Empathy...

Show you care!

Self-Control...

Listen, Think, Reflect and Act!