



# The Newbury Elementary School

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## Kindergarten and First Grade Celebrate the 100th Day of school with Zero the Hero

NES students celebrated the 100th day of school on Monday. Students counted to 100, measured 100 steps, made necklaces out of 100 pieces of cereal, and many more fun activities.

Students in Kindergarten and First Grade were also visited by Zero the Hero. Zero talked about the importance of the number zero and sang a song with the students. At the end, Zero the Hero presented the students with t-shirts to remember the day.

**Many thanks to Zero the Hero for contributing to our understanding of number sense and for making learning fun!**



## PARCC and MCAS Assessment Calendar

This year, NES students in grades three through six will be taking the PARCC assessment. In addition, the fifth graders will take the MCAS Science and Technology/Engineering assessment in May. It is important that all students arrive to school on testing day on time. Testing will begin at the beginning of the school day. Thank you for your assistance in making this process go smoothly.

### March/April 2015 – Performance-Based Component (PBC)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
23 PARCC ELA/Literacy Literary Analysis Grades 3 and 5	24 PARCC ELA/Literacy Literary Analysis Grades 4 and 6	25 PARCC ELA/Literacy Research Grades 3 and 5	26 PARCC ELA/Literacy Research Grades 4 and 6	27 PARCC ELA/Literacy Narrative Grades 3 and 6
30 PARCC ELA/Literacy Narrative Grades 4 and 5	31 PARCC Math Session 1 Grades 3, 4, and 5	April 1 PARCC Math Session 1, Grade 6 Session 2, Grade 3	April 2 PARCC Math Session 2 Grades 4, 5, and 6	April 3 Make up day



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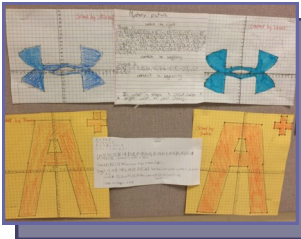
## 6th Grade Update...

### ELA and Social Studies:

In ELA and Social Studies, students are finishing their studies of Africa. They recently finished reading A Long Walk to Water and Lost Boy, Lost Girl. Students completed a project using Google Slides on the Chrome books where they documented, researched, and described the journeys the main characters took throughout the books. They also completed individual Africa country research projects that included learning about their country's road to independence and an open topic of research.



### Mathematics:



Sixth graders have recently learned about rational numbers and how to represent points on the coordinate plane. Students created mystery picture coordinate grid instructions for a classmate to solve. These projects are displayed in the sixth grade hallway (shown to the left are two examples). Students are currently writing and solving equations to solve multistep problems. Students are communicating their mathematical thinking and applying algebra skills as they come to understand the mathematical properties, how to simplify expressions, and how to use inverse operations to solve problems.

### Science:

Sixth grade scientists are finishing their chemistry unit. Students worked in small groups to become experts on specific topics.




They designed instructional posters for their topic and taught the material to their peers. One group enjoyed the responsibility of finding instructional videos for each of the topics. The class presentations showed that students have a good understanding of the material. The posters are displayed in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade wing. A culminating activity was to use their knowledge to create a song/rap/poem/skit, highlighting the material learned, and performing it in class. We have very creative students! A favorite science activity is using the triple beam balance scales to measure the mass of objects. Students enjoyed learning to calibrate the scales and measuring with the metric system. Ask a 6<sup>th</sup> grader why it's important to state the mass in grams.

"I've learned that people will forget  
what you said, people will forget what  
you did, but people will never forget  
how you made them feel."

-Maya Angelou

## Friends of Newbury Town Library



**Monday, March 2nd**  
**4-9:30 P.M.**

Helping the Newbury Town Library has never been so delicious...

**Please join us for the Friends of the  
Newbury Town Library  
Restaurant Fundraiser  
and Trivia Contest**

**MISSION OAK  
GRILL**

**26 Green Street, Newburyport**  
See reverse side for more information.

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**Monday, March 2nd 4-9:30 P.M.**

Please join us for the Friends of the Newbury Town Library Restaurant Fundraiser and Trivia Contest


**Mission Oak Grill**  
26 Green Street, Newburyport

After dinner stick around for our fun Trivia Contest at 7:00 P.M. Teams can win 1st 2nd & 3rd places prizes of Mission Oak Gift Certificates!

Questions? Drop us a line at:  
friendsofnewburytownlibrary@gmail.com

Please PRESENT this sheet to your server and 15% of your bill (excluding alcohol & ½ price bar menu) will go directly to the Friends of the Newbury Town Library.

**Thank You!**



**Friends**  
of the Newbury Town Library

The Friends of the Library work to bring a variety of programs to the library and the town of Newbury. Please help us in this effort!



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](http://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

## 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 [zoe-andmike@comcast.net](mailto:zoe-andmike@comcast.net) or Principal Beth Yando at [byando@trsd.net](mailto:byando@trsd.net).

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.

## Newbury Town Library Youth eNews

*It is with great happiness that I write this March eNews because it is in March that we get to the first day of spring! And that makes the coming of March cause for celebration in my book (pardon the pun)!*

*We have 8 children's programs on tap for March. Click the links below for details. To sign up and reserve your spot, go to our online calendar and click on the program you are interested in.*

*Also, check out our online calendar to see what's happening with the rest of the library. To name a few, dog trainer, Nick Shrewsbury, will be here to provide an information session on dog training (no dogs please, just humans :-), Steven Lewis will be providing us with an art hanging for the entire month, and you can learn about new apps with the Apps Club sessions.*

*Stay Warm!*

*~ Miss Erin*

[\(To view the eNews online, click here\)](#)

### **NEW Sensory Bins Available (Toddlers and Pre-k)**

**Tuesday afternoons from 1:30-3pm** or by request. Sensory bins offer toddler and preschool aged children the opportunity to practice fine motor skills through touch, as well as counting, sorting, pattern-making, and matching. In addition to providing open-ended, creative fun for the child, playing with sensory bins provides a base for learning math. Plus, feeling textures, temperatures, vibration and more on the skin is all part of tactile sensory input and learning. Check it out and let us know what you think!

### **LAUGHS & CRAFTS (Grades 4-8): STRING ART!**

**Tuesday, Mar. 10th at 4pm** – String art uses string and nails (or pins) to make geometric shapes that are actually rooted in mathematics. The pins are pushed into a board, and the string is wrapped around each pin to form the overall design. Bring your own template (a paper printout) to pin around, or choose one of the many designs we'll have on hand from hearts, skulls, letters, even the state of Massachusetts. Click here to register for Laughs & Crafts on our online calendar [REGISTRATION REQUIRED].

### **Half-day Movie Showing: Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day (rated PG)**

**Friday, Mar. 6th at 1pm**

Newly out on DVD, the movie, Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day, is loosely based on the classic children's book of the same name. (For more information about this movie and others, check out commonsensemedia.org.) Popcorn and bottled water will be served. Children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Click here to register for your seat on our online calendar found at newburylibrary.org. (Sponsored by the Friends of the Newbury Town Library)

### **Simple & Sweet Story Times for 3-5 year olds**

**Fridays at 11am (Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Apr. 3, 10)** - 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 to save your spot on our online calendar on our website (newburylibrary.org) - you will receive a confirmation email upon registration.

### **Sprouting Melodies (Ages 18mos - age 3)**

**Thursday, Mar. 12th 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. [REGISTRATION REQUIRED - Click here to register for Sprouting Melodies]

### **Babies & Blocks (Babies to age 1-1/2)**

**Fridays at 10:30am (Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Apr. 3, 10)** - Babies who can sit up through age 1-1/2 will be able to participate in 30 minutes of block building, tower making, and knocking it all down. Music will be playing and parents will be able to talk and share stories. Please register on our online calendar. \* Hosted by Family Connections of Newbury, Rowley, and Salisbury

### **READ to a DOG sessions with Blu, the Therapy Dog, grades 2-6**

**Saturday, March 14th & 28th @ 10:15, 10:30, & 10:45am** - 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 REQUIRED]

### **Do-drop-in Playtime Sessions (Ages 0-4, siblings welcome)**

**Every Wednesday Morning from 10:30a-12p** - 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.

THEATER WORKSHOP PRESENTS

# Good Fortune

an Asian Fusion Fairytale

Directed by  
Stacey April Fix

## March Show Dates

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> 1:00

NEWBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
63 Hanover Street, Newbury, MA

[WWW.WORKSHOPARTSINC.ORG](http://WWW.WORKSHOPARTSINC.ORG)

TICKET INFORMATION: [twsboxoffice@gmail.com](mailto:twsboxoffice@gmail.com)

Theater Workshop is a Workshop Arts Inc. Program



This program is supported in part by grants from the Rowley, Newbury and Salisbury Cultural Councils, local agencies supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

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## PTA Update Continued...

### NES PTA SPRING LUAU PARTY and SILENT AUCTION

Save the date!

#### PTA Spring Luau Party and Silent Auction

Friday, March 27th, 5-8 pm

Bring your family and friends and join us among the palm trees for lots of fun for all ages, 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!

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

**Hawaiian shirts are encouraged!**

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We still need help soliciting donations and picking up pledged items for our Spring Luau Party and Silent Auction. 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](mailto:newburypainfo@gmail.com).

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

If we want to continue the events and supports that the PTA traditionally offers, we need to raise \$15-20,000. We need help to pull it off!

### NES Coffee House is March 13th

Come enjoy a morning of fun and fellowship at the next PTA Coffee House.

Friday, March 13th

8:30-10 am

NES Story Room

Coffee, snacks, and conversation.

All school community members and younger children are welcome. No RSVP is needed.

## PTA Update Continued...

### Fairy and Gnome Discovery Walk at Pettengill Farm

Mark the date for the first Fairy and Gnome Discovery Walk. The Salisbury PTA and Newbury PTA are working together to transform the Pettengill Farm grounds into a land of fairy houses made by students, families, and groups. The event will be on Saturday, May 16th. More information will be coming as plans are made.

### 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](mailto:newburypta@gmail.com). We can provide information on the benefits and responsibilities of being involved.

### Thanks to Oregano's!

The PTA received \$550 from Oregano's Ristorante and Pizzeria from a fundraiser last month. If you dine there, say thanks!

### Shop at Target or Amazon?

Target's Take Charge of Education program just presented our PTA with a check for \$88.65. We know many of you have Target Red Cards. Simply log in to your account online or visit customer service to designate our PTA as your beneficiary and the donation will be larger.

And, if you shop on Amazon, be sure to use their Amazon Smile site. It's the same exact site content, but you can register for half of a percent of your purchases to be donated to our Newbury PTA. We just received our first check for \$19.93 but suspect we could be given a lot more!

### How to stay in touch:

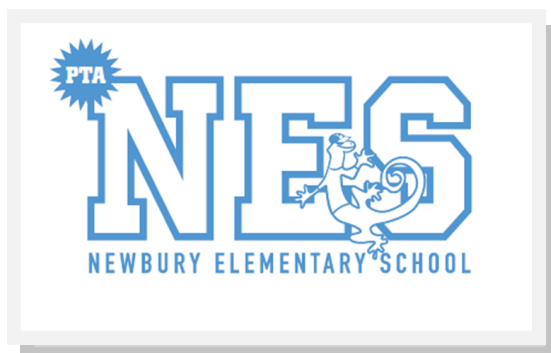
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**Web:** [www.newburypta.com](http://www.newburypta.com)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/nespta](http://www.facebook.com/nespta)

**Donations:** [www.newburypta.com/donate](http://www.newburypta.com/donate)

**Playground Information:** [www.nesgrows.com](http://www.nesgrows.com)





## March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1:00-3:00 Girls Field Hockey	2 8:45-9:15 Read Across America 6-8pm SEPAC	3	4 4:15 School Council	5	6 <b>Half Day: Professional Development</b> Marks Close	7
8 1:00-3:00 Girls Field Hockey	9	10 7:30 am Student Council	11 7 pm School Committee	12 Grades 5 and 6 District Arts Festival (All Day)  7pm District Arts Festival	13 8:30-10:00 PTA Coffee House	14 TWS Dress Rehearsal
15	16	17 Grades 5 and 6 Math Meet	18 Report Cards go home  TWS School Performance	19 <b>Half Day: Parent Conferences</b>  7 pm TWS Performance	20 <b>Half Day: Parent Conferences</b>  7 pm TWS Performance	21 7 pm TWS Performance
22 7 TWS Matinee Performance	23 PARCC/ELA Grades 3 and 5	24 PARCC/ELA Grades 4 and 6	25 PARCC/ELA Grades 3 and 5  7 pm School Committee (Tentative)	26 PARCC/ELA Grades 4 and 6  3:15 Technology Committee	27 PARCC/ELA Grades 3 and 6 5:00-8:00 PM PTA Spring Luau Party/Auction	28
29	30 PARCC/ELA Grades 4 and 5	31 PARCC/Math Grades 3, 4, and 5				

## Did you know?

Getting to school on time starts the day off right. Every classroom has a morning routine which includes settling in for the day, morning work, and a morning meeting/greeting. When students arrive to school even a few minutes late, they walk into a classroom that has already started their day. This not only causes a disruption to the students who are already settled in, but makes the student who is late feel behind or rushed. It also makes the student the unexpected center of attention. All of which can cause anxiety for some students.

Studies have shown that excessive absenteeism and tardiness interfere with academic achievement. <http://www.performwell.org/index.php/identify-outcomes/education/10-indicators/117-tardiness>

Some additional positives to being on time for school are:

- ◆ Students have time to settle in and greet their classmates.
- ◆ Students start the day off prepared and ready to learn.
- ◆ Students will never miss important information that is often given at the start of each day.
- ◆ Students will develop positive lifelong habits.

