



The Newbury Elementary School

Newt-paper

January 17, 2014

Volume 1, Issue 17

Inside this issue:

Thank you NES PTA!	1
NES Hat Day	1
TumbleBooks	1
Second Grade Update	2
SEPAC Update and Schedule	2
PTA News	3-4
Softball Now Open up to Second Graders	4
Deli Sandwiches in the Cafeteria	4
Green MachiNES Update	5
Newbury Town Library Fundraiser	5
Calendar	6
Who's Who	6

A Big Thank You to the NES PTA for Sponsoring: Tony Vacca's World Rhythms with special guests Abdou Sarr, dancer from Senegal, West Africa and Massamba Diop, master of the talking drum!

On Wednesday, the NES community was fortunate to have Tony Vacca, Abdou Sarr, and Massamba Diop visit to share music and dancing from Senegal. It was part of the Senegal America Project that brings two cultures together to share music and grow global awareness. Students in grades 4, 5, and 6 attended workshops during the morning to learn either drums or dance. In the afternoon, they performed on stage! Everyone did a wonderful job and learned a little about West African culture.

The performance by our special guests 'rocked the house'! Not only did some of the students perform, but the students in the audience and faculty joined in as well.

Thank you to the NES PTA for sponsoring this wonderful cultural event. Your support and generosity benefits the entire NES community.



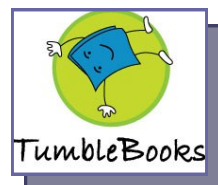
NES Hat Day:

Mark your calendars....Hat Day is coming on Friday, January 31st! Wear your favorite hat to school for the day. All students (and teachers, too!) can wear one, two or more hats! Suggested contribution is \$1 per hat. All proceeds will go towards the 6th grade camp fundraising for the 2014 school year.



TumbleBooks

Kindergarten students have recently been introduced to Tumblebooks during library class as a choice during book selection time. Tumblebooks are animated, talking picture books that have been created from existing picture books by well-known publishers and authors. Chapter books, non-fiction books, and interactive activities based on reading selections are some of the features included with the program. Tumblebooks can be accessed at home by visiting the Library webpage or Mrs. Raycroft's webpage. Tumblebooks is supported each year with funds from the PTA Book Fair and is a great introduction to eBooks for students. Happy Reading!

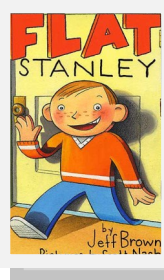


Newbury Elementary School
63 Hanover Street
Newbury, MA 01951
(978)465-5353
Fax: (978)463-3070
Website:
<http://newbury.trsd.net>
Blog:
<http://newburyelementaryupdate.blogspot.com>



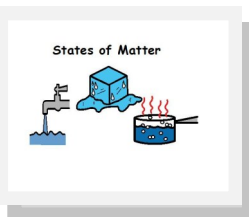
Second Grade Update...

The second grade students returned from vacation with stories to tell, well-rested, and ready to learn, which is great because they are getting ready to



travel the continents and oceans of the world – well, at least to know where they are and be able to find them on a map. Speaking of traveling, second graders are excited to see where our Flat Stanleys have traveled to. In case you don't know who Flat Stanley is, he is the main character from the book Flat Stanley that we read. Stanley Lambchop had a bulletin board fall on him one night, and then woke up in the morning only half an inch thick! Amazing things began to happen to Stanley. He got flown like a kite and was sent in the mail to visit a friend in California. So, second graders sent their own Flat Stanleys to places all over the state, the country, even the world! Some have made it back to our second grade classrooms. They are looking for all of their returns by January 24th. Second grade can't wait for the Stanleys to come out of their envelopes and to learn about their different adventures.

In Foundations, second graders are learning about the vowel-consonant-e syllable, such as in safe, rose, and mule. Currently, they know three syllable types now: closed, closed syllable exception, and vowel-consonant-e.



In science, second graders are learning about the three states of matter: solid, liquid, and gas. Thanks to the generosity of the NES PTA, second graders will benefit from a return performance, in-school enrichment program from the Boston Museum of Science on January 22nd. They will be demonstrating the ways solids, liquids and gasses take shape in a way that we're not sure if we're watching science in action or a magic show!

SEPAC UPDATE AND SCHEDULE

We welcome you to become involved with the Triton SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Council). The SEPAC is open to all parents, staff, and community members who share our mission to improve the understanding of, respect for, and support of all children with special needs in the community. Share your interest by contacting the SEPAC at SEPACtriton@gmail.com and visit us online at www.tritonSEPAC.wordpress.com.

SEPAC MEETINGS

We need your ideas, experiences, and commitment to make our SEPAC a success. The SEPAC organized this fall and is building momentum. SEPAC meetings are scheduled for:

Feb. 24

March 24

April 28

May 19

All meetings are at 6 pm in the Newbury Elementary School Library. Agendas for the meetings will be posted at www.trsd.net at least 48 hours prior. We need you to attend to develop ideas for the SEPAC's activities and missions.

BASIC RIGHTS WORKSHOP

The Triton SEPAC and the special education department invite you to attend the Basic Rights Workshop on Monday, Feb. 3, 6:30-8:30 pm. It will take place in the Newbury Elementary School library, 63 Hanover St. This workshop will be presented by the Federation for Children with Special Needs and provides families with an introduction to their rights and responsibilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Massachusetts Special Education Law and No Child Left Behind (NCLB). It is designed to help parents learn how to be effective partners with their child's school to decide the child's eligibility for special education, and to plan, make decisions and monitor their child's progress in school.

TRANSITION BETWEEN SCHOOLS: GUIDANCE NEEDED

The SEPAC has a voice on the district's school transition committee. We need your ideas for what makes for a smooth transition for students, whether it is preschool to elementary, elementary to middle, or middle to high school. Have there been things that have made the process smooth? Do you have ideas that could be implemented? Please share your ideas via email at SEPACtriton@gmail.com or just send a note to ask someone to call you.

“An education isn't how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you know and what you don't.”

-Anatole France

PTA News...

Get Served by your Teacher at Oregano's!

Visit Oregano's on Wednesday, January 29th, for a day-long fundraiser! Our PTA will earn a percentage of all sales, so join us for lunch, takeout, dinner, or drinks. Several staff members have signed up to be "Star Servers". Teachers from PK - 2 will be serving families from 4:30 - 6 pm, and grades 3 - 6 from 6 - 7:30 pm, plus some specialist teachers and office staff will help out throughout the evening. Join us whenever your schedule allows!

Oregano's is located at 16 Pleasant Street, Newburyport and open 11:30 am-9 pm. Reservations can be made at

(978) 462-5013.



Swap! Swap! Swap!



The PTA's Second Annual Used Book Swap happens next week. We still need volun-

teers to make it happen. Please sign up for a shift or two at [Book Swap Volunteer Signup](#) or email newburyPTAinfo@gmail.com

Movie Night

Reserve time on your schedule for the PTA Family Movie Night on Friday, Jan. 31. We can't tell you the name of the movie, but suspect your whole family will enjoy the movie that includes a house floating into the sky. Exact show-time will be announced soon!



Annual Fund Update

The NES PTA Annual Fund launched in late September and has already raised roughly

\$16,000! \$4,000 has been raised to support enrichment activities and core competences for the 2014-15 school year and \$12,000 was received from an anonymous donor specifically to improve the Grades 1-6 playground.

We are very appreciative of your generosity and are still striving to reach 100% of this year's fundraising goal to support ongoing enrichment activities and core competencies at NES.

Donating is easy and tax deductible, so please be sure to spread the word with your friends and family now by using/ sharing this link: www.newburypta.com/donate.

Be on the lookout for the complete January Annual Fund Update next week.

Please contact Belen Wieler-Hawes, our Annual Fund Chair, at belenwieler@gmail.com with questions or suggestions.

New Year's Resolution Fitness Series

Our first fitness class at Roots to Wings was a fun success-- thank you to Beth Houlihan for volunteering her time to host. We want to fill the remaining classes in our Fitness Series. Grab a friend and try something new. It's open to people outside of our school. Join us at any or all of the classes:

CrossFit Full Potential, Newburyport

Saturday, January 18 @ 10:30am

Sunday, January 19 @ 10:30am

Taught by NES Dad, Dan Vadala

sign up via email dan@crossfitfullpotential.com

Studio Five Pilates + Barre, Rowley

Friday, January 24 @ 11:00am

Barre Taught by Lindsay Zappala

Sign up via email studiofivefitness@gmail.com

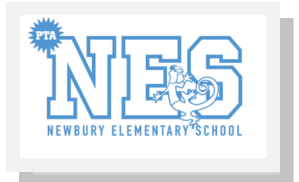
Buddhahful Souls Yoga Studio, Rowley

Thursday, January 30 @ 11:00am

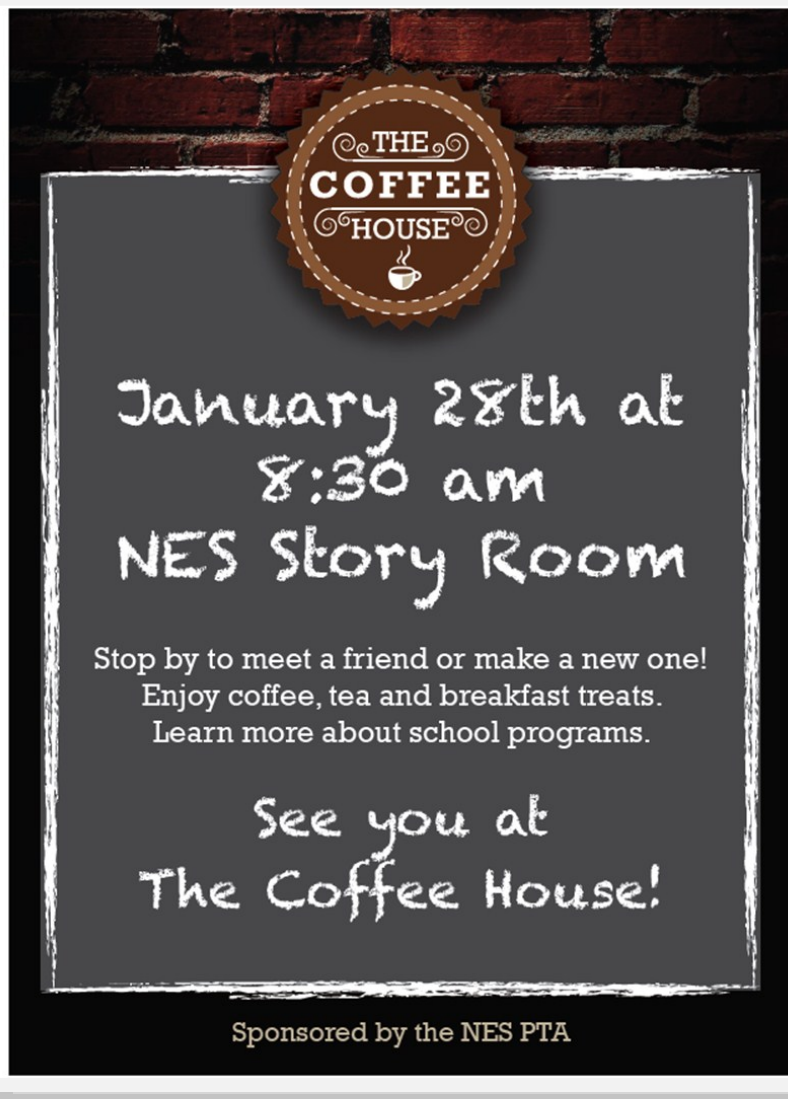
All Levels Vinyasa Yoga Taught by NES Mom, Amy Tardy

sign up via email buddhahfulsoulsyogastudio@gmail.com

Look for the Donation Jar at check-in. Suggested \$15-20 per class, or more if you're feeling generous! Donations go directly to programs for your kids.



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.



THE COFFEE HOUSE

January 28th at
8:30 am
NES Story Room

Stop by to meet a friend or make a new one!
Enjoy coffee, tea and breakfast treats.
Learn more about school programs.

See you at
The Coffee House!

Sponsored by the NES PTA

Softball Now Opened up to 2nd Graders!!



This season is approximately 12 games in length, running from the last week of April through mid-June. Games are Monday-Friday, 6:00-7:30pm, with one home and one away game per week, with one scheduled practice per week.

Home games are played at Newbury Elementary School.

Junior & Senior teams compete in playoffs mid-June, with trophies being awarded to the first and second place finishers. The league is comprised of teams from 15 towns across the North Shore.

Farm League -- current grades 2, 3 and 4

Junior League -- current grades 5 and 6

Senior League -- current grades 7 and 8, and 9 (if the 9th grader does not play for a high school team)

We look forward to an exciting season!

PLEASE REGISTER ON BNLL WEBSITE.

www.byfieldnewburylittleleague.com

questions? Michelle Rybicki at michellerybicki@aol.com

Deli Sandwiches are now being served on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the NES cafeteria!



Students at NES are enjoying deli sandwiches as one of the options for lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students may choose from turkey, ham, or Italian sub or wrap and add fresh vegetables to go with it. The introduction of the deli option is a huge success! Students are lining up to build their sandwiches and make healthy choices. Here are a few quotes from students as they order their lunches...

"I wish they had this option every day!"

"This is just like Subway."

"I started ordering lunch at school to get the sandwiches."

If your child hasn't checked out the deli option, have them give it a try.

Green MachiNES Update

Announcing a New Pen/Pencil Recycling Program!

We are excited to launch a brand new recycling program at NES. Effective immediately, we will be collecting all brands of writing instruments, including pens, pencils, markers, and highlighters (anything except for crayons). The instruments will be collected in a large blue round receptacle in the NES lobby as well as individual ones in the classrooms. Not only will we help reduce waste, but will also get paid two cents per piece. All proceeds will go towards further green initiatives at NES.

This new recycling program will add to our existing single-stream recycling program. All paper, plastic, glass, and cans will still go in the blue recycling bins located in each classroom and the large recycling containers in the hallways. The writing instruments should NOT go into these bins. They must be placed in specially marked containers only.

This recycling program is through TerraCycle, an up-cycling and recycling company that collects difficult-to-recycle packaging and products and repurposes the material into affordable, innovative products. We were fortunate to get into this program, as there has been a waiting list for more than a year. The new Newbury Recycling Coordinator, Josh Glasheen, helped move us up the waiting list. For more information, check out: <http://www.terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/writing-instruments-brigade-r.html>.

Josh will also be giving an assembly in April in honor of Earth Day about his career in educating and engaging musicians and their fans to take action for a more sustainable future.



Please save your writing instruments at home and send them in with your student. Here is the list of what is acceptable. Note that this includes all brands:

- * Pens and caps
- * Pencils and wooden pencils
- * Mechanical pencils
- * Markers and caps
- * Highlighters and caps
- * Permanent marks and caps (like Sharpies)
- * Dry eraser markers and caps

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Sally Milliken at milldoo@comcast.net or Tammy Cotter at tammycotter@comcast.net.

**Wednesday, January 22nd,
4-9:30PM**

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 of card for more information.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22ND, 4-9:30 PM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE FRIENDS OF THE NEWBURY TOWN LIBRARY RESTAURANT FUNDRAISER & TRIVIA CONTEST

AT MISSION OAK GRILL
26 GREEN STREET, NEWBURYPORT

Please PRESENT this card to your server and 15% of your bill (excluding alcohol & 1/2 price bar menu) will go directly to the Friends of the Newbury Town Library. Thank you!

After dinner stick around for our fun Trivia Contest at 7PM! Teams can win 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place prizes of Mission Oak Grill Gift Certificates for \$100, \$75, \$50!

QUESTIONS? DROP US A LINE AT: FRIENDSOFNEWBURYTOWNLIBRARY@GMAIL.COM



NES Calendar

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 Stu- dent Council	8 7:00 PM School Commit- tee	9 7:00 pm PTA Meeting	10 Half Day – Professional Development	11
12	13 Beginner Band Starts	14	15 Choir Re- Starts	16 4:00 NES Technol- ogy Committee Meet- ing	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 Re- ports Home	25
26	27	28 8:30-10:30 PTA Coffee House	29 11:30am-9:30 pm/PTA Oregon Fundraiser	30	31 NES Hat Day 7:00 pm PTA Mov- ie Night	

Visit us on the web!

<http://newbury.trsd.net/>

Who's Who at Newbury Elementary School

NES Library/Technology Team

This is Mrs. Brown's third year at NES and her 17th year working in the library world. She loves to connect readers with great books and help researchers locate the information they are seeking. Mrs. Brown lives in Merrimac with her husband and two daughters, ages 13 and 11. Her girls keep her very busy and make her laugh each day. The Brown's share their home with some wonderful pets including a dog, a cat, fish, and a newly adopted rabbit. When Mrs. Brown is not surrounded by books, she can be found walking, biking, or cross country skiing on the trails around her home and in the local area. She loves to travel and visit new places, dig in the dirt and garden, and watch old musicals, (she has been known to randomly break out in song during library class). Above all, Mrs. Brown is delighted to share her days with the students at NES and to share a love of reading and exploration.

Ms. Raycroft grew up in Leeds, England and became a teacher in the Midlands in the 2nd largest city in England called Birmingham. The city had children from all

cultures of the world. She traveled to the US when she was in her 20's and had a business before she started teaching at NES. Ms. Raycroft has two daughters, who are pretty grown up, and one granddaughter, Tessa. In 1998, she rode her bike across the United States which took her six weeks. Many of the kids from NES helped her raise money for the adventure.



Mrs. Brown and Ms. Raycroft

Respect—Integrity—Excellence for All