



# The Newbury Elementary School

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## The NES Book Swap was a big success!

The NES Book Swap was a big success. There was a large base of books to start with and every student was invited to take a book. Thank you to all who assisted with the collection, the students seemed to have enjoyed it and found plenty of books to share.



## Moby Max at school and at home...

With the fabulous new online tool teachers are using thanks to the generosity of the NES PTA, more and more students are continuing their studies at home. Please remember that the purpose of this tool is to differentiate and meet the direct needs of each student.

Although helping your child out at home can be tempting and may move your child to the next 'level', in the long run, it will not benefit his/her learning. Keep in mind that the design of Moby Max is to get more and more difficult at the student's pace. If you are helping your child answer the questions, the program adjusts the level of work to your level, not your child's. We have on occasion seen this in school where a student is placed on a level that is not meeting his/her needs. We do encourage you to check out what they are working on with Moby Max, but please encourage your child to do this as an independent activity.



We thank you for your support!

## NES Student Council Update...

The NES Student Council wants to thank everyone that donated items for the "Coats for Kids" drive this year. The total amount of items that were received was 372. This is about one coat for every two students attending NES. As you know, these coats go to those families that are less fortunate in our community. This program supplies more than 60,000 coats to families in the northeast region. This year was no exception and the NES community should be commended for their support.

The NES Student Council is now in the process of planning the third annual rainbow spirit day in which each grade is assigned a color of the rainbow. Every article of clothing worn that day, students will pay 10 cents. The class that raises the most money will receive first overall prize. There is also a prize for each grade level. This is strictly a voluntary contest and no student is required to take part if they do not wish to. The funds that are generated by the spirit day are used to support the Council on Aging to buy supplies not covered in their budget right here at NES.



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## First Grade Update...

Exciting research is taking place in first grade! They are launching their Animal Research/Habitat project this week. The boys and girls began their habitat adventure learning about the woodlands habitat using our wonderful NES outdoor classroom. Students had a visit from Mr. Parks who shared his amazing owls. The students learned about the various owls that live in and around the NES habitat. First graders have begun researching the tropical rainforest (1H), savannah (1M), desert, (1S) and ocean (1B) habitats. Join them for the Habitat Walk-About on February 6th at 9:00 in the little gym. The first graders can't wait to share their research with you!



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.

**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

“I’d rather attempt to do something great and fail than to attempt to do nothing and succeed.”

-Robert H. Schuller

## Curriculum Connections...



The third graders went to Old York in November..... As a follow-up, their class went out on the nature trail in December to collect items such as stones, wood, and moss to make their own structures. They broke out into several small groups and made structures together and made their own colonial village. Check out the result!



## SEPAC News...

### 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.



January 2014: NES PTA Annual Fund Update

#### Giving the Way You Want is Easy in 2014!

Since last fall's launch, the NES PTA Annual Fund has raised nearly \$16,000.

- \$4,000 has been raised to support our core initiatives like enrichment activities and enhanced technology learning tools.

- \$12,000 was received from an anonymous donor with the specific purpose of improving the Grades 1-6 playground area.

Words cannot express how appreciative we are for the donations that we've received to date. To say that the Annual Fund campaign has been a success is an understatement! BUT, we still need your ongoing help and support to reach 100% of our core initiatives fundraising goal this year.

#### Donor Testimonials:

Several of our recent donors asked that we share why they donated in an anonymous fashion:

- *"The PTA's recent technology donations and assembly support have done so much to enhance our children's educational experience, we want it to continue".*

- *"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".*

- *"My children love the in-house field trips made possible through PTA grants, so we want to do everything we can to help those continue next year".*

#### How to Make Your Donation:

##### Donate Online:

Go to [newburypta.com/donate](http://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.



Annual Fund donations fuel our ability to deliver enrichment activities & events.

#### Recent PTA Successes include:

- We sponsored the entire school in a full year and a half membership to MobyMax.com! This will help offer differentiated instruction to meet all students' needs.

- Sponsoring the January school-wide assembly featuring Tony Vacca's World Rhythms to celebrate diversity and multiculturalism through music and dance.

- Provided funding to support the recent rollout of the Junior Great Books program

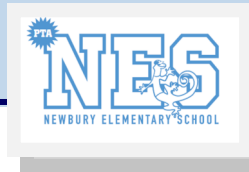
- Supported 6<sup>th</sup> grade ELA reading and writing standards by purchasing the non-fiction novel, *Lost Boy, Lost Girl-Escaping Civil War* in Sudan for student use.

- Introduced the New Year's Resolution Fitness Series to support your ongoing health goals and NES family businesses; a win-win for our community.

- Plan to introduce the NES Coffeehouse on January 26<sup>th</sup> to bring community members together.

- Are offering a free family movie night on January 31<sup>st</sup> (donations accepted)

Contact Belen Wieler-Hawes with questions at [belenwieler@gmail.com](mailto:belenwieler@gmail.com)



## PTA News...

### Wednesday is Oregano's Night!



Visit Oregano's on Wednesday, January 29, 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](tel:9784625013).

### Coffee House

Join us for the Coffee House on Tuesday, January 28, 8:30-10:30 am in the Story Room. The PTA is hosting this event to give parents and guardians a chance to connect without an agenda. Wouldn't it be great to get to know each other better over a cup of coffee or tea? Drop in any time, and, of course, little siblings are welcome.



### Movie Night

The PTA Family Movie Night is on Friday, Jan. 31 at 7 pm. 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.



Please note that all students must be accompanied and supervised by an adult; there are no drop-offs. Admission is free; snacks will be sold.

Volunteers are needed for the movie night. Please signup at [www.newburypta.com](http://www.newburypta.com) or email [newburypta@gmail.com](mailto:newburypta@gmail.com).

### New Year's Resolution Fitness Series

Our last class of the fitness series is Thursday. Grab a friend or come alone!

### Buddhaful Souls Yoga Studio, Rowley

Thursday, January 30 @ 11:00am

All Levels Vinyasa Yoga Taught by NES Mom  
Amy Tardy

Sign up via  
email [buddhafulsoulsyogastudio@gmail.com](mailto:buddhafulsoulsyogastudio@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.

Many thanks go out to CrossFit Full Potential and Studio Five Pilates + Barre for generously hosting classes last week, and to Christine Westermann for organizing this new successful program.

### Box Tops Collection Date

Send in your Box Tops to school by Feb. 14 so they can be included in our next collection. And, look for fun new winter collection sheets at the Box Tops box in the main lobby.

### Easy, free way to earn Box Tops

Earn five eBoxTops for our school just by going to <https://generalmills.promo.eprize.com/betrue/> and then liking Sam's Club on Facebook. Act fast – this promotion ends on January 31.





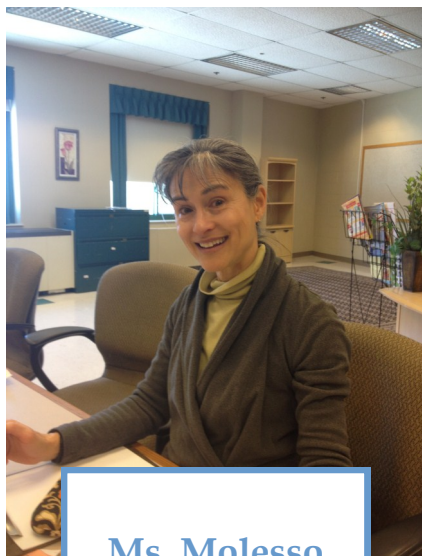
# NES Calendar

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 7:00 pm PTA Movie Night HAT DAY	

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## Who's Who at Newbury Elementary School



Ms. Molesso

### NES Physical Education Teacher

Ms. Molesso has taught at NES for over 25 years. She calls it her dream job - wonderful students, community support and colleagues!

Ms. Molesso grew up in Arlington, Virginia. She was Virginia High School League Women's gymnastics all-around winner senior year in high school and then onto Springfield College in Springfield, MA. While in Springfield, she competed on the Women's National Championship gymnastics team at Springfield and earned a B.S. in Physical Education.

Ms. Molesso lives in Haverhill, Massachusetts now with her husband, who is a retired high school PE teacher and Men's collegiate gymnastics coach.

Ms. Molesso's daughter and son are both married and teachers. Her daughter is an ESL middle school science teacher and her son is a special education high school math teacher. Together, they spend as much time as possible in the great north woods of New Hampshire, hiking, kayaking, snow shoeing and cross country skiing!

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