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## What a turnout at Oregano's!



Our school community turned out in big ways Wednesday night for our PTA Fundraiser at Oregano's Ristorante in Newburyport. Thank you to everyone that came and packed the restaurant and loaded the kitchen with takeout orders. The owner, Claude Elias, remarked how impressed he was with the kindness and camaraderie among our families as they happily shared tables and crowded in to allow more diners. He does not see that often!



Huge thanks go out to our teachers and staff for moonlighting and working the fundraiser. Principal Yando stepped in as the hostess, and was supported by a tremendous wait staff:

Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Peicott, Mrs. Jennifer Brown, Mrs. Lagana, Mrs. Raycroft, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Stokes, Mrs. Lapham, Mrs. Lucy, Mrs. Langendorfer, and Mrs. Merluzzi. And, we owe great gratitude to Ms. Williamson for coordinating the evening.



## NES Hat Day



NES students celebrated Hat Day on Friday, January 31st. Students wore their favorite hat to school for the day. All students (and teachers, too!) had the opportunity to wear one, two or more hats! Donations went towards the 6th grade camp fundraising for the 2014 school year. We raised \$234.00 to go towards next year's 6th grade's trip!

## NES students get ready for the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi

The students of NES are getting ready for the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi. They made torches and learned about the opening ceremony. They will be following the big events. Go Team USA!

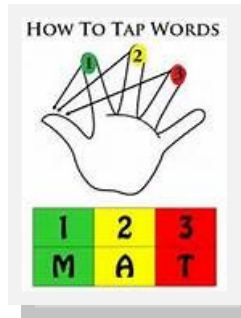


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## Kindergarten Update...

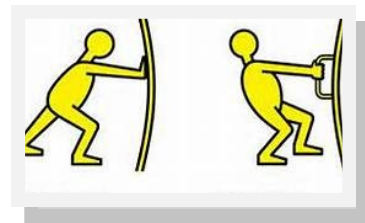
The kindergartners have finished Unit One in Foundations. We now know the letter, keyword, and sounds for every letter of the alphabet. We have been taught how to form the letters, but this is still an area that everyone should practice. In Unit Two we are learning the proper formation of the uppercase letters. This unit also focuses on alphabetical order. We have learned how to tap three letter (CVC) words! Show a kindergartner a consonant-vowel-consonant word and watch what they do with their fingers to figure out what it says.



In Math, the students have been working on a unit on measuring. Students use craft sticks and cubes to measure and compare the lengths of shoes, strips of tape and other objects. Students will be asked to develop strategies for finding the total after a small amount is added to a set. We continue to count objects, people, and days in school each day with the goal of being able to count independently to 100 by the end of the

school year. The students are all signed up for Moby Max. Moby Max is a program the students use independently on the computer. After taking an initial placement test, students are assigned math lessons based on the results of the placement test. Students work at their own levels and are challenged appropriately.

In social studies, the students have been working on the themes of friendship, honesty, and building a happy, successful community. We practice many of these skills during morning meeting each day by greeting each other and participating in various shares. We also learned about Martin Luther King Jr. and his quest for equality.



In science, we are exploring the concepts of push vs. pull and simple machines. The children have explored with several simple machines during science time to figure out what their job is. We have also discussed the importance of how to properly and safely use various tools and materials, such as scissors, in the classroom.

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## SEPAC Update...

### 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, Newbury, Massachusetts.

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.

"Always desire to learn something  
useful."

-Sophocles

## PTA News...

### Announcing the Spring Fling and Silent Auction on March 21!

#### All hands on deck! Mark your Calendars!

The PTA is planning an amazing family Spring Fling and Silent Auction at the school on Friday, March 21.

*We need everyone's help.* We are all busy with many commitments. If we all pitch in on some level--big or small--our school community can raise the funds needed to keep the programs currently offered and support the PTA.

There are jobs that you can do from home or out and about, 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](mailto:newburyptainfo@gmail.com) and we will give you the tools you need.

Here are some ideas for how YOU can help:

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 spring fling and auction committees

Pick up donations

Write thank you notes to donors

Help track paperwork

Compile an auction catalog

Assist with creating activities and entertainment for the Spring Fling

Copy materials

Please let us know your willingness to help by emailing us at [newburyPTAinfo@gmail.com](mailto: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 and availability and our needs.

We look forward to your involvement!



### 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)





# NES VALENTINES DAY FLOWER FUNDRAISER FOR 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CAMP

**Get Your Valentine Flowers *and* Support 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp!**

Newbury's very own Anastasia's Flowers on Main Street is supporting next year's 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp by donating a portion of all Valentine's purchases made by the NES community from February 7-14! If you haven't seen her beautiful flowers, pop in to the front office and you'll be amazed at her work!

- You can order individual flowers, customize an arrangement, or choose from her most popular designs.
- Don't miss out on this great opportunity to get your loved one(s) flowers while supporting 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp at the same time!
- Be sure to spread the word with your friends and family!



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

**Reference "NES" when you place your order!**

**Place your order by phone, online, email, or at the store!**

**A portion of proceeds will be donated to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp!**

**Your purchase supports a local, NES family owned business!**

**Spread the word with your friends and family!**

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Offer runs: February 7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

# 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 7:00/School Committee	6 Grade 1 – Animal Habitats	7 NES Ski Half Day – Professional Development	8
9	10 100th Day of School!	11	12 7:00/School Committee	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

### NES First Grade Team



Mrs. Harper has been a teacher at NES for seven years, all in first grade (which she loves)! Before coming to NES, Mrs. Harper taught kindergarten and first grade in California and Texas. She has lived in Norway, Chile, Indonesia and England and loves to travel. Happy to be back in Massachusetts, Mrs. Harper lives in Ipswich with

her husband, Andy, and their chocolate lab, Anna. Mrs. Harper's boys, Chris 27 and Patrick 24 share an apartment in Boston. Mrs. Harper's favorite free time activity is tennis, she would play every day if she could.



Mrs. Mollineaux has been teaching first grade at NES for 12 years. For 11 of those years, she has been in the circle teaching first grade. Her first year was as a fifth grade teacher. Her favorite thing about teaching first grade is seeing how much her students grow and learn between September and June-and they always can be

counted on to make her laugh hysterically at least once a day. She lives in Newbury with her husband, Steve, and sons, Sam and Charlie, both NES students. She loves living on Hanover St. and feels lucky to be able to walk or

ride her bike to school with her boys in most types of weather. Her favorite things to do include taking long walks in her pretty town, cooking, reading and going to the beach, especially Sandy Point. The Mollineaux family loves to go camping in Maine in the summer and have enjoyed exploring Acadia National Park and taking some of the most beautiful hikes up there.



Mrs. Soini has been a teacher at NES for 8 years. During that time, she has taught grades K and 1. Her favorite part is teaching her students how to read. The Mo Willems' Elephant & Piggie series and the Mercy Watson Series are Mrs. Soini's favorite first grade books. She lives in Georgetown, MA with her husband Zach, her

one-year-old daughter Bianna, and her dog, Ruby. Her favorite hobbies are walking, going to the beach, camping, and playing with her daughter. Mrs. Soini is expecting her second bundle of love in July!



Mrs. Byrnes is a first grade teacher at NES. She loves spending the days teaching her class and seeing how much they grow from month to month. Mrs. Byrnes is currently moving to Newbury with her husband and two daughters, Ellie and Makenzie.