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### NES Fourth Graders Took a Trip to Outer Space...



Fourth grade students are out of this world! On Tuesday, January 7, the fourth grade students took a trip to outer space in order to view a presentation put on by Scott Negley of Mainely Stars Planetarium. After crawling into the inflatable planetarium, Mr. Negley taught the students about the many constellations viewable in our winter sky, the eight different phases of the moon, and explained why the moon is sometimes visible to us at night and other times at dawn. Projecting the constellations and the moon phases all around the inside of the planetarium, the fourth grade students were able to interact with the features of our solar system at an arm's reach. In what was a fabulous introduction to our unit of study on the solar system, Mr. Negley asked the students to model the moon's rotation using golf balls and a light bulb. The fourth grade team was ecstatic to have Mr. Negley come share his wonderful knowledge and incredible resources!

### Please Welcome Michael Soucy to the NES community

We would like to welcome Michael Soucy as our new head custodian. Mr. Soucy joins NES from Parlex where he worked as a Facilities and Manufacturing Technician. He is a graduate of Wentworth Institute of Technology and brings to us an intensive technical background. Please join us in welcoming him to the NES Community.



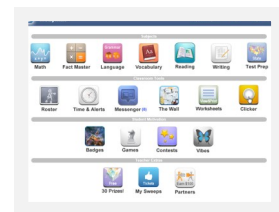
### Museum of Science Visits NES Third Graders



The 3rd Grade was lucky enough to experience the Museum of Science visiting program "Rock Detectives" this week. In this workshop, students explored the different types of rocks and how they formed over geologic time. Working in small teams, students identified various rocks and minerals through hands-on observations and experiments. For example, they tested rocks with acid, determined whether or not they were hard enough to scratch glass, and held and examined 2 billion-year-old rocks under a microscope! For a finale, they figured out how a particular rock formation has changed over millions of years. The students were very engaged and got a glimpse into some of the techniques geologists use to learn about the Earth and its materials.

### Thank you to the NES PTA for MobyMax!

We would like to thank the NES PTA for sponsoring the entire school in a full year and a half membership to MobyMax.com! Your generosity will benefit students and teachers throughout NES and will help differentiate instruction to meet students needs. MobyMax is an online resource to practice and master math skills, math facts, language usage, vocabulary, reading comprehension, writing, and test prep skills. Students will take placement assessments and be met at their level. MobyMax has skills from kindergarten through eighth grade, so students can boost up any weak skills as well as challenge their strengths.



We are so fortunate to have such a supportive and generous PTA. Thank you!

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## Third Grade Update...

Third graders have been actively engaged in multiplication. Students are learning how to describe and compare characteristics of factors and multiples. They are also working with array models and having fun playing games that focus on the concepts of multiplication and combining equal groups. The children are diligently working toward mastery of their math facts at school and home with the expectation of mastery of multiplication facts through 100. Third graders are mathematicians hard at work!

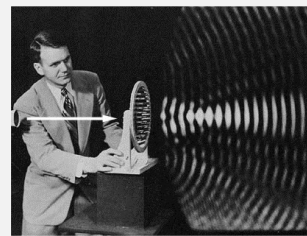
**STICKER! Multiplication & Division**

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2	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144



The Museum of Science visited NES and presented Rock Detectives to the third graders. In this workshop, students explored the different types of rocks and how they form over geologic time. Working as teams, students identified various rocks and minerals through hands-on observations and experiments. For a finale, they figured out how a particular rock formation has changed over millions of years. Great hands-on learning experience! A special thank you to the PTA for funding this program and to Kristen Reily for helping to organize it.

Sound is our next unit of study in science. Students will be learning about how sound is produced, explore pitch and volume, and understand that sound is a form of energy. At the end of this unit students will apply all of their learned skills to create a musical instrument. A well loved third grade project!



## Baseball and Softball Registration is Open for the 2014 Season!!

While it's hard to think about baseball and the warm weather ahead...it will be here before we know it! We are hoping to get an idea of numbers early on so the league can plan accordingly.

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn’t do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails.

Explore. Dream. Discover.”

-Mark Twain

So don't wait...visit our website at [byfieldnewburylittleleague.com](http://byfieldnewburylittleleague.com) to sign up your baseball/softball player now!

### Save the Dates:

January 10, 2014 - League Appreciation Night- 6-8pm at Play Ball Salisbury. Pizza, contests, games, raffles!!

January 25, 2014 - Player Evaluations

**Play Ball Salisbury is offering a winter workout program for Byfield Newbury Youth Baseball-**

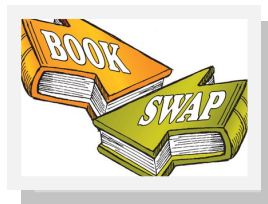
**Additional info can be found at the BNLL website.**

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## PTA News...

### Book Swap

The second annual PTA Used Book Swap is coming the week of January 20th. Start putting aside some used books to trade and bring them to school starting Monday – collection boxes will be in each classroom. Bring in one book; bring one home. Bring in two, swap for two, etc.



The students will visit the Used Book Swap during their regular library time. Volunteers are needed to help staff it. Sign up for a shift or two at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E48A5A72CA46-2ndannual>.

### New Year's Resolution Fitness Series

Get started on your 2014 resolutions with fitness classes that benefit the PTA. See the attached file for information. Sign up today – spots are filling but there is still space in all classes!



### Eat at Oregano's and Earn Money for NES

Our next restaurant fundraiser will be hosted by Oregano's in Newburyport on Wednesday, January 29. Between 11:30 am and 9:30 pm, the PTA will earn 20% of all restaurant

revenues. Come for lunch, grab takeout, or enjoy a family dinner. And, expect some special appearances by members of our own NES staff when they appear as Star Servers that night. Dinner reservations will be accepted at 978-462-5013.



The Coffee House will be open on Tuesday, Jan. 28, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Stop by the Story Room for coffee, tea and pastries - our treat! Make plans to catch up with a friend or meet some new ones. Stay for a half hour or the whole time. Take advantage of an opportunity to chat with seasoned NES parents about school programs like Junior Great Books, DI, SEPAC, Differentiated Learning, Social Thinking, 6th Grade Environmental Trip, and more. No PTA volunteer recruiting, just socializing!

See you at the Coffee House!

### Green MachiNES Update

#### *Announcing a New Pen and Pencil Recycling Program!*

We are excited to announce the launch of a brand new recycling program at NES. Soon we will be collecting all brands of writing instruments, including pens, pencils, markers, and highlighters (anything except for crayons). We will make two cents for each item with all proceeds going to NES green initiatives. Save your old writing tools and stay tuned! Thanks! Sally Milliken and Tammy Cotter, Green MachiNES Co-Chairs

Celebrate diversity and multiculturalism through music and dance as the students of NES go on a virtual journey to Africa for our January assembly.

The PTA is proud to sponsor:

### **Tony Vacca's World Rhythms with special guest Abdou Sarr, dancer from Senegal, West Africa**

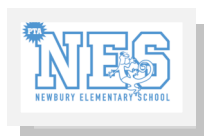
Tony is an internationally renowned percussionist and composer, and has been performing for arts in education programs in schools all over the Northeast for 25 years. His 14 trips to West Africa have contributed to his unique approach to playing the balafon, and to his depth of knowledge regarding African and American musical traditions. He likes to use his music, spoken word, and rhythm to address topics like cultural diversity and global and social awareness. He enjoys working with students of all ages.

Abdou Sarr is a dancer from Senegal, West Africa. He is a master teacher of the sabaar and djembe dances from Senegal, West Africa. He will speak to the culture and life in Senegal and his journey to the U.S. with the students. Students will become proficient in the dances and will be able to perform them for their peers.

The upper grades will spend time in workshops with these artists during the day learning either a song with percussion instruments or a traditional Senegalese dance. At the end of the day, students will be able to perform for their peers during one of the assemblies.

Parents are invited to attend and experience firsthand how financial support of the PTA is enriching the educational experience of the children at NES.

Please join us for one of the upcoming assemblies.



### **Wednesday, January 15**

**K-3: 12:45-1:45**

**4-6: 1:45-2:45**

NES PTA PRESENTS

# NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION Fitness Series

5 Fitness Classes at 4 Locations

Get started on your 2014 resolutions.

Sign up today!



**ROOTS TO WINGS, NEWBURY**

**Tuesday, January 14 @ 11:00am**

Gentle Flow Yoga Taught by NES Mom Beth Houlihan

Sign up via email [yoga@rootstowings.com](mailto:yoga@rootstowings.com) or call 978.463.YOGA  
(max 25)



**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](mailto:dan@crossfitfullpotential.com)  
(max 15 per class)



**STUDIO FIVE PILATES + BARRE, ROWLEY**

**Friday, January 24 @ 11:00am**

Barre Taught by Lindsay Zappala

Sign up via email [studiofivefitness@gmail.com](mailto:studiofivefitness@gmail.com)  
(max 12)



**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)  
(max 25)

Look for the Donation Jar at check in. Suggested \$15-20 per class, or more if you're feeling generous!



## January 2014

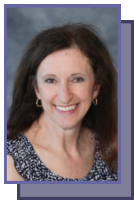
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 No School – New Year's Day	2 School Reopens	3	4
5	6 4:30 PM School Council	7 7:30 am Stu- dent Council	8 7:00 PM School Commit- tee	9 7:00 pm PTA Meeting	10 Half Day – Professional De- velopment	11
12	13 Beginner Band Starts	14	15 Choir Re- Starts	16 4:00 NES Technol- ogy Committee Meet- ing	17 3-6/NES Ski Program	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 Reports Home 3-6/NES Ski Program	25
26	27	28 8:30-10:30 PTA Coffee House	29 11:30am-9:30 pm/PTA Oregon Fundraiser	30	31 3-6/NES Ski Program 5:00 pm PTA Movie Night Grades 3-6	

### Who's Who at Newbury Elementary School

#### NES Third Grade Team



Mrs. Towne has been a teacher at NES for 20 years! Most of her years teaching have been spent in third grade, which was her favorite grade when she was little. She lives in Portsmouth, NH with her husband Eric, her eleven-year-old son Riley, two cats, Lily and Max, and her Jack Russell/Chihuahua, Kipper. Her favorite hobbies are traveling, exploring nature, kayaking, and going to the beach. The Secret Garden is one of Mrs. Towne's favorite third grade books.



Ms. Winter has been a teacher at NES for 35 years. During that time, she taught grades 1, 2, 3, and 4. She loves to be called Senora Winter by her students because she enjoys teaching them Spanish. She has three children of her own. Her daughters are 29 and 31 and her son is 27. Ms. Winter and her husband enjoy spending time with their children. Her favorite part of the day is read aloud. She always likes to give the characters cool voices and make the stories really exciting. One of her favorite read aloud books is A Time For Andrew by Mary Downing Hahn. It is very exciting and a little spooky too. Ms. Winter's hobbies are cooking and studying Spanish. She hopes some day to go to South America and work in a school where she can teach English and learn more Spanish.



Mrs. Williams has been teaching at NES for 15 years and in that time she has taught 2nd, 3rd and 5th grades. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have two children, Sean 9, and Fiona 5. They live in Eliot, Maine. Everyone asks them how they make that commute every day, but they report that it's really not too bad. It's definitely better than driving to Boston! They love to ski and do outdoor activities as a family and Mrs. Williams particular hobby is cycling. She has recently started riding her bike for more than just exercise. She enjoys riding for The American Lung Association in The Trek Across Maine, a three day 180 mile ride from the mountains to the sea. Another favorite hobby is reading. Mrs. Williams loves to read to her own children, and to "The Wallabies" of 3BW. Her favorite read aloud is Because of Winn Dixie.



Mr. Williams has been teaching at NES for 13 years, primarily at 4th grade. He made a change for 2013-14 to begin a two-year loop with his current 3rd grade class. He is enjoying the "colliding worlds" this year, as his own son, Sean, is also a third grader up in Eliot, Maine! When not teaching, thinking about teaching, talking about teaching, or dreaming about teaching, he enjoys making loud, horrible noises on the electric guitar, being really silly with his kids, and running, especially in the woods. His latest favorite book for third graders is The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane.