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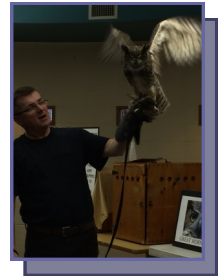


Martin Luther King Jr. Day

There will be no school on Monday, January 19th in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Enjoy the long weekend, and we will see you back in school on Tuesday the 20th. For more information about the holiday, check out the 'Did You Know' section of The Newt-paper on page 6.

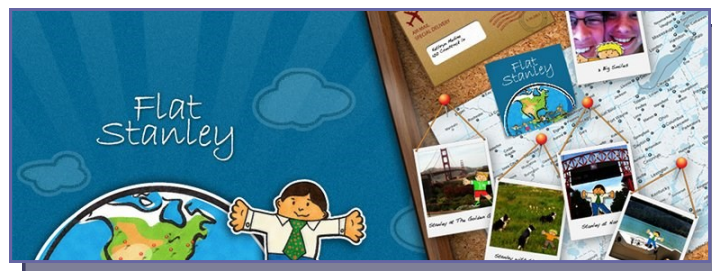
Wingmasters Visits NES

Last Friday, the NES first graders learned about some of our fine feathered friends when Wingmasters came to talk about the screech owl, the barred owl, the peregrine falcon, the great horned owl, and the northern saw whet owl. Students got to see each of these wonderful birds and hear about their habitats and behaviors. The students voted that their favorite owl was the smallest of all, the northern saw whet owl.



Second Grade Update...

In December, second graders read the beloved chapter book Flat Stanley, by Jeff Brown. Children practiced decoding, reading comprehension, and fluency as they read through the book at home and reread it at school. Many writing skills were applied to answering questions about characters, setting, and the events of the story in complete sentences that echoed back the questions. As the holiday break neared, we made plans to continue the annual tradition of making our own Flat Stanleys to send out into the world. Second grade families have shared these characters with relatives and friends around the country and even around the globe. Our flat friends have begun to make their way back to us at NES. Later this month, we will celebrate their return with "Welcome back, Flat Stanley!" parties. It will be so exciting to learn about all of our Flat Stanleys' adventures! We will also map out their travels as part of our geography studies. The Flat Stanley project continues to be a treasured second grade experience here at NES!



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Students in Grades 2-6 are invited to participate in the remaining Online Math League contests

There is still time to sign up for the remaining Online Math League contests. Online Math League is a web-based mathematics program that allows students to engage in mathematics problem solving. All students in grades two through six at Newbury Elementary School are encouraged to do the weekly practices at school and/or at home. Three times a year students are also invited to participate in online math league contests. The competitions will be held on November 21st, January 30th, and March 20th at 7:45 a.m. at Newbury Elementary School. Parents will be responsible for providing transportation to the school. **If your child has already turned in a permission slip and participated in the November contest, he or she does NOT have to return a permission slip for the upcoming contest. If your child is interested in participating in the remaining two contest, please return the permission slip by January 23rd.**

Online Math League Permission Form

This permission slips allows your child to participate in the three Online Math League Competitions on **November 21st, January 30th and March 20th** at 7:45 a.m. at Newbury Elementary School.

The competitions found on OnlineMathLeague.com allow students' test scores to be posted online. This is a fun, motivational aspect of these contests. Along with their scores, students' names (**first name and last initial only**) may be posted at www.onlinemathleague.com. If you do not wish to have your child's name posted online, you may request that a code number be used instead. Please indicate below whether you would like your child's name or a code number to be used.

_____ I would like my child's real first name and last initial to be posted online.

_____ I would like my child to receive a code number.

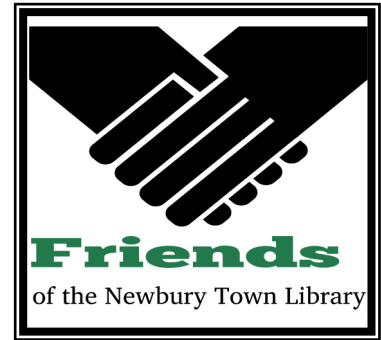
Child's first and last name: _____

Grade: _____ Homeroom: _____

Parent/Guardian's signature: _____

Friends of Newbury Town Library Fundraiser

The Friends of the Newbury Town Library are working with **Not Your Average Joe's in Newburyport** this month to host a fundraiser that will take place on Tuesdays (plus one Monday) throughout this month. Anyone who dines at **NYAJ's** on a Tuesday this month (lunch, dinner or takeout), will be supporting the Friends of the Newbury Town Library! 15% of the bill (minus alcohol and gratuity) will go to the Friends! It's that easy. People just need to *mention* The Friends of the library, they do not have to have the flier with them.



Valid: January 13th (Tuesday) , 20th (Tuesday) , 26th (Monday), and January 27th (Tuesday)

SEPAC News

Announcing Triton Night at Fenway Park for the Boston Red Sox vs. Baltimore Orioles

Tickets are on sale now through Jan. 28th for **Triton Night at Fenway Park** on Wednesday, June 24th, for the 7:10 pm game featuring the Boston Red Sox vs. the Baltimore Orioles. Reserved group seating for Newbury, Rowley, and Salisbury fans will be available for \$32/seat in the outfield grandstand.

This will be a great event to celebrate the end of the school year, giving students, families, teachers, staff, and community members an opportunity to kick off summer in style. All are welcome to join Triton Night!

The tickets will be sold based on availability, first-come, first-served, through January 28th. Tickets are non-refundable. To order tickets, use the attached order form and return it to a school office labeled "SEPAC" or send a check for your total purchase made out to TRSD to: SEPAC, TRSD Central Office, 112 Elm St., Byfield, MA 01922. Include your name, address, email, phone number, and number of tickets wanted. Seats will be assigned, so if you wish to ensure seating with another group, submit all orders on one form.

For each ticket sold, the Triton Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) will receive \$5 to use for programming and activities for students and families in the school district. The mission of the Triton SEPAC is to work for understanding of, respect for, and support of all children with special needs in the community.

Questions may be sent to SEPACtriton@gmail.com.



We serve creative cuisine. And worthy causes.

Present this certificate to your server (dine in or take out) and your cause will receive 15% of your total purchase* every Tuesday during January 2015.

The Friends of the Newbury Library

Valid:
January 13th, 20th, 26th(Monday), 27th

*Excludes Alcohol, Tax and Gratuity



1 Market Square • Newburyport • 978-462-3808
Hours of operation: Mon-Thur. 11:30a-9:00p, Fri-Sat. 11:30a-10:00p, Sun. 12:00p-9:00p

“The time is always right to do what is right.”

-Martin Luther King Jr.



BOSTON RED SOX SCHOOL NIGHT

TRITON NIGHT AT FENWAY PARK

Wednesday, June 24
7:10PM


VS.


Join your classmates, teachers, family, and friends
for a night of fun at Fenway Park!

Event Cost:
\$32* - Outfield Grandstand

*Sales will benefit the Triton Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) for
programs and events for students and families.

Questions – contact Renee at sepactriton@gmail.com

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|---|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Wednesday, June 24, 2015 | Red Sox vs. Orioles | Quantity # of people _____ @ \$32 | Total Amount: \$ _____ |
| <small>All orders are subject to availability and filled on a first come first-served basis. All orders are non-refundable</small> | | | |
| Name _____ | | Phone _____ | |
| Address _____ | | | |
| City _____ | State _____ | Zip _____ | Email _____ |
| Method of Payment: <input type="checkbox"/> Check (payable to: TRSD) | | | |
| <small>Please detach and return order form to your school office or mail to SEPAC, TRSD Central Office, 112 Elm St., Byfield, MA 01922.</small> | | | |

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS: January 28, 2015

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.

PTA Update...

Let your teachers serve you dinner!

On Wednesday, January 28th, some teachers and staff members will be moonlighting at Oregano's Pizzeria and Ristorante in Newburyport for a PTA fundraiser.

Oregano's will donate 20% of all checks to the NES PTA on Jan. 28th, 11:30 am to 9 pm. Pre K-Grade 2 Staff and special guests will be moonlighting as hosts and wait staff 4:30 pm to 6 pm and Grade 3-6 and surprise staff will work 6-7:30 pm. Come for dinner or an afterschool snack with the family or grab lunch with a friend.

This night was a big hit and lots of fun last year. Reservations are strongly encouraged. Take out is available, too, and you will still be able to say hello to the moonlighting staff. Call 978-462-5013 for reservations and takeout.

Fitness Series Continues

The PTA New Year's Resolution Fitness Series allows you to try out some new activities while supporting the PTA! All classes are being donated by the facilities; we just ask that you make a donation to the PTA in lieu of a class fee.

Buddhaful Souls Yoga Studio, Rowley

Thursday, January 22nd @ 11:00am

All Levels Vinyasa Yoga taught by Elissa Shoreman

Sign up via email buddhafulsoulsyogastudio@gmail.com

(max 25)

Roots to Wings, Newbury

Thursday, January 29th @ 11:00am

Gentle Flow Yoga taught by NES Mom Beth Houlihan

Sign up via email yoga@rootstowings.com or call 978.463.YOGA

(max 25)

Look for the Donation Jar at check in!

All proceeds go directly to programs for our children!

Thank you to Buddhaful Souls Yoga Studio, Daniel Duarte BJJ, CrossFit Full Potential, Roots to Wings, YWCA Greater Newburyport for donating their space and time.

Family Movie Night: Dolphin Tale 2

The PTA is sponsoring a Family Movie Night at NES on Friday, January 30th, at 7 pm. Please join us for the showing of *Dolphin Tale 2*. Admission is free, though donations are welcome. Popcorn and drinks will be available to purchase at the movie. All students must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.

Collect Books for the Book Swap

Start collecting your used books... the Third Annual Used Book Swap is coming!

Books will be collected in the classroom the first week of February.

Please send in books that other classmates in your grade would enjoy and remember there is no maximum for how many books you can bring in!

PTA Update Continued...

Help needed for Spring Fling and Family Auction

We are looking for people to help solicit items for our auction that will be held on March 27th. As the saying goes, many hands make light work! If we each are willing to knock on a few doors or make a few phone calls, it won't be too long before we have a full auction catalog! Our goal this year is to have all our items secured by February 28th. If you have a good relationship with a local business, that's a great place to start.

Please contact event chair Elise Carner at elisecarnermail@gmail.com or call her at [\(508\) 423-7256](tel:5084237256) and you will be walked through the next steps.

This will be our largest event of the year and we need your help to make it a success!

The NES PTA Annual Fund: Donate now!

For those of you on the go and/or with so many commitments that participating in our other fundraisers just won't work, you asked for a way to provide an annual donation to the school. The Annual Fund is for you.....you can even designate where you want your donation to go.

Donating is easy: Go to newburypta.com/donate, select your donation amount, and enter "annual fund" in the comment box. Your donation is tax deductible and can be doubled if your employer offers a company match. Email newburyptainfo@gmail.com for information.

Learn about the Playground Plan

A revised playground plan was revealed at the PTA meeting on January 15th. Please visit our website at www.nesgrows.com to review the plan and sign up for playground updates, or like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NewburyElementarySchoolyard>.



...will be supporting Newbury Elementary School

On Wednesday, January 28th

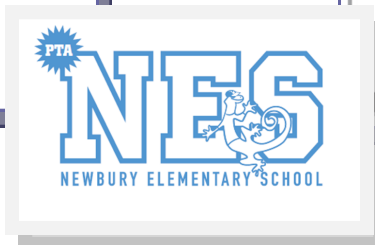
Lunch beginning at 11:30 a.m.
Dinner served until 9 p.m.

- ★ Featuring **Star Servers**, NES Staff moonlighting as your hosts and waiters...
- ★ PK – 2 Teachers and Special Guests: 4:30 – 6
- ★ Grades 3 – 6 Teachers and More: 6 – 7:30

20% of all checks will be donated to the NES PTA!

Reservations strongly encouraged - call (978) 462-5013 to book a table or to place a Take Out order
16 Pleasant Street, Newburyport


No flyers or coupons needed!




NES PTA PRESENTS

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION Fitness Series


5 Fitness Classes at 5 Locations
Get started on your 2015 resolutions.
Sign up today!




CROSSFIT FULL POTENTIAL, NEWBURYPORT
Saturday, January 10 @ 10:30am
Taught by NES Dad Dan Vadala
Sign up via email dan@crossfitfullpotential.com (max 15 per class)




YWCA GREATER NEWBURYPORT
Thursday, January 15 @ 9:00am
Barre class taught by Ilene Harnch Grady
Sign up via igrady@ywcaneburyport.org (max 20 per class)



BRAZILIAN JIU JITSU, THE ART OF DEFENDING YOURSELF ON THE GROUND!
NORTH HAMPTON
Friday, January 16 @ 4pm
Class taught by Daniel Duarte. Open to both parents and children!
Sign up via danielduartejj@gmail.com (max 20 per class)



BUDDHAFUL SOULS YOGA STUDIO, ROWLEY
Thursday, January 22 @ 11:00am
All Levels Vinyasa Yoga taught by Elissa Shoreman
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ROOTS TO WINGS, NEWBURY
Tuesday, January 29 @ 11:00am
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NES Calendar



January 2015

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 Schools Closed: Winter Vacation | 2 Schools Closed: Winter Vacation | 3 |
| 4 1-3 pm Girls Intra-mural Field Hockey | 5 School Reopens | 6 7:30 am Student Council | 7 4:15 School Council 7:00 pm School Committee | 8 6:00 pm Kindergarten Information Night – NES Library | 9 Half Day – Professional Development NES Ski 12-6 | 10 |
| 11 1-3 pm Girls Intra-mural Field Hockey | 12 Monday late buses resume | 13 | 14 Choir resumes 7:00 pm School Committee | 15 7:00 pm PTA Meeting | 16 8:30-10:00 am PTA Coffee House NES Ski 3-6 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 Schools Closed: MLK Jr. Day | 20 7:30 am Student Council | 21 7:00 pm School Committee (Tentative) | 22 3:15 Technology Committee Meeting | 23 Progress Reports go home NES Ski 3-6 | 24 |
| 25 1-3 pm Girls Intra-mural Field Hockey | 26 6-8 pm SEPAC | 27 | 28 11:30 am – 9:00 PM PTA Oregano Fund-raiser | 29 All School Cultural Enrichment | 30 NES Ski 3-6 7:00 pm PTA Movie Night | 31 |

Visit us on the web!
<http://newbury.trsd.net/>

Did you know?

Have you ever wanted to find more information fast about a variety of topics? Check out Factmonster.com for a wonderful kid friendly reference.

Below is the answer to:

Who originated the idea of a national holiday in honor of MLK?

It took 15 years to create the federal [Martin Luther King, Jr.](#), holiday. Congressman [John Conyers](#), Democrat from [Michigan](#), first introduced legislation for a commemorative holiday four days after King was assassinated in 1968. After the bill became stalled, petitions endorsing the holiday containing six million names were submitted to Congress.



Conyers and Rep. [Shirley Chisholm](#), Democrat of [New York](#), resubmitted King holiday legislation each subsequent legislative session. Public pressure for the holiday mounted during the 1982 and 1983 civil rights marches in Washington.

Congress passed the holiday legislation in 1983, which was then signed into law by President [Ronald Reagan](#). A compromise moving the holiday from Jan. 15, King's birthday, which was considered too close to Christmas and New Year's, to the third Monday in January helped overcome opposition to the law.

From Factmonster.com