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Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

Welcome back! We hope you all had a relaxing and rejuvenating winter break. The students are back at work and have settled back into the routine nicely. It

is wonderful to hear about all of the exciting adventures NES students have had over the break. Thank you to all who helped get everyone ready to get back into the routine.



Oh, the weather outside is frightful...

As the weather gets colder, it is a good time to remind students to dress for the weather. We try to get students outside for recess, weather permitting. Below is from the section on recess from the NES Student Handbook for you to review.



Recess

Recess is a time for students to get some fresh air, physical activity, and engage in social interactions with peers. All students have scheduled outdoor recess as part of their lunch period, weather permitting. To meet the needs of our students, teachers may elect to have other scheduled recesses in the morning and/or afternoon. All students should come to school dressed appropriately for the weather so they can enjoy themselves outside. A few recess guidelines should be followed for everyone's safety. Students should:

- * Participate in recess unless they have a note authorized from the office or teacher.
- * Play appropriately on playground equipment: take turns, use slide from the ladder side, and stay off the top of the equipment.
- * Play in designated supervised areas.
- * Play in safe areas by staying away from puddles, ice, mud, and the surrounding woods.
- * Exhibit pride in the playground area by keeping it free of litter and not eating food.
- * Remain in the playground area unless excused by an adult supervisor.
- * Line up immediately when recess ends.
- * Not play games with unnecessary physical contact (fighting, wrestling, play fighting, tackling, etc.).
- * Not pick up, use, and/or throw any potentially dangerous objects (snow, rocks, sticks, bark, etc.).
- * Bring appropriate clothing, boots, mittens, and snow pants on snowy days.

Third Grade Update...

Third Grade had an amazing field trip to Old York Historical Society. Students participated in 4 centers around the museum. They baked molasses cookies on the hearth while learning where in the world colonial ingredients came from and how food was prepared before the invention of modern appliances. Next, students carded wool and spun yarn while learning about how textiles were produced in the 18th century. The third center gave students the opportunity to try out colonial games like ball and cup, Nine Men's Morris, and hoop and stick. Finally, students were given a lesson in the colonial one room schoolhouse. It was a great day!



In Math: We are working on multiplication and division concepts. Students are learning to understand multiplication as the putting together of equal groups, and division as the breaking apart of larger amounts into equal groups. We are working with skip-counting charts, arrays, visual representations, and solving story problems.

In Reading: Students are actively involved in guided reading groups to support their understanding of text. We are also honing our skills with close reading using National Geographic magazine and passages from ReadWorks. Many students are completing a study of folktales from around the world.



In Writing: We are continuing to work with Empowering Writers and most classes are currently learning about Expository and Narrative writing as related to castles. We are also focusing on the correct use of conventions in writing.

In Science: We are just beginning our Sound unit. Students will learn all about sound as a form of energy. They will learn about pitch, how sound travels and how it is muted and amplified. Students will participate in a variety of hands-on activities and will use the scientific method to complete experiments related to sound.



In Social Studies: We are wrapping up our focus on The Pilgrims, the Wampanoag, and early European settlement. Our next unit will focus on the original 13 colonies and many of the famous people associated with the founding of our country.



Byfield Newbury Little League

A quick reminder that all baseball players in Double A, Triple A, and Majors, must be registered for the season prior to mandatory player evaluations on January 31st at Governor's Academy from 9-1. (Children will be registered based on their date of birth and grade). You can register online now at www.byfieldnewburylittleleague.com or in person at our Parent Information & League Appreciation Night at the Triton High School Gym on Friday Night, January 23rd. Stay tuned for more details.

Also, for all softball families, it is critical that we get volunteers to help us plan for, set up, and run teams during the 2015 season by January 15th. The only two Board members recently resigned and that is why player registration isn't open. Please contact any BNLL board member to learn more. Please refer to the email distributed on 12/22 to all softball and T-Ball families registered during the 2013/14 seasons for complete details.

You can contact any BNLL Board member for more details via our league website @ www.byfieldnewburylittleleague.com

"If a window of opportunity appears, don't pull down the shade." - Thomas Peters

PTA Update...

Fitness Series Starts Saturday!

The PTA New Year's Resolution Fitness Series allows you to try out some new activities while supporting the PTA! Five different classes for all abilities will be offered starting Saturday, Jan. 10th. **There's even a class for your kids!** 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. See the attached flyer for details and registration information.

CrossFit Full Potential, Newburyport

Saturday, January 10th @ 10:30 am

Fitness class taught by NES dad, Dan Vadala

YWCA Greater Newburyport

Thursday, January 15th @ 9 am

Barre class taught by Ilene Harnch Grady

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, North Hampton

Friday, January 16th @ 4pm

Class taught by Daniel Duarte

Open to both parents and children!

Playground Update Coming at PTA Meeting on Thursday

Come to the PTA general meeting on Thursday, January 15th, 7-8:30 pm in the school library. Members of the NES Grows committee will present an update on the playground project and identify the next steps that will be undertaken. Plans are for fundraising and design to gear up for construction this fall!

Free childcare during the meeting is available in the Kids' Club Room for children in kindergarten and older. Please reserve spots by emailing newburyptainfo@gmail.com.

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.

What do teachers do after school?

On Wednesday, January 28th, the answer is they 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. PreK-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. Call 978-462-5013.

PTA Update Continued...

Gear up 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!

Did you resolve to become a PTA Member?

It's not too late to join the PTA. Dues are only \$10/person. Sign up online at www.newburyppta.com.

It's Cold, so Think Spring (Fling and 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!



...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 danielduartebjj@gmail.com (max 20 per class)



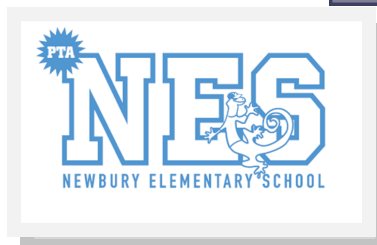
BUDDHAFUL SOULS YOGA STUDIO, ROWLEY
Thursday, January 22 @ 11:00am
All Levels Vinyasa Yoga taught by Elissa Shoreman
Sign up via email buddhafulsoulsyogastudio@gmail.com (max 25)



ROOTS TO WINGS, NEWBURY
Tuesday, January 29 @ 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)

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.

Look for the Donation Jar at check in. All proceeds go directly to programs for our children! !



JANUARY 2015

NEWBURY TOWN LIBRARY YOUTH eNEWS- additional programs!

Happy New Year!

2015 is going to be a great year here at the library and we have some wonderful programs coming up. One new program in our January line-up is READ to a DOG Saturday sessions with Blu, a therapy dog. Check it out and reserve your spot today!

And also, via Family Connections, we'll be offering a Babies and Blocks program on Friday mornings right before our Simple and Sweet Storytimes. This program is just for babies who can sit up through about age 1-1/2. Read on for details.

Lastly, here's a heads up on a new program coming to the library in 2015 is going to be (drum roll please...) MINECRAFTING! Thanks to a generous grant from the Newburyport Area Industrial Development Foundation, we are able to start the process of adding the technology and licensing required to offer Minecrafting programs for young and old here at the library, all on a dedicated, safe server. I will certainly be keeping you posted as things develop, but have high hopes to start our new programs this spring!! Stay tuned!!

Below is a list of our January programs. Click the links for details. To sign up and reserve your spot, go to our online calendar and click on the program you are interested in.

Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Miss Erin

[Tuesday Laughs & Crafts for 4-8th graders](#)

[Wednesday Do-Drop-In play sessions, birth - age 4](#)

[Thursday Sprouting Melodies for 18mos - 3yrs](#)

[Friday Simple & Sweet Story Times, ages 3-5](#)

[Friday Half-day Movie Showing, all ages](#)

[Saturday READ to a DOG sessions with Blu, the black lab, grades 2-6](#)

[Babies and Blocks](#)

SPROUTING MELODIES (Ages 18mos - 3yrs)

Thursday, Jan. 8th at 1pm: In this music program, toddlers enjoy the routine they crave yet also the freedom and creativity to grow in self-expression and to build social relationships with their peers in music through instrument play, movement and singing. Please register on our online calendar found at newburylibrary.org.

BABIES & BLOCKS (for babies who can sit up through age 1-1/2)

Fridays at 10:30am (Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 and Feb. 6, 13) - Join us for the start of a new program and 6-week session of Babies & Blocks, hosted by Family Connections of Newbury, Rowley, and Salisbury. Babies who can sit up through age 1-1/2 will be able to participate in 30 minutes of block building, tower making, and knocking it all down. Music will be playing and parents will be able to talk and share stories. Registration is required.

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HALF-DAY MOVIE SHOWING**WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE, rated PG****Friday, January 9th at 1pm (NES HALF-DAY)**

Parents should know that this adaptation of Maurice Sendak's *Where the Wild Things Are* is probably best for older children (age 8+). For more information and to help determine if this movie is appropriate for your child, check out com-monsensemedia.org. Popcorn and bottled water will be served. Children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Please register on our online calendar found at newburylibrary.org. (Sponsored by the Friends of the Newbury Town Library)

READ to a DOG:**Reading Sessions with Blu (Grades 2-6)**

Saturday, January 10th & 24th - A dog in the library?! Yes! Welcome to Blu, a black lab therapy dog who needs some doggie down time. Children can sign up for a 10 minute session to read to Blu in a comfy section of the library. It's great for Blu, who gets some snuggle time, and great for the children who get to practice their oratory skills with a very special pup. There will be 3 spots available on each Saturday: 10:15, 10:30, & 10:45. Sign up on our online calendar [REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED]

LAUGHS & CRAFTS (Grades 4-8)

Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 4pm - January's Laughs & Crafts session is all about the art of paper quilling. Come learn how and enjoy some hot cocoa and treats while you craft! [REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED]

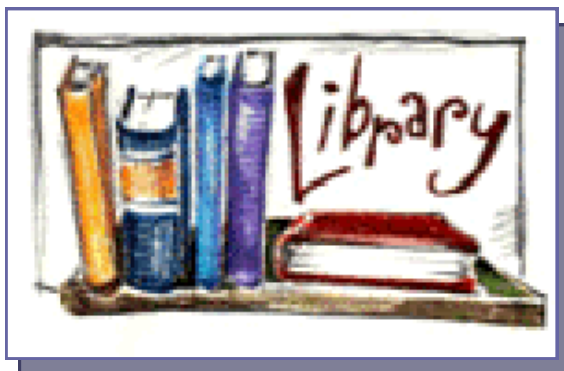
SIMPLE & SWEET STORYTIMES (Ages 3-5, siblings welcome)

Fridays at 11am (Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30) - Join us for the start of a new 6-week session of story times, the first of the year with songs and craft just for our little ones. The Newbury Town Library's Simple & Sweet Story Times are thematic in nature and offer an opportunity for children to hear stories from classic children's literature as well as new additions to our collection. The children are able to practice developmental skills, such as listening and taking turns, in a warm and welcoming environment, as well as to meet new people and maybe make a friend (children and parents/caregivers alike!). After we sing a song and share a story or two, we'll use our fine motor skills to create a simple craft that relates to the stories we've read. Please register on our online calendar found at newburylibrary.org - you will receive a confirmation email upon registration.

DO-DROP-IN PLAYTIME SESSIONS (Ages 0-4, siblings welcome)

Every Wednesday morning from 10:30am-12pm - Do drop in on Wednesday mornings for some playtime in the big room. We'll have all our toys pulled out, ready for some serious playtime! No registration required.

[Sign up](#) for our monthly eNewsletter containing information on our upcoming programs, or check out our website at www.newburylibrary.com/youth.



NES Calendar



January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				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/>

NEWBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SKI & SNOWBOARD PROGRAM

SCHEDULED DATES:

· Friday afternoons, January 9 (NES 1/2 day), 16, 23, 30, February 6 (NES 1/2 day) and 13.

TRANSPORTATION:

· All students must ride the bus to Bradford.

EQUIPMENT:

· Please bring equipment to the school no later than 2:00 pm on Friday (11 am on January 9 and Feb 6). The outside door to the little gym will be open by 7:45 am to drop off equipment.

PARENT PICK UP AT NES:

· NES buses should arrive back at the school around 6:30 pm.



· **PICK UP LOCATION AT NES** - at the round part of the school. Park in parking spots only so buses can get into the circle. You will be notified if this location changes for any week.

· Please be prompt in picking up at NES.

Did you know?

PARENT PICK UP AT BRADFORD:

Parents may choose to pick up their children at Bradford instead of having them take the return bus to NES.

· **IMPORTANT:** Student must be signed out by parent at the NES table and turn in ticket no later than 5:45 pm.

· Any student being picked up at Bradford or NES by someone other than his/her own parent must have a note releasing the student to that person.

· Every student must be accounted for before the buses leave Bradford. We cannot leave a student at Bradford without seeing the responsible adult.

CANCELLATIONS:

· Cancellation decisions are made by 11 am on Friday. An announcement will be made at school if the program is cancelled for the day, and an email will be sent out from nesskiprogram@gmail.com.

· Please discuss in advance your alternate end of day arrangements should the need to cancel occur. Remember, ski equipment cannot go home on the afternoon buses and arrangements must be made to pick up equipment stored at the school.

Contact Ellen Manning at nesskiprogram@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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