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Ms. Mackinney



This week's edition of the Newbury NEWT-paper is dedicated to Nancy Mackinney. Ms. Mackinney has worked at NES for 25 years and has been an active part of the NES community. Her dedication and focus on the students has been a tremendous asset to NES and she will be greatly missed.

Please join us in wishing Ms. Mackinney a wonderful and well deserved retirement where she can spend more time with her family and travel the world.

Thank you, Ms. Mackinney for your years at NES and your devotion to the entire NES community!

Newbury NEWT-paper Update...

The last edition of the 2013-2014 Newbury NEWT-paper will go out next week on June 13th.



Triton District State Band

On Friday, May 30th, the Triton District Stage Band (53 elementary students) traveled to Medford High School to participate in the Mass Bay Music Festival (MBMF) then enjoyed a trip on the Duck Tours in Boston. While we were at MBMF, we performed for two judges, had an on-stage clinic, were audience members for other performing ensembles,



ate lunch outside in the beautiful weather, then participated in a master class on our specific instruments. Every child was respectful, used their manners, and listened carefully to directions. I am honored to say that the Triton District Stage Band received the rating of EXCELLENT with 91 total points. The two judges had only wonderful things to say. The judges used phrases such as, "Your musicality is incredible!", "I can't believe you're all only 5th and 6th graders (not knowing one student is in 4th)... I would love to follow your progress and see where you are in 5 years!". "You only practice once a week for 1 hour all together? AMAZING!" I am honored and humbled to be their director.

After our success at MBMF, we celebrated by driving into Boston for a trip on the Duck Tours. Students and chaperones enjoyed the tour and our tour guides - they are so funny! This will hopefully be a trip that our instrumental students remember for a long time.

This event would not have been possible without the involvement and dedication of Christopher Farmer, Brian Forget, the elementary office and custodial staff, flexibility of our magnificent classroom teachers, and my 6 parent and teacher chaperones. An extra thank you goes out to the NES custodial staff for staying late while we were stuck in the Boston traffic. Thank you for giving our children the opportunity to further their music education.

Sincerely,
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Second Grade Update...

If you were on the NES grounds on a recent warm day, you may have seen painted lady butterflies taking flight as second graders excitedly looked on! Our ever-popular life cycle unit gave children the opportunity to observe the amazing metamorphosis of caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly. The only stage second graders missed was the egg! This science unit included lots of rich vocabulary such as larva, pupa, and proboscis. A highlight of our study was a trip to the Butterfly Place in



Westford. The PTA generously contributed to the cost of this unforgettable field lesson. Second graders were wowed as they walked among a beautiful variety of butterflies in a lush indoor garden. As we approach the end of the school year and reflect back on how our second graders have grown and changed themselves, we know that they will soon be ready to test their wings in third grade!

Poetry

Congratulations to all of the sixth grade poets who performed beautifully in Thursday evening's poetry share. The NES auditorium was packed and we all were impressed. The poetry was dramatic, inspirational, and witty. The sixth graders have worked very hard writing and practicing their poems and their hard work showed. A special thank you to their teachers for putting together such a fabulous event!



"All of life is a constant education."

-Eleanor Roosevelt

Thanks for Supporting the Walk-a-thon

PTA News...

The PTA thanks everyone who participated in today's walk-a-thon by walking, volunteering, or sponsoring a student. And, thank you to the Greater Boston Running Company for providing wrist bands for all participants. It was great to see our students be active while supporting a great cause. The money raised is being used to purchase Chromebook laptops for the school. If you still want to donate, you may write a check to the NES PTA and send it to school or donate online at www.newburypta.com.

Thanks go out to the walk-a-thon organizers, Elizabeth Mitchell, Pam Murray, Kim Watson, and Elaina Sayles.

Keep Saving Box Tops and Labels for Education

This year's collection of Box Tops raised \$2,299.50--almost \$1,000 more than last year!! Please continue to save Box Tops and Labels for Education over the summer and ask your relatives and co-workers to do the same. Lists of participating products are available online at [Box Tops Products](#) and [Labels for Education Products](#).

We received word that the Box Tops online shopping portal, [Box Tops Marketplace](#), will continue to earn points for our school until July 31st.

Fund the Annual Fund

The NES PTA Annual Fund allows NES community members and their families to make a tax-deductible donation each year to support key initiatives that aren't otherwise covered in the regular school budget.

Your donations can be targeted to specific areas like technology, enrichment activities, or other areas of your choice. In fact, we received an \$12,000 anonymous donation to enhance the Grades 1-6 playground. As a result, new swings will be added over the summer.

In addition to the anonymous \$12,000 donation, we've raised an additional \$5,000 to support next year's school activities.

Our goal is to raise another \$2,500 before the end of the year to support technology needs at our school.

Donating to the annual fund is easy:

Go to: www.newburypta.com/donate and enter "annual fund" in the message. Or, write a check payable to the NES PTA, place "annual fund" on the memo line, and return it to the PTA box in the school office.

Thanks in advance for your donations--they will help make our children's future even brighter at NES.

Questions? Please contact Belen Wieler, Hawes, our Annual Fund Chair at belenwieler@gmail.com

Last Call for Yearbooks!

If you haven't ordered a yearbook yet, pick up an order form in the school office.

Volunteer Help Needed

The PTA needs your help next year. We are looking for people to help organize the fall fundraiser and book fair. Please email newburypta@info@gmail.com to learn more.

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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 4:30 School Council 6th Grade Meet & Greet	3	4 6:30/ "Storm Surge" Community Infor- mation Night	5 6-7:30pm 6th Grade Poetry Night	6 NES Walk-a-thon	7
8	9	10 7am Student Council NES Field Day	11 10:00 Pre-K Show Step Up Day 7pm School Committee	12 Pre-K Shows 10am and 1:45pm	13 8:45-10:00 3Winter Author's Tea 1:30pm 2nd Grade Portfolio Share	14
15	16 Grade 4 Science Fair 1:45/Kindergarten graduation	17 9am Awards Assem- bly 6:00 Grade 6 Grad- uation/Recognition and Dance	18 6:30/ "Storm Surge" Community Infor- mation Night	19 Last Day of School Half Day Have a wonderful summer!	20	21
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Who's Who at Newbury Elementary School

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Meet the Fourth Grade Teachers...



Mrs. Arsenault has been part of the NES communi- ty for six years. During that time, she supervised the Kids Club program for two years and has taught as a fourth grade teacher for four years. Her favorite part of teaching is watching the transfor- mation of her students from September to June.

Mrs. Arsenault lives in Amesbury with her husband Andre and her son Charlie. In her free time she enjoys playing with her son, going to her lake house in Northwood, NH, coaching field hockey, and being outside!



Mrs. McParland has been a teacher at NES for eight years. Born in Ohio, she moved to Massa- chusetts when she was a teenager and currently lives in Byfield. Her husband and she have two sons, Matthew (16) and Evan (14), both Triton students. Her favorite hobbies are reading, at- tending her sons' sporting events, and jogging with her husband and very cute beagle, Maggie. This summer, she is look- ing forward to spending time at the beach and hiking the mountains of New England.



Mr. Astuccio grew up in Salisbury, MA and is a graduate of the Triton Regional School District. While studying elementary education at Stonehill College, Mr. Astuccio worked as a resident assis- tant, a teaching assistant, and put in intermittent shifts as the college's mascot, Ace the Skyhawk.

This has been his first year of teaching and he would like to offer his sincerest gratitude to the entire NES community for making his maiden voyage so seamless and enjoyable. Mr. As- tuccio plans to spend the summer months teaching in a STEM program. He is looking forward to summer weather, and will spend his time doing some of the things he loves most: jogging, reading, biking, writing, playing volleyball, and making his annual trip to Acadia National Park to hike, paddleboard, and visit family.



Ms. Dolphin has been teaching at NES for 6 years. Prior to NES, Ms. Dolphin taught 15 years in Fair- fax, VA and Hilton Head Island, SC teaching grades one through four. She is currently finishing up a ¾ loop and will go to third grade next year. In her free time, Ms. Dolphin likes to bike and walk her dog, Gracie. She also enjoys traveling, kayaking, and going to the beach. She discovered a new favorite read aloud with her class this year, The Mighty Miss Malone.