



# The Newbury Elementary School

## Newspaper

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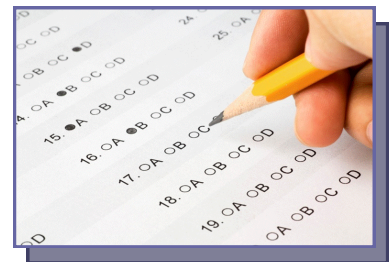
## Read Across America

On Monday morning, NES celebrated Dr. Seuss' Birthday and Read Across America Day. Students took an oath to read, listened to Ms. Ryan, *a.k.a.* The Cat in the Hat read aloud *Oh, the Places You'll Go*, and we were entertained by Mr. Williams, or was it Joey Marone singing to us about the importance of reading. The students were excited and it was a wonderful celebration of the importance of reading.



## PARCC and MCAS Assessment Calendar

This year, NES students in grades three through six will be taking the PARCC assessment. In addition, the fifth graders will take the MCAS Science and Technology/Engineering assessment in May. It is important that all students arrive to school on testing day on time. Testing will begin at the beginning of the school day. Thank you for your assistance in making this process go smoothly.



Please note that gum will not be permitted during testing times.

### March/April 2015 – Performance-Based Component (PBC)

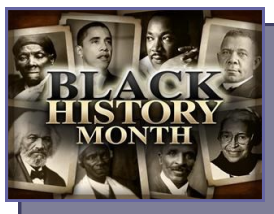
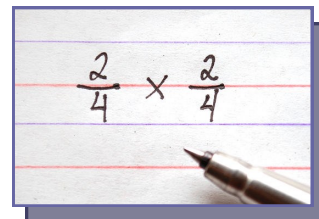
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
23 PARCC ELA/ Literacy Literary Analysis Grades 3 and 5	24 PARCC ELA/ Literacy Literary Analysis Grades 4 and 6	25 PARCC ELA/ Literacy Research Grades 3 and 5	26 PARCC ELA/ Literacy Research Grades 4 and 6	27 PARCC ELA/ Literacy Narrative Grades 3 and 6
30 PARCC ELA/ Literacy Narrative Grades 4 and 5	31 PARCC Math Session 1 Grades 3, 4, and 5	April 1 PARCC Math Session 1, Grade 6 Session 2, Grade 3	April 2 PARCC Math Session 2 Grades 4, 5, and 6	April 3 Make up day



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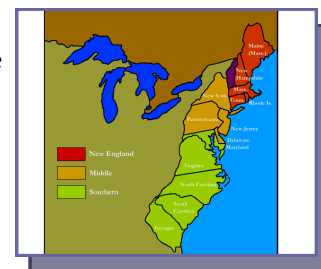
## Fifth Grade Update...

**Math:** Fractions, fractions, fractions!! Fifth grade has been very busy with fractions. The students recently finished a unit where they learned to use equivalent fractions to add and subtract fractions. They developed a fluency in calculating sums and differences of fractions and made reasonable estimates. The students are now in the midst of applying and extending previous understandings of multiplication and division to multiply and divide fractions. They are starting with visual models to understand the meaning of multiplying and dividing fractions. Check in with your fifth grader to see the knowledge they have so far with fractions!



**ELA:** 5th Graders spent the months of January and February developing historical studies for Black History Month. In a differentiated project, students researched a historical African-American figure and developed a poster educating their peers on this person. Students gathered information using graphic organizers, created writing plans using the Empowering Writers Expository Pillar, and then wrote a 5 paragraph essay. Our kids also created timelines, made portraits, had choices for vocabulary and inference reading selections. Please come tour our Black History Month gallery hanging in the 5th grade hallway!

**Social Studies:** In social studies, England is the "powerhouse" right now as we come off the study of the 13 original colonies. We found that the Northern Colonies profited from the plentiful forests while the Middle Colonies offered religious freedom to new settlers. The big cities of New York and Philadelphia offered new settlers a diverse culture in which to settle. The Southern colonies enjoyed large expanses of fertile soil which provided a surplus of food. Their long growing season and yes, their warm weather, helped them provide food for the colonies and parts of Europe. We discovered that the indigo crop was their most lucrative plant, netting 100 times the profit that tobacco supplied.



The colonies are established and successful with new settlers arriving everyday. As their population explodes and their expansion continues, so does the tension between the countries of France and England. Stay tuned to see what develops as each country vies to control the recently developed colonies of the New World.



**Science:** In the past few months students in the fifth grade have very busy examining the world of weather! We are nearing the end of our water cycle and weather unit, and each class has learned a great deal about some of Earth's most important systems.

After learning about the steps of the water cycle, students put their knowledge to use with a creative writing project. They each took on the perspective of a water molecule going through

the water cycle. Each student wrote a unique narrative using science vocabulary and a large amount of their own creativity. As we moved into our study of weather, fifth graders used parts of the Keys to Literacy program to dig deep into non-fiction text. They created top down webs and two column notes, enabling them to organize and summarize information on many important topics of our weather unit. We also got a special visit from the Museum of Science that further developed concepts studied in class. As we progressed through the unit, students studied all the different types of precipitation we see in New England and the weather instruments to explore how scientists measure the parts of the weather students had learned about. Moving into spring, fifth graders will begin their study of energy and how it takes many forms in the world around them.

This year was also the second year of the "Hour of Code". Students played games and completed activities that exposed them to the world of computer science. Most importantly, they collaborated well with each other to troubleshoot and figure out some tough programming challenges. If you would like to give it a try yourself, just go to <http://hourofcode.com/us> and give it a shot!

## Kindergarten Registration

Dear Parents & Guardians,

**Registration for Kindergarten and Preschool 2015/2016 is underway for the upcoming year!** We have begun using a new online registration system. It is important that we get everyone in each school district registered as soon as possible so that we can create balanced classrooms which promote a great learning environment.

The district is committed to providing a child centered learning experience where the values of respect, integrity, and excellence for all are the cornerstones of our work. We look forward to welcoming you to the district. If you would like to learn more about Triton, please visit our website at:

[www.trsd.net](http://www.trsd.net)

To start the process of enrolling your child in Kindergarten or Preschool for the 2015/2016 school year, please visit:

<http://www.trsd.net/student-services-and-programs/early-childhood-services/>

Kindergarten registrations are due by Friday, March 13th.

Preschool registrations are due by Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please note: **Children enrolling in Kindergarten must be 5 years of age on or before August 31st. Children enrolling in Preschool must be 3 years of age on or before August 31<sup>st</sup>.** In addition, the school requires a copy of a birth certificate, proof of residency, and record of current physical and immunizations. These will be collected at your child's screening. The school must receive these documents prior to your child starting school.

Thank you.

For questions or assistance with the registration process or the above details, please contact:

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday & Friday



“In the confrontation between the stream and the rock, the stream always wins—not through strength, but through persistence.”

-Buddha



## WORKSHOP ARTS INC.

For Immediate release 3/2/15

An Asian *fusion fairytale* filled with playful language, mesmerizing music, animated projections and uplifting dances are on stage at Theater Workshop. **Good Fortune**, is an original play written and directed by Stacey April Fix. The show runs from Thursday March 19th-Sunday March 22nd at Newbury Elementary School. **Good Fortune**, blends favorite Asian stories and mythology into a journey tale about a beautiful Asian Princess. Children dressed in Chinese pajamas narrate the tale of the mythical village of Good Fortune where Princess Lee Lee, a material girl, celebrates each birthday demanding great gifts. On her 16th birthday the Princess demands to receive the moon and instead she is sent on a journey by a spirit wizard. She travels the valley of lessons where she navigates her way through the fanciful story searching for answers to life's questions and learns meaningful lessons along the way. In the valley of lessons she encounters dazzling characters in brilliant costumes, dancing sisters, wise animals, kung fu fighters, a pond full of talking frogs and a giant dragon. The cast of 79 are from Newbury, Salisbury, Byfield, Newburyport and Rowley. **Good Fortune**, is a performance that is culturally enriching and entertaining for the whole family. A special **Benefit Performance in honor of Kevin Sicard is Saturday March 21st 3:00**. All proceeds from the special performance will benefit the Sicard Children's Education Fund.-Kendale (14) , Kamren (12), and Kalista (7) have been actively involved with Theater Workshop and the community for many years. All three children are in **Good Fortune**. To help the Sicard children, you can attend the performance and make your donation at the door, suggested minimum: \$20 per person. All seating is limited to first come first serve. Donations are accepted in cash, checks, or credit card. If you would like to help and can not attend the benefit performance you can still donate to the Sicard Children's education fund at the Workshop Arts website: [www.workshopartsinc.org](http://www.workshopartsinc.org) All donations are greatly appreciated and tax deductible.

### WHAT

Good Fortune...a fusion fairytale | A Theater Workshop Production presented by WORKSHOP ARTS INC. an original script directed by Stacey April Fix

*Also the Special Benefit performance for the Sicard Children's Education Fund*

### WHEN

Thursday March 19th 7:00pm

Friday March 20th 7:00pm

*Saturday March 21st 3:00pm Benefit Performance No ticket. Donations at the door.*

Saturday March 21st 7:00pm

Sunday March 22nd 1:00pm

### WHERE

Newbury Elementary School, 63 Hanover Street Newbury MA

### HOW

Tickets \$10, \$15 and \$25. Contact: TWSboxoffice@gmail.com Reservations Recommended.

THEATER WORKSHOP PRESENTS

# Good Fortune

an Asian Fusion Fairytale

Directed by Stacey April Fix

March Show Dates

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00  
 Fri 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00  
 Sat 21<sup>st</sup> 7:00  
 Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> 1:00

NEWBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
 63 Hanover Street, Newbury, MA

WWW.WORKSHOPARTSINC.ORG  
 TICKET INFORMATION: twsboxoffice@gmail.com  
 Theater Workshop is a Workshop Arts Inc. Program

This program is supported in part by grants from the Newbury, Newbury and Salisbury Cultural Councils, local agencies supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

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THEATER WORKSHOP PRESENTS

# Good Fortune

Directed by Stacey April Fix

A Special Performance

to Benefit the Sicard Children's Education Fund

Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 3:00PM  
 NEWBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Seats available on a first-come first serve basis
- Each seat a suggested \$20 minimum donation
- Cash, checks or credit cards accepted
- All Donations Are Tax Deductible
- Donations Accepted At The Door Or Online

WWW.WORKSHOPARTSINC.ORG

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## Massachusetts Children's Book Awards 2015

43 students in grades 4-6 participated in the 2015 Massachusetts Children's Book Award program and had the opportunity to vote for their favorite title on Tuesday, March 3rd as part of the MCBA voting day in the Library. Students were invited to read five books from the nominee list throughout the year and have been writing book reviews and creating posters for their favorite titles. NES readers selected *Lions of Little Rock* by Kristin Levine as the MCBA winner, and *The Great Unexpected* by Sharon Creech and *The Shadow: Book of Elsewhere* as second and third choices. All who participated are to be congratulated for their reading accomplishments, enthusiasm and their important role as voters! Congratulations to Kate Olson and Kailey Abbott-Bishop for being the "25" readers, they both read all 25 titles on the nominee list! NES results will be sent to the state as part of the statewide vote and results from the state vote will be announced by the end of March. Happy Reading!





Thursday  
March 12  
5 - 8:45 pm

## District Arts Festival

A districtwide celebration of student creativity at  
**TRITON HIGH SCHOOL**

**5:00—6:30 pm**

K-12 Art Exhibit

Make and Take Stations

Student Artist Demonstrations

**6:00 pm**

Color Guard performance

Winter percussion Performance

**7:00 pm**

Festival Concert



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For more information visit:

[tritonarts.net](http://tritonarts.net)

Newbury Elementary School Presents

## All School Art

## Exhibit

**March 16-20**

**2015**

See work by all the students at NES!

And

Compliments of the PTA

Enjoy a special display of work by

Dutch Artist

## Vincent Van Gogh

## ENRICHMENT CHAIRPERSON OPENING

Newbury Elementary is currently seeking a parent volunteer to serve as **Enrichment Chairperson** (or team up with a friend and become co-Enrichment Chairs!). This is a fun and rewarding job and almost all the work can be done from home. No experience is necessary – just be organized and have a desire to support the C.A.R.E.S. culture at NES! In this role, you will partner with the PTA and Principal to plan and execute school-wide enrichment programs. Past programs have included character building programs like World of Jump Roping and Molly Sliney Olympic Fencer, cultural and musical programs such as Russian Ensemble Barynya and Tony Vacca African Percussion as well as storytelling programs like Odds Bodkin and Len Cabral (ask your kids about them)! You will also oversee a team of parent Enrichment Coordinators who help individual grades with their enrichment programs. Zoe Fogarty, the current incumbent, is stepping down at the end of this school year, but will provide full training and guidance. All interested parents are encouraged to contact us to learn more. If you are interested, please email Zoe Fogarty at [zoe-andmike@comcast.net](mailto:zoe-andmike@comcast.net) or Principal Beth Yando at [byando@trsd.net](mailto:byando@trsd.net).

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](mailto:apasquarello@trsd.net) by the Wednesday before the newsletter is published.

## PTA Update...

### PTA Spring Luau Party and Silent Auction

Friday, March 27th, 5-8 pm

Plans are coming together for our biggest event of the year. Don't miss it! There will be fun for all ages, including:

Photo Booth                  Limbo Contest                  Indoor Miniature Golf                  New Games of Skill  
Arts and Crafts                  Pizza, Hot Dogs, Drinks and Baked Goods for sale

Bid on great auction items online ahead of time and at the party!

\$5/person, \$20 max per family, no charge for children under age 4.

**Hawaiian shirts are encouraged!**

### PARTY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need lots of help with the Spring Fling Luau. There are tasks ahead of time, and the night of the event. Sign up to volunteer at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e48a5a72ca46-family1> or email [newburyptainfo@gmail.com](mailto:newburyptainfo@gmail.com).

If we want to continue the events and supports that the PTA traditionally offers, we need to raise \$15-20,000. We need help to pull it off!

### Presentation on Social Skills Curriculum at NES Coffee House on March 13

Come enjoy a morning of fun and fellowship at the next PTA Coffee House on March 13th. There will be drinks and snacks available at 8:30, and then at 9, school staff will teach us about the new Second Steps social curriculum the PTA funded. This will be a great opportunity to meet other families and learn what your students are learning!

**Friday, March 13th                  8:30-10 am                  Presentation at 9                  NES Story Room**

All school community members and younger children are welcome. No RSVP is needed.

### NES GROWS *Creating a dynamic playground for our students and the community*

Would you or your child like to help design parts of the new schoolyard? We are currently looking for someone to lead the *Children's Representative Group*. Fully supported by NES GROWS and Play By Design, the focus of this group will be guided by the interests of the student members. Activities range from designing whimsical features, to designing play features, or learning more about the materials used to build the play structures and investigate where we can get the materials.

Would you like to **take a tour of the new playground design**? Visit <http://nesgrows.com/playground-design/>

Support the playground rebuild by attending the **Fairy and Gnome Discovery Walk at Petengill Farm** on Saturday, May 16th. We invite you to submit your own Fairy and Gnome house for the event. All houses welcome, and there is no submission fee. All proceeds we receive from the event will go directly to the playground rebuild. This inaugural event is a first-time collaboration between the Salisbury and Newbury Elementary School PTAs to foster community between our two towns. For more information, please visit <http://fairygnomewalk.weebly.com/>

## PTA Update Continued...

The next **Fundraising and Marketing Committee** meeting is Friday, March 13th, 2-3pm @ the NES conference room. Join us!

### The 2015-16 PTA needs YOU

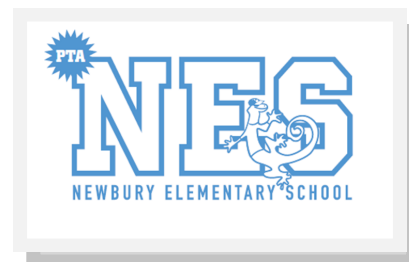
Short term, we need volunteers to staff our events. We need Spring Luau Party and Silent Auction committee workers. But longer term, **we need volunteers to lead the PTA next year**. Several of the current board members will be leaving their positions after years of service. Have an interest in being a school community leader? Have a nomination for a PTA officer? Email [newburypta@gmail.com](mailto:newburypta@gmail.com). We can provide information on the benefits and responsibilities of being involved.

### How to stay in touch:

**Email:** [newburypta@gmail.com](mailto:newburypta@gmail.com)      **Web:** [www.newburypta.com](http://www.newburypta.com)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/nespta](http://www.facebook.com/nespta)      **Donations:** [www.newburypta.com/donate](http://www.newburypta.com/donate)

**Playground Information:** [www.nesgrows.com](http://www.nesgrows.com)



## SEPAC News and Events

The Triton Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) is a group of community members whose mission is to work for understanding of, respect for, and support of all children with special needs in the community. Contact us at [sepactriton@gmail.com](mailto:sepactriton@gmail.com)

### Sign up for the SEPAC emails!

Learn about upcoming events and resources in our town and in the area by being on our email list. To sign up, send your name and email address to: [SEPACtriton@gmail.com](mailto:SEPACtriton@gmail.com).

### Upcoming SEPAC events:

#### SEPAC MEET-UP

Friday, March 20th, 9-10 am

Tannery Lobby, Newburyport (chairs by the Jabberwocky entrance)

Meet other parents and guardians in a casual atmosphere to share experiences and resources. Younger children are welcome to accompany you; snacks and coffee are available for purchase nearby.

#### IEP WORKSHOP

Monday, March 30th, 7 pm

Rowley Public Library, 141 Main St., Rowley

Attorney Michelle Moor will present an IEP Workshop designed to help parents and guardians understand the "basics" of an IEP (i.e., what goes where and why), advocate effectively within the school team process to develop a meaningful IEP for a child; and avoid some common mistakes.

Michelle Moor is a graduate of Vassar College and Northeastern University School of Law. Attorney Moor's practice is de-



voted entirely to working with families to ensure that students in Massachusetts receive the educational services to which they are entitled. She routinely consults with families about educational and civil rights matters, represents families during negotiations with school districts, as well as at disciplinary and manifestation hearings, hearings before the Bureau of Special Education Appeals, and in state and federal court. Attorney Moor has been named as a Rising Star among attorneys in New England by *Super Lawyers* in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2014. She is a member of the Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA), the Special Needs Advocacy Network (SPAN), and the Massachusetts Bar Association.

### SEPAC BUSINESS MEETING

Monday, April 13th, 6 pm

Location TBA

Join in the discussion about events and activities for the remainder of the school year, the summer and the new school year.

### Learning Opportunities for Students with Intellectual Disabilities in Massachusetts Public Colleges and Universities

Monday, April 13th, 6:30pm

Location TBA

Glenn Gabbard, PhD, is the coordinator of Inclusive Concurrent Education Enrollment for the state Executive Office of Education. He will present information on state funded program opportunities available to public high school students with severe disabilities, ages 18-22, who have not passed MCAS. This presentation will be helpful for any parent with a child of transition age.

## Green MachiNES

### *Reminder about the Pen/Pencil/Marker Recycling Program!*

We wanted to remind you about a recycling program at NES. Last spring we started collecting all brands of writing instruments, including pens, pencils, markers, and highlighters (anything except for crayons). There is a large blue round receptacle in the NES lobby as well as individual ones in some of the classrooms to put your items in. We also have a collection box at the Newbury Town Library. Not only will we help reduce waste, but will also get paid two cents per piece. All proceeds will go towards further green initiatives at NES. To date, we have collected over 2000 pieces, earning approximately \$40.

This recycling program is through TerraCycle, an upcycling and recycling company that collects difficult-to-recycle packaging and products and repurposes the material into affordable, innovative products. For more information, check out:

<http://www.terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/writing-instruments-brigade-r.html> .

Please save your writing instruments at home and send them in with your student.

Here is the list of what is acceptable. Note that this includes *all brands*:

- \* Pens and caps
- \* Pencils
- \* Mechanical pencils
- \* Markers and caps
- \* Highlighters and caps
- \* Permanent markers and caps (like Sharpies)
- \* Dry eraser markers and caps

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Sally Milliken at [milldoo@comcast.net](mailto:milldoo@comcast.net) or Tammy Cotter at [tammycotter@comcast.net](mailto:tammycotter@comcast.net).

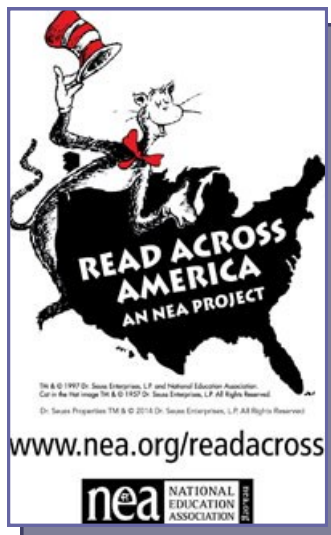


## March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1:00-3:00 Girls Field Hockey	2 8:45-9:15 Read Across America 6-8pm SEPAC	3	4 4:15 School Council	5	6 <b>Half Day: Professional Development</b> Marks Close	7
8 1:00-3:00 Girls Field Hockey	9	10 7:30 am Student Council	11 7 pm School Com- mittee	12 Grades 5 and 6 Dis- trict Arts Festival (All Day  7pm District Arts Festi- val	13 8:30-10:00 PTA Coffee House	14 TWS Dress Rehearsal
15	16	17 Grades 5 and 6 Math Meet	18 Report Cards go home  TWS School Perfor- mance	19 <b>Half Day: Parent Conferences</b>  7 pm TWS Performance	20 <b>Half Day: Parent Conferences</b>  7 pm TWS Perfor- mance	21 7 pm TWS Performance
22 7 TWS Matinee Perfor- mance	23 PARCC/ELA Grades 3 and 5	24 PARCC/ELA Grades 4 and 6	25 PARCC/ELA Grades 3 and 5  7 pm School Committee (Tentative)	26 PARCC/ELA Grades 4 and 6  3:15 Technology Com- mittee	27 PARCC/ELA Grades 3 and 6 5:00-8:00 PM PTA Spring Luau Party/ Auction	28
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## Did you know?

NEA sponsors Read Across America every year in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday. The national event is meant to promote literacy and encourage students to read. Students and teachers at NES took the Read Across America Oath on Monday. To the right is a copy of the oath that was recited in school across America.



### Read Across America Oath

I promise to read  
 Each day and each night.  
 I know it's the key  
 To growing up right.

I'll read to myself,  
 I'll read to a crowd.  
 It makes no difference  
 If silent or loud.

I'll read at my desk,  
 At home and at school,  
 On my bean bag or bed,  
 By the fire or pool.

Each book that I read  
 Puts smarts in my head,  
 'Cause brains grow more thoughts  
 The more they are fed.

So I take this oath  
 To make reading my way  
 Of feeding my brain  
 What it needs every day.