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Thank you from the Senior Center

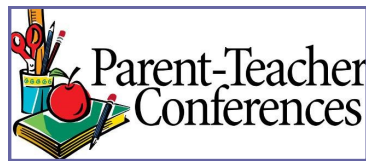


The daisies from troop 69918 ; Ellebe F., Annie J. and Kari P. came by the Senior Center yesterday and donated Girl Scout cookies to the Elders in Newbury. An anonymous donor in Newbury bought and donated 20 boxes and the daisies donated 28 boxes.

I want to thank all the daisies for their hard work in selling the cookies for a cause and thank them for their generous donation. We held a St. Patty's Day luncheon last week and all those in attendance went home with a box of cookies. The remaining boxes of cookies will be donated to those elders who are homebound and receive Meals on Wheels. This will be a special treat for them as well.

Thank you,

The Newbury Council on Aging



Thank you to all who participated in the parent teacher conferences this week. Your support and collaboration with the classroom teachers is greatly appreciated and creates the best environment for student achievement.

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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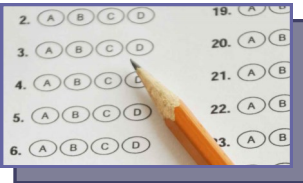
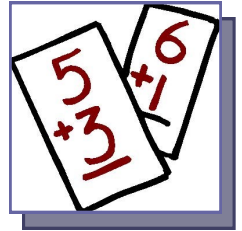
Third Grade Update...

Science: Our sound unit has culminated with the well-loved musical instrument project which helps the students to synthesize their understanding of sound concepts. Your children did an amazing job to produce not only creative instruments, but well written research reports.



Social Studies: The American Revolution is an exciting period in Massachusetts history. The third graders will be going back in time and learning about what life was like during that time period and how Newbury and the surrounding towns played a part in it all. We will be focusing on the thirteen colonies and the causes of the revolution.

Math: We will be finishing up our unit on geometry and measurement soon. Students have learned the concepts of area, perimeter, measurement with rulers as well as liquid measure. Our next unit will focus on fractions. These lessons lend themselves very well to hands on lessons and projects. We are continuing to implement Moby Max in school and encourage practice at home as well. Just a helpful reminder that mastery of math facts is a foundational skill that has impact on real-life situations. The expectations are that all third grade students will have mastery of their addition, subtraction, and multiplication facts to 10.



PARCC: PARCC testing begins next week. We have been busy preparing your children to take both the ELA and Math tests. We have reminded them that this is the first time for all of us taking and giving this state test and that all we ask of them is to do their best and be confident in all of the learning they have accomplished this year so far.

NES All School Art Exhibit



Thank you to Ms. Merluzzi for all of the hard work that went into the All School Art Exhibit. Artwork was on display throughout the week and students were given the opportunity to tour the school and enjoy the beautiful pieces. Parents were encouraged to take a look while they were in the building for parent conferences. We are so lucky to have such wonderful artists in the NES community.

Triton Youth Basketball



This weekend, March madness was fever pitch for quite a few NES 5th and 6th graders who made it to the championship games for their Triton Youth Basketball travel teams. Their amazing seasons resulted in:

- 5th grade girls won Triton youth basketball's 1st ever

Division 1 championship

- 5th grade boys made it to Division 2 championship game and placed 2nd, as runner up
- 6th grade boys made it to Division 2 championship game and placed 2nd, as runner up
- 6th grade girls playing on 7th grade team won the Division 3 championship.

Congratulations on a great season!

"Always desire to learn
something useful."

-Sophocles



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 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.



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.

Children's Programs at the Newbury Library

CLOSED SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			10:30a-12p Do Drop In Playgroup (ages 0-4)		10:30-11a (ages 1-1/2 and under) Babies & Blocks 11a (ages 3-5) StoryTime 11:45a (ages 3-5) Lunch Bunch	
			10:30a-12p Do Drop In Playgroup (ages 0-4)	1-2p Sprouting Melodies (ages 18mos-3yrs)	10:30-11a (ages 1-1/2 and under) Babies & Blocks 11a (ages 3-5) StoryTime 11:45a (ages 3-5) Lunch Bunch 1p & 3p (all ages) 1/2 Day Movies!	10:15- 11a Read to a Dog reading sessions with Blu, Therapy Dog (ages 6+)
		4:30-5:30p Laughs & Crafts: Mason Jar Luminaries (grades 4-8) <i>*note now time</i>	10:30a-12p Do Drop In Playgroup (ages 0-4)			
		April Vacation!	11a TOTO the Tornado Kitten visits the Newbury Library! (all ages)		10:30a-12p Friday Do Drop In Playgroup (ages 0-4) 11a K'NEX Workshop (ages 7-10)	10:15- 11a Read to a Dog reading sessions with Blu, Therapy Dog (ages 6+)
		River Valley Charter School Poetry Display (through end of April)				
			10:30a-12p Do Drop In Playgroup (ages 0-4)			



Please join us
for our upcoming
Flatbread Fundraiser
for the
**FRIENDS OF THE
NEWBURY TOWN LIBRARY**
Tuesday, April 7th, 2015 5-9pm

Please join us Tuesday, April 7th for dinner between 5pm and 9pm and a portion of each flatbread ordered will go directly to The Friends Of The Newbury Town Library. You do *not* need to present this postcard at the event and take-out is also allowed. Thank you for your support!

Flatbread phone: 978-834-9800

Questions? Please send us an email at: friends@newburytownlibrary@gmail.com

Visit our web site: www.font.wordpress.com




YOUTH PROGRAMS

April 2015

Sign up for our eNewsletter to hear about programs like these at: www.newburylibrary.com/

Babies & Blocks
(Ages 0-4, siblings welcome)
Fridays at 10:30am (Apr. 3, 10) - 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. * Hosted by Family Connection

Story Time
(Ages 3-5, siblings welcome)
Fridays at 11am (Apr. 3, 10) - This month we have a special guest for our April 3rd Story Time called SHEEP TO SHAWL. The Spencer Peirce Little Farm will be reading a story about sheep and their fleeces, and teaching children to spin wool to make a bracelet. Please register to save your spot on our online calendar found at newburylibrary.org.

LUNCH BUNCH (Ages 3-5, siblings welcome)
Fridays at 11:45am (Apr. 3, 10) - Story time functions as a way for children to learn valuable socialization skills, and LUNCH BUNCH will facilitate the development of these social skills even more. Please sign up online.

Sprouting Melodies (Ages 18mos - age 3)
Thursday, Apr. 9th at 1pm: This is the last Sprouting Melodies program until September due to funding. 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. Registration is required.

Toto the Tornado Kitten is coming to the Newbury Town Library! (All Ages)
Wed., April 22nd at 11am: Jonathan Hall and Toto the Tornado Kitten are traveling to the Newbury Town Library to read Jonathan's true story books of how Toto was found and rescued after the 2011 tornadoes in the Brimfield, MA areas of Western Massachusetts. Children will have the opportunity to provide Toto with soft and gentle pats after the story. For more info, check out their website: <http://www.totothetornadokitten.com/>

Read to a DOG:
Reading Sessions with Blu (Grades 2-6)
Saturday, April 11th & 25th @ 10:15am - 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 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. Signup on our online calendar - registration is required.

Do-drop-in Playtime Sessions
(Ages 0-4, siblings welcome)
Every Wednesday Morning from 10:30a-12p - 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. * Please note, Do Drops has been rescheduled for Friday the 24th during April Vacation week.

Friday, April 10th: Half-Day DOUBLE FEATURE!
• 1pm Penguins of Madagascar (PG)
• 3pm Night at the Museum 3, Secret of the Tomb (PG)
Popcorn and bottled water will be available. Children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Please register on our online calendar found at newburylibrary.org.

Laughs & Crafts (Grades 4-8): MASON JAR LUMINARIES
Tuesday, April 14th @ 4:30-5:30pm*
In this Laughs & Crafts session, we will be making beautiful mason jar luminaries out of mason jars, glass beads, and battery-operated tea lights. These will make a perfect gift, or a great decoration for the home! We will meet in the small meeting room in the Children's section of the library. This class is limited to 12 participants, so register early to save your space. Registration is required. (* Please note the new time)

Friday, April 24th 11am-12pm: K'NEX Workshop (Ages 7-10)
Are you familiar with the K'NEX systems? Similar to Legos, they offer children the opportunity to design and create... whatever! Newbury Town Library has received a donation of K'NEX system pieces and is inviting budding builders to explore their possibilities! Space is available for 8 children, registration required.

NEW Sensory Bins Available
(Toddlers and Pre-k) Available by request. Sensory bins offer toddler and preschool aged children the opportunity to practice fine motor skills through touch, as well as counting, sorting, pattern-making, and matching. Feeling textures, temperature, vibration and more on the skin is all part of tactile sensory input and learning.



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www.newburylibrary.org/youth

BYFIELD NEWBURY

Ice Ball Little League Softball

IMPORTANT BNLL NEWS & UPDATES- MARCH 2015

Team Placements: Team placements will be announced the week of March 22nd. You will receive an email from your player's coach with specific team and practice details.

Opening Day, April 26th: Ceremonies, with a parade and cookout at Pearson Field, will take place at 11:00 am. We need many volunteers to make the day a success. Please email bnllupdates@gmail.com or send a message through our Facebook page, Byfield Newbury Baseball and Softball if you can help out for an hour or so.

Save the Date: BNLL 80's Dance Party Fundraiser, Saturday, May 9th, 7-12pm:
Every year, we host a fundraiser to help us cover costs associated with running the league including hiring umpires, hosting opening & closing day, and maintaining & improving our fields. This year, we're having a fabulous DJ spin classic 80's dance tunes & providing delicious appetizers prepared by Mission Oak Grill. The Cost will be \$30.00 per person & there will be a cash bar. Tickets will be available for purchase soon. Be sure to book your babysitter now!

Thanks again for being part of the BNLL Family. We are poised for many great things this season and it's because of the players, families, and community members that make it what it is.

Here's to the 2015 Season. Let's play ball.

Like our new Facebook page: Byfield Newbury Baseball & Softball & follow us on Twitter: @bnllupdates



Go back to the 80's and dance the night away with DJ Super Dupier Scott Cooper

Appetizers Silent Auction Cash Bar

Steeple Hill at Mission Oak Grill 16 Green St Newburyport, Ma.

Visit us for more information: <http://byfieldnewburylittleleague.com/>

SEPAC UPCOMING EVENTS:

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 devoted 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.

WORKSHOP:

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

Monday, April 13th, 6:30pm

Location TBA

PRESENTATION:

Shut Up About Your Perfect Kid! The Movement of Imperfection.

Thursday, May 7th, 7 pm

Triton High School Auditorium

Designed for caregivers of special children, this humorous, heartwarming 90-minute workshop is based on the best-selling book, *Shut Up About Your Perfect Kid! A Survival Guide for Ordinary Parents of Special Children*. Using hilarious anecdotes and fun exercises (no Spandex required), Gina and Patty Gallagher will show attendees how to let go of the expectations they have for their children and embrace the reality. Join their 800,000 followers on Facebook or read about their movement of imperfection at www.shutupabout.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

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.



PTA Update...

PTA SPRING FLING LUAU and SILENT AUCTION

Next Friday: March 27th, 5-8 pm

NES GYM and CAFETERIA

Fun for all ages:

Indoor miniature golf, crafts, games, photo booth, limbo contest, chill room, food for purchase, and more! Wear your Hawaiian shirt!

Buy tickets online and register to bid at: <http://tinyurl.com/NES-Spring-Fling>

Or, buy tickets later but register to bid now at: <http://tinyurl.com/NESBidders>

Tickets will be available at the door. Advanced sign up for bidders is recommended, but not required.

See a list of auction items at: <http://tinyurl.com/NESCatalog>

Bid ahead or at the auction: Adults over age 18 can bid in person at the event, or can bid online until March 26th at midnight. Auction winners will be determined at the silent auction on March 27th.

Volunteer to help or donate baked goods at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e48a5a72ca46-family1>

Questions? newburyptainfo@gmail.com

Some of our great auction items:

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|---|--|--------------------------|
| Custom Window Treatments | Ride a Fire Truck to School | Summer camps |
| Massage and Facial Gift Certificates | Custom portraits & landscaping paintings | Music Lessons |
| Painting Parties | Whoopie Pie Baking Party | Principal for the Day |
| Trampoline Time with Mrs. Paige | Miniature Golf w/the Fourth Grade Teachers | Extra recess for a class |
| Painting Bird Houses with Mrs. Williams | | |
| Kayak rental for a day for eight | | |

And many more! Check them out and bid online or at the auction itself!



**Newbury PTA
SPRING FLING LUAU
AND SILENT AUCTION**

All proceeds benefit the Newbury PTA to support the school's programs and activities!


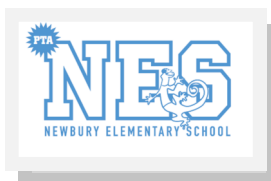
**Friday, March 27
5-8 pm**
NEWBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ACTIVITIES: Miniature golf, spin art, photo booth, games, and food!

SILENT AUCTION: Featuring gift certificates, travel, sports outings, fun experiences with school staff, and more!

ADMISSION: \$5/person, under 4 free, \$20 max for family

Email newburyPTAinfo@gmail.com for more information.


**ANNOUNCING THE NES AUCTION
GOLDEN TICKET RAFFLE!**

You could win your favorite auction item!



Help your school! Help yourself win an auction item of your choice!

Here's how it works:
Your \$100 donation to NES PTA enters you in a raffle to win THE GOLDEN TICKET. The winner can redeem their GOLDEN TICKET for any NES Spring Fling Luau Auction item before the event! Only 25 Golden Tickets will be sold! (A minimum of ten Golden Tickets must be sold or money will be refunded.)

If you win: Your favorite auction item will be yours for a bargain and without the bidding war! If you don't win, your \$100 will bring exciting educational opportunities to the deserving children of NES! Now that's a win-win!

Priceless and high-valued items could be yours to win. Items include:

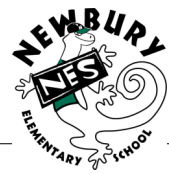
- Fun Experiences with Teachers and Staff
- Principal for the Day
- Ride to School on a Newbury Fire Truck
- Photo Shoot with Professional Photographer
- Popular Summer Camp Sessions
- A Long Weekend Away at A Lakeside Cottage in Maine

Check out these and many more items and buy advance admission tickets at www.newburyptainfo.com. The list of auction items and advanced online bidding will be available on March 21. The Spring Fling Luau and Auction is March 27.

Ticket and payment must be turned into NES Office by **Thursday, March 26 at 8:45 am**. A random drawing will be held at 9 am and the winner will be notified. Email newburyptainfo@gmail.com with questions.

To enter THE GOLDEN TICKET raffle, you must be 18 years old and return this form along with a **\$100 check made out to NES PTA** to the NES School Office.

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____



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 Half Day: Profes- sional Development 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 District Arts Festival (All Day) 7pm District Arts Festival	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 Half Day: Parent Con- ferences 7 pm TWS Performance	20 Half Day: Parent Conferences 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 Commit- tee	27 PARCC/ELA Grades 3 and 6 5:00-8:00 PM PTA Spring Luau Party/ Auction	28
29	30 PARCC/ELA Grades 4 and 5	31 PARCC/Math Grades 3, 4, and 5				

Did you know?

Last Saturday, March 14th, two Newbury Elementary School Destination Imagination teams traveled to Greater Lawrence Technical High School in Andover, MA to compete in the Region 5 Destination Imagination Tournament. Destination Imagination, a program that encourages challenge-based problem solving, presents teams with a challenge to which they must respond entirely independent from adult interference. At the tournament, both The Sound Surfers and Team Scream presented their Central Challenge performance, which they have been working on for many months, in addition to responding to an Instant Challenge, a problem they were assigned to solve on-site.

The Sound Surfers, comprised of Vincent M., Edward Z., Cole J., Patrick S., Nicholas H-B., and Patrick W. competed in the “Making Waves” challenge. Over the course of the past few months, the team worked together using the engineering design process to build a functioning sound machine that would produce two different sounds. Additionally, they wrote and performed a skit about traveling into the sound dimension, were required to demonstrate a change of narrative pace in their skit, and planned and displayed two visual representations of sound waves during their performance. We are very proud to announce that The Sound Surfers placed second in their challenge at the regional tournament. Congratulations, Sound Surfers!

Team Scream, composed of Frankie V., Jack H., Sam M., Alex Y., Alex F., and Will S., competed in the “Feary Tales” challenge. Over the past several months, the team worked together to craft a fairy tale about a character dealing with a phobia. Moreover, the team collaborated to create an expressive piece of artwork and a functional piece of artwork, both of which had to woven into their fairy tale. Lastly, the team had to incorporate an illusion into their story. Choosing to create a fairy tale about a version of Santa Claus who has a phobia of the ever-popular Elf on the Shelf, we are proud to announce that Team Scream placed second in their challenge and are advancing to the Massachusetts State Tournament on Saturday, March 28th. Good luck, Team Scream.

Congratulations to both The Sound Surfers and Team Scream for all of their hard work over the past several months and for wonderfully representing Newbury Elementary School at the Regional Tournament. Keep up the great work!

