



# The Newbury Elementary School Newt-paper

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## PTA Family Spring Fling and Silent Auction Bidding is Tonight

The PTA Family Spring Fling and Silent Auction is tonight, 5-7 pm. The PTA has worked hard to present a night of great fun while raising valuable funds for the PTA.

Admission is \$5 per person (under 4 free) and all adults receive a free week membership at Latitude Sports Club.

Enjoy playing miniature golf, making spin art and sand art, playing games, and relaxing in the Chill Room. (Please note the playground is not open during the event.) Food and drinks will be for sale, and several teachers and staff members will be on hand helping out alongside our parents.

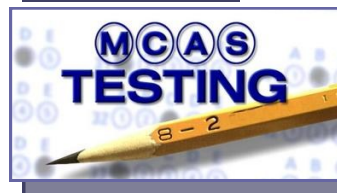
The silent auction features over 125 items donated by our community, including some by our staff and our district athletics and arts programs. There is something for everyone. If you can't come, view the list of items at [www.newburypta.com](http://www.newburypta.com) and submit your bid via email this afternoon by 4 pm to [newburyptainfo@gmail.com](mailto:newburyptainfo@gmail.com).

All proceeds go to the PTA to support our students.

## Change of plans during the school day...



If you have a change in plans for your child during the school day, please notify the office before noon as the office gets very busy towards the end of the day.



During the month of March, NES students in grades 3-6 will be taking the MCAS Reading Comprehension and Long Composition tests. It is important to make sure students come to school well rested each day and have had a nutritious breakfast. Please note that testing will begin promptly at 9:00. Any student who comes to school on a testing day after 9:00 will not be allowed into the classroom as it will disturb students who are testing. Below is the schedule for testing in March. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Monday, March 17th	<b>Grades 3 and 5</b>	Reading Comprehension (Day 1)
Tuesday, March 18th	<b>Grade 4</b>	Long Composition – <b>Starting at 8:45</b>
Wednesday, March 19th	<b>Grades 3 and 5</b>	Reading Comprehension (Day 2)
Tuesday, March 25th	<b>Grades 4 and 6</b>	Reading Comprehension (Day 1)
Wednesday, March 26th	<b>Grades 4 and 6</b>	Reading Comprehension (Day 2)
Wednesday, March 27th	<b>Grade 4</b>	Long Composition Make-up Day

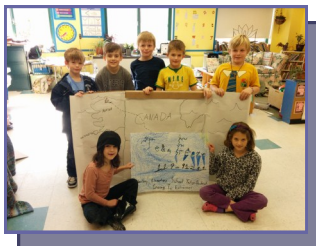


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## Destination Imagination

Two Destination Imagination (DI) teams from NES will compete in the Region 5 Regional Tournament at Andover High School this Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Both teams have been working hard since November. The Regional Tournament is an opportunity to show the work they have done. They will take part in a main challenge and instant challenge. We wish them both the best of luck!

*TEAM FREEZE* is made up of Evan, Ashton, David, Sam, Avery, Jess, and Frankie



*RISING STARS ANIMAL CIRCUS TEAM* is made up of Angela, Charlie, Cooper, Dante, Henry, Jackson, and Nadia



“It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.”

-Aristotle

## Green MachiNES

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

We wanted to remind you about the new recycling program at NES. We are 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 the classrooms to put your items in. Not only will we help reduce waste, but also will get paid two cents per piece. All proceeds will go towards further green initiatives at NES.

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:

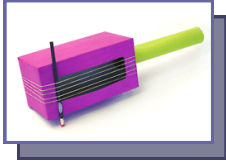
- \* Pens and caps
- \* Pencils and wooden pencils
- \* Mechanical pencils
- \* Markers and caps
- \* Highlighters and caps
- \* Permanent markers and caps (like Sharpies)
- \* Dry eraser markers and caps



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).

# Third Grade Update

Third graders had a successful week working on their very first ELA MCAS test. We were proud of their focus and diligence during both testing sessions. Thank you for sending them into school prepared!



Our sound unit will/has culminated with the well-loved musical instrument project which helps the students to synthesize their understanding of sound concepts. The ones we have seen so far are outstanding and very creative.

The American Revolution is an exciting period in Massachusetts history. The third graders are loving going back in time and learning about what life was like during that time 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.



Our upcoming units in math are geometry and measurement as well as fractions. These lessons lend themselves very well to hands on lessons and projects. We are continuing to implement Moby Max in school and encourage at home practice as well. Just a helpful reminder that mastery of math facts is a foundational skill that has impact on real-life situations. We will also be working towards our upcoming Math MCAS in May to help prepare the students.

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.

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**SHOW TIMES**

<b>THURSDAY</b>	APRIL 10th 7 PM
<b>FRIDAY</b>	APRIL 11th 7 PM
<b>SATURDAY</b>	APRIL 12th 7 PM
<b>SUNDAY</b>	APRIL 13th 1PM

**APRIL 10TH - 13TH**

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## PTA News...

### Do you want to help NES GROWs?



Concerned about the condition of the NES play structures? Want to see more creative play opportunities for your children during recess? Would you like to help in the edible gardens or serve food grown at NES at a food tasting? Want to help maintain the trail and outdoor classroom area? How about helping with an exercise trail? We are a committee of parents and staff who are improving the NES grounds for the benefit of all.

We are holding a meeting on Thursday, March 27th at 7 pm in the cafeteria at NES. Children are welcome! If you are interested or have questions, please contact Eileen Wallwork at [nesgrows@gmail.com](mailto:nesgrows@gmail.com). All are welcome! No experience necessary, just enthusiasm for improving the outdoor grounds for all of our children. Thank you!

### Box Tops Success!

Our latest Box Tops collection has earned us another \$565, bringing the total raised this school year to \$2300! Keep saving and sending in those BoxTops--they really do add up! And, don't forget that you can shop online through [www.BTFE.com](http://www.BTFE.com) to earn even more money for our school.



And, Labels for Education are also being collected. Please drop both in the collection box in the school lobby.

## Newbury PTA FAMILY SPRING FLING AND SILENT AUCTION

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

Friday, March 21  
5-7 pm

NEWBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**ACTIVITIES:** Miniature golf, spin art, face painting, games, and food!

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

**ADMISSION:** \$5/person, under 4 free

All adults in attendance receive a one-week membership at Latitude Sports Club.

Email [newburyPTAinfo@gmail.com](mailto:newburyPTAinfo@gmail.com) for more information.

## SEPAC meeting on Monday

The next Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) meeting is Monday, March 24th, at 6 pm in the Newbury Elementary School Library, 63 Hanover Street. Superintendent Christopher Farmer will join us for the meeting.

The mission of the SEPAC is to work for understanding of, respect for, and support of all children with special needs in the community. We welcome your involvement.

The SEPAC receives its statutory authority from the Chapter 71B, Section 2 of the Massachusetts General Laws. The SEPAC's duties include, but are not limited to, advising the district on matters that pertain to the education and safety of students with disabilities; meeting regularly with school officials; and participating in the planning, development, and evaluation of the school district's special education programs.

For more information, email [SEPACtriton@gmail.com](mailto:SEPACtriton@gmail.com).



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Read Across America 4:30-6:00 NES School Council	4	5	6	7 Half Day – Professional Development	8
9	10	11	12 7:00/School Comm.	13 6:45 PM/ Kindergarten Information Night Grades 5/6 Choir and Advanced Band to Dis-	14	15
16	17 MCAS–Grades 3 and 5 Reading Comprehension	18 MCAS–Grade 4 Composition	19 MCAS–Grades 3 and 5 Reading Comprehension	20 Half Day–Parent Conferences 1st Day of SPRING! 12-7 PM/ Rowley House of Pizza Fundraiser	21 Half Day – Parent Conferences 5-7 PM/NES Spring Fling	22
23	24 6:00pm SEPAC	25 MCAS–Grades 4 and 6 Reading Comprehension	26 MCAS–Grades 4 and 6 Reading Comprehension	27 4:00 NES Technology Committee	28	29
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<http://newbury.trsd.net/>

## Who's Who at Newbury Elementary School

### Room 187

Room #187 is the upper Autism-Spectrum Disorder Program (ASD). This classroom assists students in Grades 2-5 who have specific needs in academics, communication, social interactions and behaviors. This community is always bustling with social activities and anyone and everyone is always welcomed with warm smiles and open arms from all of these amazing assistants. We are also proud to announce we have just received a generous 55-gallon fish tank donation so we are in the process of gradually creating an array of fish for all to observe. If there is anyone who would like to be a guest speaker in our classroom to share information about fish or any other aquatic creatures, please feel free to contact us and we will gladly have you in.



Back Row: Colin Spedding, Mary Velonis, Sherlyn Taynor  
 Front Row: Cheryl Wotton, Catherine McNally