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Congratulations to all of the students of NES! MCAS is over for the year and they worked really hard! They should be very proud. Well done!

### Luau Day Announcement:

Aloha! Mark your calendars....Luau Day is coming on Friday, May 30th! Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt, luau skirt, and leis to school for the day. All students and teachers can participate! Suggested contribution is \$1 per luau item. All proceeds will go towards the 6th grade camp fundraising for the 2014 school year.



### Kindergarten Update...



The Kindergartners have been applying their knowledge of letter and digraph sounds to their reading and writing. Many of them are frequent guest readers who read to the class. It is not uncommon for them to write two or three sentences to go along with their pictures at this point of the year. Our focus has also been on learning how to recall a story including characters, setting, and main idea. For informational texts we are recalling the key details. In math, we have been working on addition and subtraction to 10. Creating Mother's Day cards and plants (grown from cuttings supplied by Michelle Walsh of the PTA) was fun. We are still waiting and watching for our tadpoles to turn into frogs!

### Fifth Grade Update...



Hear ye! Hear ye! The fifth graders are showing their understanding of the events leading up to the American Revolution with a multiple intelligences "newspaper" project that combines Social Studies with ELA. Our students have to choose a minimum of 3 out of 9 choices for activities. The project options are: Scribe a letter to a friend back in England, perform a play you have written, write an obituary on a famous Revolutionary figure, compose a song or rap, create a crossword using Chapter 11 vocabulary, concoct a Revolutionary War Recipe, pen a poem and illustrate it, make a timeline, or design a comic strip. Walk through our "American Revolution News" hallway beginning May 23rd to see all of the 5th graders' hard work on display!

Fifth graders finally finished up a unit before April vacation on fractions which included adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions. After April vacation, we started a unit on measurement, number patterns, and positive/negative numbers. In this unit, fifth graders have been studying about converting among different-sized standard measurement units within a given measurement system. They have also learned how to make line plots to display a data set of measurements in fractions of a unit. The last parts of this unit include gaining familiarity with concepts of positive and negative integers and analyzing patterns and relationships. That means being able to generate two numerical patterns using two given rules, identifying apparent relationships between corresponding terms, form ordered pairs consisting of corresponding terms from the two patterns, and graph the ordered pairs on a coordinate plane. We will end the year with a unit on volume.



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## Scholastic's suggestions for preventing the Summer Slide:

Many children, especially struggling readers, forget some of what they've learned or slip out of practice during the summer months. Try these strategies to help your reader improve his/her reading during the summer and beyond:

**Six books to summer success:** Research shows that reading just six books during the summer may keep a struggling reader from regressing. When choosing the six, be sure that they are just right – not too hard and not too easy. Take advantage of your local library. Ask for help selecting books that match your child's age, interests, and abilities. Libraries often run summer reading programs that motivate kids to read, so find out what's available in your area. Also check our book lists for recommendations.

**Read something every day:** Encourage your child to take advantage of every opportunity to read. Find them throughout the day:

o *Morning:* The newspaper – even if it is just the comics or today's weather.

o *Daytime:* Schedules, TV guides, magazines, online resources, etc. For example, if your son/daughter likes the food channel, help him/her look for a recipe on the network's Web site – then cook it together for more reading practice.

o *Evening:* End the day by having your child read to you from the book he/she is currently reading (one of the six books, above). Have your child rehearse a paragraph, page, or chapter before reading to you. Rereading will help him/her be more fluent – able to read at an appropriate speed, correctly, and with nice expression.

**Keep reading aloud:** Reading aloud benefits all children and teens, especially those who struggle. One benefit is that you can read books your child can't, so she will build listening comprehension skills with grade-level and above books. This will increase his/her knowledge and expand your child's experience with text, so that he/she will do better when he/she reads on her own.

It's hard to keep up a reading routine in a season packed with distractions and diversions. These suggestions will fit into a busy schedule and make reading fun!

## SEPAC Meeting and Social

The Triton Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC) will meet on Monday, May 19, at 6 pm in the Newbury Elementary School Library.

The meeting will include a discussion with Special Education Administrator David Magee about the summer programming in the district and the upcoming Coordinated Program Review. Additionally, officer elections will be held and fall kickoff events will be discussed.

We understand that finding childcare is not easy; you may bring your children as long as you supervise them during the meeting and are aware that the discussion may involve issues that are mature for many children.

The SEPAC will also have an informal social on Friday, May 30, 8:30-10 am in the lobby of The Tannery (outside The Jabberwocky) in Newburyport. Please stop in to meet other family members and share information and support.

The mission of the SEPAC is to work for understanding of, respect for, and support of all children with special needs in the community. It is open to anyone. For more information, email [SEPACtriton@gmail.com](mailto:SEPACtriton@gmail.com).

“You haven't failed until you  
stop trying.”

-unknown

## PTA News...

### Want to get involved?

The PTA is organizing our crew of volunteer leaders for the next school year. Thank you to everyone who has already agreed to help out.

We still need a few roles filled. We are actively recruiting for:

Secretary – attend board and general PTA meetings and take minutes.

Book Fair Chairperson – work alongside experienced chairs to operate book fairs in the fall and/or spring.

Fall Fundraiser Manager – Work as the business manager for the kickoff event.

Coffee House Organizer – schedule a couple of opportunities for NES community members to meet, mix, and mingle.

Teacher Appreciation Week Coordinator – oversee fun events that honor our staff; traditionally held in May.

Want to learn more? Email [newburyptainfo@gmail.com](mailto:newburyptainfo@gmail.com)

### Yearbook Orders

It's not too late to order a yearbook! The yearbook is \$15 for 64 color pages of pre-K to grade 6 students and staff. It will arrive mid-June.

Buy one online at [www.entourageyearbooks.com](http://www.entourageyearbooks.com) or pick up a form in the school office.

### Beachcoma on May 28th

Make plans to visit Beachcoma, on Wednesday, May 28th, 11:30 am-11:30 pm. A portion of all sales that day will be donated to the NES PTA! No coupons needed!



Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

11:30 am to 11:30 pm

15% of all orders will be donated to the NES PTA  
No coupon needed!

Check out the menu at [www.pibeachcoma.com](http://www.pibeachcoma.com)  
or call (978) 358-8218



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### Join us for Byfield-Newbury's 2nd Annual Fundraiser-This Saturday, May 17th

Our Second Annual Dance Party and Silent Auction Fundraiser is being held this Saturday night, May 17th, at Masonic Hall in Newburyport. It will help raise funds to be used for Byfield-Newbury Little League (BNLL) Baseball and Softball's Capital Campaign for the new baseball field at Newbury Elementary School (NES). This is the only fundraiser BNLL holds each year, and all money raised will be used exclusively for larger one-time projects like this field project and larger equipment purchases.

BNLL is a 100% volunteer organization and we strive to keep annual registration fees as low as possible to make the games of baseball and softball accessible and affordable for all players and their families. Annual fees typically cover:

- - year to year expenses of running the league
- - uniform costs
- - insurance
- - umpires and coordinating umpires
- -equipment (bats and balls and catching gear)
- - pitch counters
- - books, website & hosting
- - CORI checks
- - lime for the fields and spray paint
- -field maintenance
- - clay & infield mix
- - landscaping and mowing of Pearson Field
- - portable toilets at our Pearson, NES, and Upper Green Fields

#### Tickets are available two ways:

1. Online at: <https://bnll.ticketbud.com/bnll-fundraiser> or
2. At Masonic Hall in Newburyport at 7pm this Saturday night, May 17th

And, for those of you that want to support our fundraiser but can't attend, you can donate by purchasing tickets at the link above.

We hope to see you on the Dance Floor!

#### Questions?

Please contact Elaine Clark at [ERCLARK@comcast.net](mailto:ERCLARK@comcast.net) or 617-285-1441



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# NES Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8:50 Math Meet; 6:30pm Grades 5 and 6 TMS Info	2 Half Day - Professional Development	3
4	5 4:30 School Council	6 Math MCAS—Grades 3 and 5	7 Math MCAS—Grades 3 and 5	8 Kindergarten Screening; 7 pm PTA Meeting	9 Kindergarten Screening; Penny Challenge; 1:00 3T American Revolution Skits	10
11	12 Science, Technology, and Engineering MCAS—Grade 5 Gr 2T/2KP-Butterfly Place	13 Math MCAS—Grades 4 and 6	14 Math MCAS—Grades 4 and 6; 7pm School Committee	15 Science, Technology, and Engineering MCAS—Grade 5; 8:30 Kindergarten to Spencer Pierce	16 Penny Challenge; Grade 2P/2W Butterfly Place; 5-8pm NES C.U.P.	17
18	19 6pm SEPAC	20 7:30 am/Student Council; 7:00 pm Town Meeting	21 7:00 pm/TWS Awards Night	22 9 am Poetry Share (4D) 4:00 PM Technology Committee	23 9am Memorial Day Assembly	24
25	26 No School—Memorial Day	27 7:00 pm/Spring Concert	28 Grade 6 “scouts” visit TMS; PTA Fundraiser at Beachcomer	29 8-10am “World of Jumprope”	30 Half Day—Professional Development; Mass Bay Music Festival	31

## Who’s Who at Newbury Elementary School

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### NES 6th Grade Team



Ms. Chiasson first starting teaching in 1993 at NES and has been here ever since. Her favorite subject to teach is math, but she was actually a dance and theater major in college! She is from a family of teachers; growing up her father was a math teacher, her mother was an English teacher, and her husband is currently an English teacher. She has an eleven year old son, Atticus, who is in the fifth grade at NES. In Ms. Chiasson’s free time, she enjoys Italian cooking, entertaining with her family, listening to music, practicing yoga, and going on bike rides with her son and husband. Summer is around the corner and Ms. Chiasson hopes to set up a garden in her backyard with juicy tomatoes and fresh herbs.



Ms. Lucy has been teaching at NES for thirteen years and prior to NES she taught at the Tenney Grammar School in Methuen. She has an undergraduate degree in special education and a master's degree in elementary education. Her husband and she have two energetic children- Carolyn (8) and Carl (6). Carolyn is with Mrs. Williamson and Carl is in kindergarten with Mrs. Mackinney this year! They enjoy boating, swimming, bike riding, and traveling to Portage Lake in north-

ern Maine. One joy of living locally is running into past and present students while out and about!



Ms. Nicholson has lived in Massachusetts most of her life. She attended the Yellow School in Byfield for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades. She lived on Greentree Lane during that time. She notes that it’s fun to teach where she grew up. This is Ms. Nicholson’s 29<sup>th</sup> year at NES. In addition to 6<sup>th</sup> grade, she has taught kindergarten, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 4<sup>th</sup> grade. She enjoys teaching all subjects, but it’s really fun helping students to get excited about science. Ms. Nicholson enjoys spending time with family, going to baseball games and concerts, playing the piano and long sunny days at the beach.



Mr. Dollas grew up in Salisbury and Byfield and went to Newbury Elementary School for grades 4-6. After graduating from Bridgewater State College in 1998, he started working at Newbury Elementary School. Mr. Dollas has a master’s degree in technology in education. Throughout the years, he has taught in grades 4, 5, and 6. 6<sup>th</sup> grade is his favorite grade to teach. He was married in 2003, and has a daughter. Together, they enjoy camping, traveling, the beach, and sports.