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Many thanks to Amy Merluzzi for the outstanding job she did on the NES Art Show on Wednesday Night! It was a wonderful night for our artists. Check out more about the show on page two...



Intra-District Math Meet

This week students from Newbury, Pine Grove, and Salisbury elementary schools faced-off in the final math meet of the year. Students' math skills were put to the test by eight individual questions, followed by a multipart team question.

In an exciting finish that turned on the last question, the teams from Newbury and Salisbury tied for first place. The top scorer from Newbury was Theo Norledge.

Teams prepare for these math meets by practicing once a week with their school's coach. This enrichment activity is made possible thanks to the dedication of Ms. Chiasson (NES 6th grade math teacher), Ms. Blaney (PGS Math Specialist), and Ms. Comins (SES Math Specialist). The overall program is coordinated by Ms. Paige, the Math Specialist at Newbury Elementary.



2014 Massachusetts Science Poetry Contest

Three NES sixth grade science students are winners in the 2014 Massachusetts Science Poetry Contest. This is an annual contest where students throughout the state write poems to express an understanding of concepts learned in science. The winning poems are published in a book of poems written by middle school science students from all over the state. Maddie M. won 1st place recognition. Tim P. won 2nd place, and Elsa C. earned honorable mention. Congratulations to these scientists! We look forward to seeing the book in our NES library next year!

MCAS in May... Making sure students are well rested and come to school on time with a healthy breakfast in their bellies help to prepare them for success.

Our next testing dates for mathematics and science are below. Please make sure your child is in school on time as testing will begin promptly at 9:00 am.

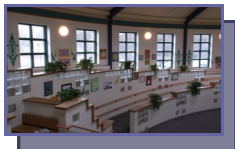
Tuesday, May 6th	Grades 3 and 5	Mathematics (Day 1)
Wednesday, May 7th	Grades 3 and 5	Mathematics (Day 2)
Monday, May 12th	Grade 5	Science, Technology, & Engineering (Day 1)
Tuesday, May 13th	Grades 4 and 6	Mathematics (Day 1)
Wednesday, May 14th	Grades 4 and 6	Mathematics (Day 2)
Thursday, May 15th	Grade 5	Science, Technology, & Engineering (Day 2)



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Art Update

The NES All School Art Exhibit was held this past Wednesday evening from 6-8pm. The wildly popular event was attended by many families and they enjoyed, not only student projects, but a display of artwork by this year's featured artist Georges Seurat.



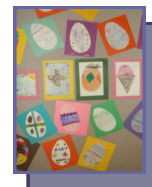
Seurat is best known for inventing Pointillism. Students at all grade levels learned how Seurat covered his canvases with little dots of paint and how the viewer's eyes blend the colors. Many classes experimented making art in this style.



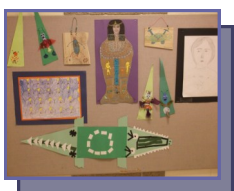
Seurat enjoyed making scenes of water and boats. Kindergarten students made "rivers" of dots to sail their clay sailboats on. Also on display were stuffed fish, some snowmen and a few mosaic shape pictures.

Children in first grade rubbed crayon over ping pong paddles to make a pointillist background for their sailboat collages. Over-lapping shape collages, Matching Mittens, clown portraits and crocodiles were also exhibited in the show.

Second grade students used markers to dot color on Easter Eggs or a scene of their own choosing. They learned that coloring this way takes a loong time! There were also Letter Rubbings, Autumn Trees, Fruit Bowl Still-life paintings, Printmaking Turtles and Geometric Robots on display this year.



Grade Three has been very busy making beautifully painted papers that they will use for collage making in their classrooms. We did make Insects in the Grass from these beautiful papers and they infested the art exhibit this year. Third grade also displayed Folk Art Styled Portraits and some creepy Spiders in Webs. We will finish the year with the very popular Yarn Weaving project that has become a tradition.



Fourth Grade Students "blew up" Seurat's masterpiece *Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte*. That is to say they enlarged it. Each child was responsible for recreating a small section of the painting. When the sections are put back together we can see a very interesting interpretation of this masterpiece. Many fourth grade Egyptian Coffins were on display as well as Secret Symbol Plaques, Cave Paintings and CARES Letters.

Grade Five had many examples of sculpture on display this year. They studied the work of American artist Louise Nevelson and created wooden sculptures. They learned about Alexander Calder and made Mobiles. Each student worked on a biography of a famous artist in their ELA classes and then they made a piece of artwork inspired by the artist's work. Many of these were on display at the All School Art Exhibit and all will be included in a group power point presentation.



Sixth Grade students had their Painted Initials, Skeleton Drawings, Stamp Prints and the beginning phases of the ever popular MONSTER PROJECT on display.

Most of the student artwork will be on display for a few weeks, so if you missed the event on Wednesday evening you can still see many of the displays.

Library Update



During the month of April all grade levels explored poetry in its many forms. Kindergarten students shared nursery rhymes and compared traditional rhymes with new adaptations. Some of the titles we heard were, *You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: a Very Short Mother Goose Read Together* and an adaptation of *Hickory Dickory Dock* by Robin Muller. Students in grades 1-5 explored poetry from Marilyn Singer and Jack Prelutsky and shared collections of poetry together in small groups. Grade 4 students experienced verse in reverse with a reading of *Mirror Mirror* by Marilyn Singer. Grade 3 completed poetry starters written by Jack Prelutsky from his book, *Read a Rhyme, Write a Rhyme*.



Poetry centers gave students the opportunity to create and share their own poetry during their visit to the library. Students could choose from adding a poem to the Poet-Tree, creating magnetic poetry, acrostic poems, and exploring online poetry with the [Poetry Idea Engine](#), [Giggle Poetry](#) and [Acrostic Poems](#). Students in grades 4 and 5 created book spine poetry which is displayed on the [Library Webpage](#) in a program called Padlet.

Grade 6 students have been working on a collaborative project as part of their Information Technology class for Library and Computers. Students created Google Literature Trips in Google Earth based on their reading for ELA and Social Studies. *A Long Walk to Water* and *Lost Boy, Lost Girl* were the books students based their Lit Trip on. They selected four to five events within the story and created a virtual path the characters took across Africa, and in some cases, across the world. Students added text and conducted image searches to add a visual element to their Lit Trip. This week students are presenting their Google Lit Trips during their Information Technology class, so far the results have been impressive! The week before vacation all classes visited the Scholastic Book Fair in the small gym. Book fair week is always an exciting time for the students and provides ideas for new books to read or books to add to a book shelf at home. Thank you to the book fair committee and the numerous volunteers who helped plan and put the book fair together. Thank you to all who support the fair each year, we hope you have found excellent titles to add to your libraries at home! The spring fair supports purchases for the next school year and enables the Library to purchase multiple copies of Massachusetts Children Book Award titles for the 2014-15 year. A new list of MCBA titles will be available soon and will be included with the Summer Reading suggestions for grades 4-6. Stay tuned to your school and public library for summer reading ideas and events!

Technology Update

As we near the end of the year, it is rewarding to see the growth both in skills, and maturity over the 7 years that your children spend at NES. I look at the 6th graders moving their way through the computer lab independently, as if they were college students pulling their computers out and working at Starbucks. When many of them came to me in kindergarten, they were struggling to gain control of the mouse. It is nice to see such a wonderful command of technology, that will help them so much for their future school years.

We have been lucky at the end of the year to get two I-Pads for the lab, as a result of donations from many parents in the school, through the Donors Choose program. We now have 3 floating I pads for the lab, which adds to the number of computers available, and we hope to be able to have more chance to move around the school with these I Pads as we get more Wi Fi for the whole school. We have also just received a gift from a donor via the NES Green Machines of \$1,000 which will go towards buying GPS handheld devices, to use in our outdoor classroom, and connect our geography curriculum to technology.



This week in **6th grade** we are presenting Google Earth lit trips. This project is a joint effort of Mrs. Brown, in the library and myself to combine library, technology and the classroom curriculum as they are reading about cultural life in Africa. The students find a way to tell the story of a character in the book by creating a road map actually on Google Earth. They can add pictures, websites, and text while traveling the terrain that was traveled by the characters in the book.

Technology Update Continued...

The **5th grades** are ready to present their Power Point presentations of the water cycle, They have learned how to use animation to actually show the movement of water as droplets as they journey through the water cycle. They are quite amazing, and fun and could be the pride of any movie producer.

The **4th grades** are steeped in learning what I call the magic of Excel. While I know many parents use this tool for work or home finances, I know many adults who have never had a chance, so ask your kids, what it can do for you. It truly is amazing. They have learned how to input data, create graphs and are now using formulas to solve math problems. The computer solves large number problems with ease and never makes mistakes. I notice that they spend their time really thinking about the question and how to organize it into Excel instead of spending lots of time crunching numbers, a very important skill for MCAS.

3rd grades continue to focus on typing for the year. They are also learning to use the Publisher program, to create things like flyers, calendars, cards, and business cards.

2nd Grade- is ready to present their large project for the year about an animal they have chosen. They begin using a child friendly research site, to learn about their animal habitat, size, and diet, plus any other interesting facts. They then collect pictures, and learn how to use different types of writing, and special animation effects to tell the story of their animal. They look very professional, and they are very proud of their work.

1st grade-We have just completed a few weeks on poetry to coincide with the poetry they are doing in the classroom. We have used the internet to listen and read poetry with rhyming. We wrote poems using rhyming words that we had read online and illustrated them in an introduction to a child's version of Word.

Kindergarten- We have been using the word family endings they are using in class for doing various games on the internet that allow the children to recognize and match rhyming words. We finished this project by creating a written page of their own created rhyming words, with illustrations in the Kid Pix program. They are getting ready for 1st grade.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who come in to help in the computer lab, it is just not possible without you.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

During the month of December, K-2 students took on the task of combining a variety of movement challenges- change of levels, (high, middle, low), speed, shapes and pathways, which they then enjoyed performing for their classmates. Hula hoop manipulative work and the holiday game, "Snowflake Hunt" rounded out the month. Younger students have just finished the endurance demanding scooter obstacle course and will be moving into playground ball manipulative activities after February break.



Grades 3-6 students continue to pursue fitness goals and will be tackling the 8 minute jog, jog/walk challenge before February break. The all-important effort, and attempt, to work towards correct pushup technique also continues to be a focus.

Older children played a fast paced team game in the month of December title "4 Corners Team Handball" that required catching, quick passing, moving into open space, throwing at two different targets, goal tending and court awareness. The cold month of January is a month of fun cooperative scooter activities - "Human Bowling" and "Scooter Handball." We have also begun a quick hit of basic skeleton anatomy at the start of class with the "Bone of the Week" - starting at the top of the skeleton and moving down naming large significant bones. After February break, grades 3-6 will be involved in a unit of games activities.



Music Update

In the music department, the Choir and Advanced Band members had a wonderful day at Triton, on March 13th at our annual district arts festival. The day was spent singing, playing instruments, acting, and learning about the various activities at the middle and high schools. In the evening the entire district performed a concert together for the public. Since then we have been busy preparing for our spring concert which will be on Tuesday, May 27th at 7:00. We can't wait for everyone to hear our beautiful music!

Beginner trumpet, flute and clarinet players are doing a great job practicing and moving right along collecting their colored achievement belts. After all belts are earned the children will receive their white badge.

Grade 6 - We have learned an Italian dance, studied the composer John Williams, had fun with a Japanese hand clapping game, and learned a German dance. We also spent a day drumming!

Grade 5 - We had fun with a Caribbean hand clapping game, studied the composer Handel, sang and played St. Patrick's Day songs, and learned a Morris stick dance from England. The children are now also learning some historical songs from colonial times to integrate with the 5th grade curriculum.

Grade 4 - The children learned a Jack Prelutsky poem "The Jelly Bean Brigade". This poem was put to music, and we sang, played Orff instruments, played drums, marched along and used colored scarves to highlight the jelly bean colors. We also spent some time on St. Patrick's Day songs and dances. Presently, the boys and girls are singing individually while I assess their voices to prepare for chorus and choir next year.

Grade 3 - We are moving right along with our recorders. Most children have received their blue belts and can now easily play "America". Many children are working on their purple belts or have moved along to their brown belt, which is The Mexican Hat Dance. Keep up the good work practicing! Integrating with the science curriculum we spent some time learning about pitch, volume and vibration and learned about Ludwig van Beethoven. We then watched "Beethoven Lives Upstairs."

Grades K, 1 and 2 - We continue to use Beanie Babies for tone drills, and we have been singing a variety of songs, and have done movement and listening games. We have also done a bit more playing on the Orff instruments and have also learned some folk dances in the first and second grades.

Instrumental Music

Band students have been practicing and it has been paying off! Many Beginner Band students have earned multiple belts and a few have even earned their White Badge! Advanced Band students have also been earning their Green and Red Badges with a few students achieving their Blue Badge. Congratulations to all!

The Spring Concert will be on Tuesday, May 27th in the NES Gym. Students will be arriving at 6:30 PM and the concert will begin at 7:00 PM. Please join us for some fabulous music!!

The Stage Band has been preparing three songs for a performance at the Mass Bay Music Festival which is an all day event on May 30th. These students will be adjudicated on their performance, enjoy an on stage clinic, participate in a master class on their specific instrument, and then celebrate their achievements on the Boston Duck Tours. Many thanks go out to the Triton School District for funding this trip.



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.

The Friends of the Newbury Town Library Annual Plant & Bake Sale

May 17th, 10AM-2PM, rain or shine.

Come to the Newbury Town Library on Saturday, May 17th, from 10AM to 2PM and buy a plant, enjoy a baked good, and meet your neighbors. While you're there, you can peruse the many garden books the library has for loan, search through the Friends of the Library bookstore for our many gardening books, and visit the new Seed Library inside the library.

Donations of plants and baked goods will be accepted beginning at noon (up until library closing time) on May 16th and beginning at 9AM on May 17th. For more information, please send an email

to: friendsofnewburytownlibrary@gmail.com

Please click the following link to volunteer or sign up for donations: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B49A5AF23AA8-plant>

The Friends of the Newbury Town Library is a volunteer organization primarily focused on raising funds to support the Library and staff, to enhance the resources and services of the Library, and to enrich the community.



School Misconduct Record

Name: _____ Location: _____ Date: _____
 Grade: _____ Referring Staff: _____
 Student has IEP: Yes No Hallway _____ Bus _____
 Student has 504 Plan: Yes No Classroom _____ Other _____

Problem Behavior	Possible Motivation	Consequence
Minor		Follow up agreement Loss of privilege: _____
Inappropriate language _____	Obtain peer attention	Conference with student
Physical contact _____	Obtain adult attention	Letter of apology
Defiance _____	Obtain items/activities	Conference with counselor
Disruption _____	Avoid Peer(s)	Mediation meeting
Property misuse _____	Avoid Adult	Peer mentoring
Tardy _____	Avoid task or activity	Parent Contact _____ (date)
Other _____	Obtain item	Parent Meeting _____ (date)
	Don't know	Individualized instruction _____
Major	Loss/lack of self-control	In-school suspension _____ (____ hours/ days)
Abusive language _____	Compensatory behavior	Out-of-school suspension _____ (____ hours/ days)
Fighting/ Physical aggression _____	Other _____	Report to police
Overt Defiance _____		Report to DCF
Harassment/bullying _____		Other _____
Possession of proscribed materials/equipment _____		
Disruption _____		
Other _____		

Others involved in incident:
 None _____ Peers _____ Staff _____
 Teacher _____ Substitute _____ Unknown _____
 Witnesses _____

Other comments:

Principal Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

School Misconduct Record

As a matter of communication and record keeping, the School Misconduct Record form will be coming home in the event that your child has had an issue in school or on the bus. This is in addition to any verbal communication that may take place as a result of an incident. Please sign and return the form to the NES office if your child should bring one home. As always, contact the office if you have any questions or concerns.

“Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself.”

-Chinese Proverb

Next week is Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week!

PTA News... WE NEED your HELP!

We need students and families to:

- ⇒ write letters, cards and pictures for Tuesday
- ⇒ volunteer for beverage service on Thursday, and
- ⇒ donate food on Friday.

Here are the details for the week:

MONDAY, May 5th

Sweet Start to the Week! Teachers and staff will have a sweet surprise in the staff lounge!

TUESDAY, May 6th

Card Day! **Students and families are asked to send in notes, cards, or drawings** that express their appreciation for their home-room teachers, special teachers, special education teachers, specialists, and aides! Please present the cards, drawings and notes in the morning.

WEDNESDAY, May 7th

Casual Day! Teachers and staff can wear their favorite casual clothes for a change from the usual attire. Jeans are welcome!

THURSDAY, May 8th

Beverage Service! PTA Volunteers will deliver afternoon coffee, tea, or iced tea with a special treat to teachers and staff. *Volunteer baristas and delivery persons are needed 12-2:30 pm.* Email newburyptainfo@gmail.com if you can help.

FRIDAY, May 9th

Annual Teacher and Staff Luncheon! The PTA will cater a special lunch for all teachers and staff, served during their regular lunch breaks. *Volunteers, fruit salads, desserts, and beverages are needed.* Please sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E48A5A72CA46-may9pta>

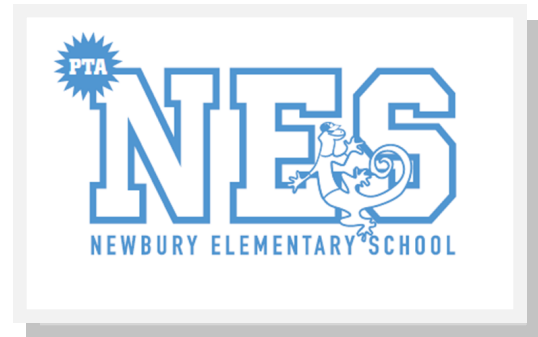
Questions? Email newburyptainfo@gmail.com.

NES G.R.O.W.S. Clean Up and Play Day

Friday, May 16, 5-8 PM

A free PTA community event for the whole family!

Rain or Shine at the Elementary School! Please dress appropriately and prepare to get dirty!



Plant and
Bake Safe too

**Newbury Elementary
School PTA presents
C.U.P. Day...**

CLEAN UP AND PLAY DAY

**Friday, May 16
From 5-8 PM
63 Hanover Street,
Newbury**

**Come help improve the NES schoolyard
and also enjoy games, activities, and
exhibits by local organizations.**

- **Rain or Shine - dress to get dirty!**
- **A free event for the whole family!**
- **Kids must be accompanied by an adult!**

For more info contact: nesgrows@gmail.com
<http://newburypta.com/>

*Food and drinks
available for purchase*

**NES G.R.O.W.S.
Growing Real Opportunities for Wonder in the Schoolyard**

PTA News Continued...

Together we will clean up the school yard plus enjoy activities, games, crafts, food, a bake sale, and a plant sale. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Several local organizations will exhibit their work, including Northeast Mosquito Control, BOATCAMP, Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, and the Parker River Clean Watershed Association.

We need volunteers to run games, supervise activities, instruct crafts, and sell food. To volunteer, go to:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0E48A5A62AA13-clean or email nesgrows@gmail.com.

We are also accepting donations of plants to be planted on the school grounds. Email nesgrows@gmail.com if you have plants to share.

Plants for Sale

We will be selling plants at the event for home use. If you are interested in pre-ordering, please contact Michelle Walsh at mwalsh9@msn.com. The following will be available: Black-eyed Susan, Stella doro Daylily, Shasta Daisy, Sedum Autumn Joy, Hardy Geranium, Catmint, Hosta, English Iris, Coral Bells, Orange Late Blooming Daylily, and Russian Sage.

Start Saving Your Coins!

The Penny Challenge is Friday, May 9th, and Friday, May 16th

How it works: Grades 1 - 6 compete against each other to collect the most pennies over a three-week period. Collection containers will be outside the cafeteria starting Wednesday, April 25th.

Scoring: One penny = one point. BUT nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars will subtract points (-5 for a nickel, -100 for a dollar, etc.)

How to win: Students can place money in any container - pennies in your own grade's containers and larger coins & dollars in others. After the first week, the totals will be shared. See who has the most points and put your silver and dollars in their containers while adding pennies to your own!

The grade level with the most points at the end of the three weeks wins!

Pre-K & Kindergarten get to join in the fun too with their own version of the game: "How High Can We Fill It?" with special rainbow collection buckets in each of their rooms.

All donations to The Penny Challenge support the PTA's programs and activities.

General PTA Meeting

Thursday, May 8th

7-8:30 pm in the NES Library

The budget for next year will be presented for approval. Childcare for children in kindergarten and older is available in the Kids Club Room. Please email newburyptainfo@gmail.com to reserve spots.

PTA Board and Committee Chair Vacancies

The PTA is actively recruiting a secretary to serve on the board for the next school year. Alexa Strauch has accepted the nomination to be treasurer, as Hilary Lind's term will expire (thanks for ALL your work, Hilary!)

Additionally, we are looking for people to lead a fall fundraiser, create a teacher wish list, manage the school store, and coordinate teacher appreciation week. Interested in learning more? Have an idea for how you can help in a different way? Email newburyptainfo@gmail.com or call president Elaina Sayles at 978-609-1420 for more information.

NES Calendar



May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8:50 Math Meet; 6:30pm Grades 5 and 6 TMS Info Night	2 Half Day - Professional Development ; 8:30-11 Pre-K Screening	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	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 Spenser Pierce	16 Penny Chal- lenge; Grades 1 and 2 Butterfly Place; 4-8pm NES Grows Cafe	17
18	19 6pm SEPAC	20 Student Council; 7pm Town Meeting	21 TWS Awards Night	22 4pm Technology Committee	23 9am Memorial Day Assembly	24
25	26 No School— Memorial Day	27 7pm Spring Con- cert	28 Grade 6 “scouts” visit TMS; PTA Fundraiser at Beach- comer	29 8-10am World of Jump rope	30 Half Day— Professional Develop- ment ; Marks Close; Mass Bay Music Fes- tival	31

Who’s Who at Newbury Elementary School

Department of Public Works, Newbury Highway Department

On April 17th the Department of Public Works, Newbury Highway Department were recognized for all of the work they have done to support NES. There was a luncheon held in the cafeteria in recognition of their efforts. Principal Yando arranged the event and NES Food Service Manager Charlene Walsh prepared the luncheon to thank them for all of their hard work.

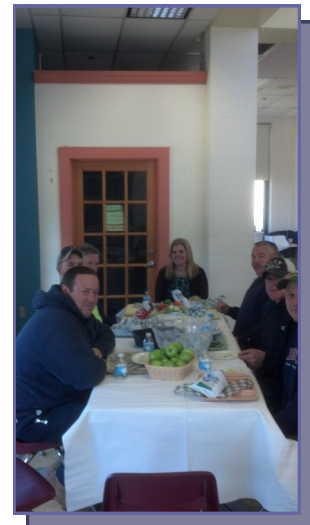
We are fortunate to have such dedicated workers to keep our grounds safe and assessable.

From left to right/clockwise.

Robert Bishop, Tim Tolman, Darren Sanborn, Beth Yando, Tim Leonard, Bernie Field, James Sarette.

Reagh Atkinson was unable to attend the luncheon.

Visit us on the web!
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