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Memorial Day – No School

There is no school on Monday, May 26th in honor of Memorial Day. Have a safe and healthy long weekend.

Memorial Day Assembly

NES remembered Memorial Day with an all school assembly. The students of NES respectfully honored all those who died for our country with the pledge of allegiance, original Memorial Day poems from Ms. Dolphin's class, the beginner band's performance of *America* and an all school sing-a-long of *The Star Spangled Banner* lead by the NES choir. The assembly was completed by a beautiful rendition of Taps played by Jamie B. and Sadie F.

It was a nice way to remember why we celebrate Memorial Day and to honor those who have served our country.



THANK YOU

Honoring those who serve with honor.
Cherishing the memory of those who gave everything.



Morning Drop Off

Please remember that the doors open at NES at 8:10 am. You may drop your child off between 8:10 and 8:25. There is no supervision prior to 8:10.



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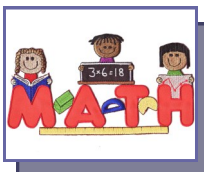


Attention...

Kids Club's last day for the 2013-2014 school year will be Wednesday, June 18th. The summer schedule for Kids Club begins on Monday, June 23rd. Please plan accordingly. Thank you!

Fourth Grade Update

Math:



Since our last NEWT update, fourth grade students have wrapped up their study of fractions and conquered the fourth grade math MCAS. Fourth grade students can now add fractions with like denominators, compare fractions, convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers, display fractions using a number line and other visual models, and identify fractional parts of a whole. In addition to our fraction investigation, fourth grade students have recently become familiar with decimals in the tenths and hundredths place. They have learned how to identify, compare, add, and subtract these decimals. For the remainder of the year, students in the fourth grade will be focusing their efforts on a more in-depth study of multiplication and division.

Reading:



If you were to stroll by the fourth grade classrooms in the past few months, you may have heard students engaged in lively discussions about the Great Depression, the Irish Potato Famine, the Lowell Mills, westward expansion, sharecropping, and the Boston molasses explosion. We recently concluded our unit on historical fiction. The students were able to draw connections and identify differences between their lives and the lives of the main characters in their reading group books. Additionally, all students have worked hard to answer a variety of reading group questions for each batch of weekly-assigned chapters. Moving toward the end of the school year, the students will be working on new reading group fantasy novels and creative in-class assignments in response to informational readings in National Geographic.

Writing:



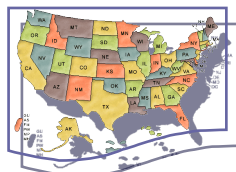
Our poetry writing unit is currently coming to a close! Fourth grade students have worked extremely hard to author poems of several different genres. Between their couplets, triplets, quatrains, limericks, shape poems, diamantes, onomatopoeia poems, free verse poems, and many more, the students have been diligently studying the ins and outs of the world of poetry! During this unit, the students practiced using wise word choice and learned about rhyme, rhyme scheme, and the rhythm of a poem. We are very excited for the students to be able to eventually share their poems with their families when they bring them home at the end of the year.

Science:



It's the (second) most wonderful time of the year! The Science Fair assignment has been distributed, discussed, brainstormed about, and the students' projects are underway. After choosing between conducting an original experiment, creating an original invention, or researching a topic of interest, the students' project proposals have all been approved and they have moved onto the research stage. From here, the fourth grade students will create displays and present their findings/creations at the Fourth Grade Science Fair, which is scheduled for Monday, June 16th. Information about the timetable of this event will be included in the invitations being sent home to fourth grade families. The students look forward to sharing their presentations with their families and peers.

Social Studies:



The students' year-long study of the regions of the United States is coming to a close this month as they wrap up their investigation into the West. Focusing on the land, economy, and culture of the region, the students are currently working to finish their West passport project. Additionally, the students have been putting their creativity to work by creating a "state float." The project asks the students to creatively incorporate information about the state using a shoebox decorated to resemble a float one might see in a parade. The students are looking forward to sharing these creations with their classmates! Heading into the final stretch, we have two final assignments: the "Big Map" project and the "50 States and Capitals Challenge."

"Children must be taught

how to think,

not what to think."

-Margaret Mead

Fifth Grade Science Update...

As usual, the fifth grade scientists have been hard at work for the past few months. They have been exploring the many different forms of energy. Building on knowledge they gained in previous years about sound energy and electrical energy, they have developed an excellent understanding of a variety of types of energy. They first studied kinetic and potential energy by stacking textbooks and rolling marbles to explore how these two types of energy are linked. After discovering the connection between these two large categories, they were ready to explore light, sound, mechanical, magnetic, and electrical energy. They found and explained examples around the classroom and school of each type of energy, then learned how these energies can be changed from one form to another. The unit was finished by studying how electricity is generated and the many different energy changes that happen within different types of power plants. The year will end with students creating their own board games to review a topic from science in grades 3, 4, or 5. With the enthusiasm that this year's class has displayed for learning science, don't be surprised to see some of them in a lab or collecting samples outdoors when they grow up.

Pre-school Update

With summer fast approaching we took the opportunity to have our final theme be *Using Our Five Senses at the Beach*. We brainstormed as a group in class discussion all the different ways we use our senses when we visit the beach. We read the book *Hello Ocean* by Pam Munoz Ryan. This beautifully illustrated book "describes a young girl's journey of discovery as she experiences the treasures of the ocean through each of her five senses."

We painted beach balls by sectioning off a paper plate into 6 equal parts (a lesson in fractions) and using 2 colors (patterning) to paint the ball. We also used water colors to paint cutout fishes.

The children have been very busy and excited practicing songs and dances for our end of the year celebration which will take place on stage in the NES auditorium.

From the Health Office



Spring has sprung...FINALLY!!

As a long, cold winter has finally given way to spring, those with seasonal allergies have been hit by an onslaught of seasonal allergens that are causing severe bouts of sneezing, stuffed sinuses, runny nose, and watery eyes.

As predicted, for the nearly 18 million American adults and nearly 7 million children who suffer from seasonal allergies to tree, grass, or weed pollens and other airborne allergens, symptoms are particularly bad this year. The reason? The brutally cold winter and cooler than average spring this year has led to an unusual delay in trees blossoming. Trees are blooming about a month behind schedule in New

England and elsewhere, and the release of those pollens will likely coincide with seasons for other allergens, creating a shorter but more intense peak season.

In order to keep students with seasonal allergies both comfortable and ready to learn, allergists recommend using common sense measures to keep allergy symptoms in check.

Start medicating early. Over-the-counter antihistamines can help dry up nasal passages; using a corticosteroid nasal spray three to four weeks before allergies normally kick in can dampen the body's immune response to allergens. Many people will feel better taking over-the-counter antihistamines on a regular basis. In other cases, prescription meds or allergy injections may work better. Please speak to your pediatrician about seasonal allergy treatment options for your child and medicate your child prior to the school day.

Know what you're allergic to. If you're experiencing symptoms for the first time, an allergist can tell you whether you're allergic to trees, grass, mold or something else, which can help you know when to expect the onslaught.

Pay attention to pollen counts. If your child has seasonal allergies, you may want to pay attention to pollen counts and try to keep your child inside when the levels are high.

In the late summer and early fall, during ragweed pollen season, pollen levels are highest in the morning.

In the spring and summer, during the grass pollen season, pollen levels are highest in the evening.

Some molds, another allergy trigger, may also be seasonal. For example, leaf mold is more common in the fall.

Sunny, windy days can be especially troublesome for pollen allergy sufferers.

Keep pollen out of your home. It may also help to keep windows closed in your house and car, and run the air conditioner when pollen counts are high. Take off your shoes before you come in from outdoors, don't throw your clothes on your bed, and take a quick shower to get the pollen out of your hair.

Last Restaurant Fundraiser of the Year

PTA News... PI Beachcoma will host our school on Wednesday, May 28th, 11:30 am to 11:30 pm. Stop in for a meal or a snack on that day – 15% of all sales will be donated to the NES PTA. No coupon is necessary. PI Beachcoma is located at 27 Plum Island Blvd. and their menu can be seen at www.pibeachcoma.com.

Attend the Assembly on Thursday

PTA is proud to sponsor healthy lifestyles by hosting Mark Rothstein’s “World of Jump Roping” on Thursday, May 29th, from 8:45-9:45 am. Mark is a Guinness World Record Holder and a National Fitness Hall of Fame Inductee.

As a pro-athlete, educator, role model and entertainer, Mark presents an inspirational elementary school assembly for all ages. Having performed more than 10,000 shows since the 1980’s, his program consists of high-energy rope jumping exhibitions, coupled with enjoyable and interactive character building skits.



Wednesday, May 28th

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
or call (978) 358-8218

Character building elements emphasized:

Fitness	Healthy Living	Honesty
Respect	Positive Choices	Kindness
Integrity	Trying Your Best	Teamwork

Please stop by and watch Mark in action – it is sure to be an unforgettable event!

Penny Challenge Results

The results of the PTA Penny Challenge are in. Congratulations to the fifth grade! They won the Penny Challenge with 5317 points. Second place was Grade 4 with 4125 points. Third place was Grade 3 with 3128 points. And, thank you to all the kindergarten and preschool classes who filled their classroom rainbow buckets.

Together, the school beat our fundraising goal, so stay tuned for details on the wild and crazy surprise that's going to happen! The PTA thanks everyone who participated; the funds raised are used to support the school’s programs and activities.

We cleaned up and played!

It might have been a rainy afternoon, but our hardy participants in the first PTA NES GROWS Clean Up and Play Day accomplished a lot of work around the school yard. In between rain drops, they spread mulch on the nature trail, planted flowers in the pots along the roadway, and planted bushes in the rain garden. The children enjoyed nature-themed crafts, fairy house building, and tie-dying. A popular activity was puddle jumping and although very few escaped dry, much laughter was heard. Charlie LaBella's hot dogs were especially popular as was Coastie the Safety Boat. Black Earth Compost removed all the compost and paper goods from the day for a low waste event.

A big thank you goes to organizers Sally Milliken, Michelle Walsh, Emily Sullivan and Eileen Wallwork. The great volunteers, including Principal Yando, Elaina Sayles, Tammy Cotter, Hilary Lind, Anne Langlais, Alexa Strauch, Krista Yablin, Carrie Kennedy, and Jess McManus plus helpful parents and students made the event a success. In addition, many thanks to the representatives from local groups who exhibited their work, including the Parker River Wildlife Refuge, Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control, Blue Ocean, Katie Haried, Carol Baum, Coastie the Safety Boat and the US Coast Guard Auxillary, the Parker River Clean Watershed Association, and the NES Student Council Recycling Group.

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.

Want to get involved?

PTA News Continued... 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 newburypta@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 or pick up a form in the school office.

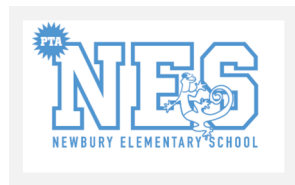
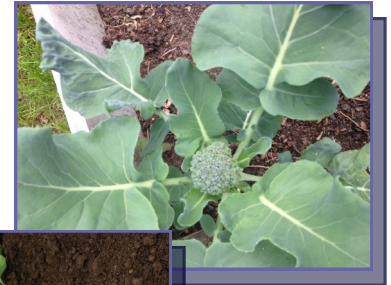
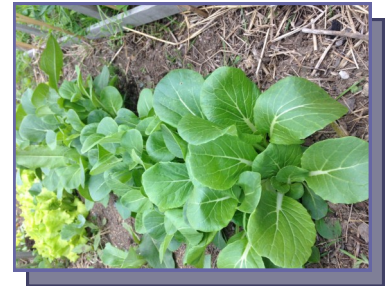
School Store's Last Two Weeks

Please don't forget the school store is open next Friday! We have lots of great spring school supplies. Only two weeks left!

NES Grows

Take a peek at the gardens at NES! Mrs. Mollineaux's class has started beans, squash and cucumbers inside. Broccoli, onions and red leaf lettuce have taken off outside. The fifth grade garden is filled with bok choy, and there's lettuce growing!

*Please join us at the
Newbury Elementary
School
for our annual
Spring Concert
on
May 27, 2014
at
7:00pm*



NES Calendar



May 2014

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; 8:30-11	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; 4-8pm NES Grows Cafe	17
18	19 6pm SEPAC	20 7:30 am/Student Council; 7:00 pm Town Meeting	21 7:00 pm/TWS Awards Night	22 4pm Technology Committee; 9 am Poetry Share (4D)	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 8:45-9:40/ “World of Jump Rope”	30 Half Day—Professional Development; Mass Bay Music Festival	31

Who’s Who at Newbury Elementary School

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ASD Room

Ms. Bowes has been teaching at NES for 4 years as the Special Education teacher. She has two kids, Colin and Caitlyn, and they are looking forward to moving this summer to Salisbury. They love spending time outdoors, walking, swimming, fishing, camping and hiking.

Ms. Abt started working at NES this year as an IA in the ASD room. She moved to Newbury from Charlton, MA in 2009 and lives on Plum Island. She has two boys, Joe & Sam, who attend NES. She loves animals and spent 10 years working at an animal hospital as a veterinary technician. She is looking forward to moving into a new home this summer. Emily loves to cook, exercise and take spin classes. She spends her free time hanging out with good friends and her boys.

Ms. Groder has worked for Triton School District for the past 5 years as a Behavioral Therapist. She lives in Salisbury with her husband and two boys, Luke and Danny. In her free time she likes to read, spend time with family and friends, and walk her dog. She enjoys camping in New Hampshire with her family.

Ms. Lannan started at NES in December 2013 as an IA in the ASD room. She moved to Newbury with her family in 2006 and has three children, Matty, Danny and Lindsey, who attend NES. In the past, Sally has worked with adults with disabilities and as a social worker for DSS. Sally enjoys gardening, reading, camping, beach days and spending time with her family.

Ms. Colby started at NES as a lunch/recess monitor and now works as an IA in the ASD room. She grew up in Rowley, and now lives in Byfield. She has 2 boys, Gavin and Mason, who attend NES. Her boys play hockey, baseball, lacrosse and golf. She spends her free time skiing, boating, hiking and attending sports with her family. She enjoys vacationing in Maine.



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