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Teacher Appreciation Week

Thank you to all of the teachers and staff who work so hard to make NES such a wonderful place to learn! They work hard every day and we would like to thank them for all of their dedication and hard work!

We would also like to thank the NES PTA for making the week such a treat for the teachers and staff. We appreciate you too!



Thank you!

Throughout the winter, Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank had a table at the Newburyport Farmers' Market for their Feed Local. Support Local. Bank Local. Campaign. Donations were made to the school of your choice and NES was granted \$340.00 to supplement our food budget. Thank you to all who chose NES for their donation!



MCAS ELA testing is over. We are so proud of how hard the NES students in grades three, four, five, and six worked over the past two weeks. We would also like to thank the parents for supporting your child through this testing. 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)

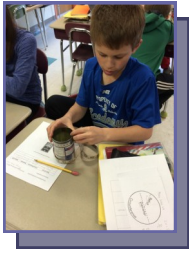
First Grade Update...

Aargh! Pirates are helping first graders master literacy skills this month. We are comparing characters, settings and major events through fictional pirate texts. Me hearties are practicing retelling, through sequencing activities, and summarizing the central message of each book. Shiver me timbers, I heard that creating their own pirate dictionary this week will help these first grade Captains prepare to write their very own pirate adventure next week!



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Sixth Grade Math Update... and First Grade Updates



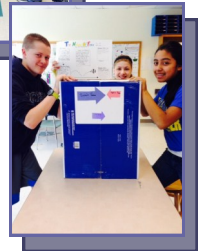
Fencing, Flooring, Fish Tank Water, and Pizza toppings . . . Sixth graders are learning how to solve real world geometry problems! Students are deriving the formulas for areas of various polygons based on what they know about area of parallelograms. Starting in sixth grade, students explore how to find circumference and area of circles. Featured to the left is Mikey C. discovering that the distance around a circle is about three times the distance across a circle. We are now exploring faces, edges, and vertices of 3D figures and how to determine surface area and volume. Featured to the right is Paige V. examining the faces of a pentagonal prism. Please come check out our leg and arm span proportional artwork displayed along the sixth grade hallway. Finally, it is at this time that I need your help collecting photos for the sixth grade graduation slide show.

Please check my website for specific information. The deadline for all photo submissions is May 26th. I look forward to seeing the photos you share and to the exciting end of year school events!



Sixth Grade Science

Sixth grade science students have been working on group projects for our "Forces and Motion" unit. They have all done impressive work with their "You Be the Teacher" projects and are looking forward to teaching their classmates. Each group prepared two-column notes on key terms and essential information. They also created instructional posters for their topic. A favorite part of this activity was designing a demonstration to include in their instruction. They have had fun finding interactive websites to enhance their lessons. Some of the topics are: describing and measuring motion, the nature of force, acceleration, friction, gravity, action and reaction, work, kinetic energy and potential energy, and energy conversions. The students enjoy learning from their classmates.



DIGITS Project to NES Science Classes



On April 30th, all 6th grade science classes were visited by a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) professional. DIGITS is a program that matches sixth grade science classes (in Massachusetts) with a STEM professional. Our STEM guest was from Takeda (pharmaceutical company) in Cambridge, MA. He talked with the students about how math and science are used in the real world. The goal of the program is to inspire students to continue to study math and science in order to consider math and science-based careers. The students learned about many career paths that need a good foundation in math and science. All of the students enjoyed hearing how he got interested in his career, and they had fun participating in some hands-on activities. They were interested in his lab demonstrations and his slide show of the work that his company does each day. The students were thrilled when he gave each of them an Acrobat Pen, as a parting gift!



SEPAC meeting May 19th

The Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) will meet on Monday, May 19th, at 6 pm in the NES library.

There will be a discussion about summer programs, a presentation to the school committee, plans for the fall, and an election of officers.

The mission of the SEPAC is to work for understanding of, respect for, and support of all children with special needs in the community; all are welcome. We understand that finding childcare is not easy, so children are welcome to accompany you.

Email SEPACtriton@gmail.com for more information.

"Whether you think you can,

or think you can't...

you're right!"

-Henry Ford

PTA News...

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 NES! Please dress appropriately and prepare to get dirty!

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 and supervised by an adult.

Several local organizations will exhibit their work, including Northeast Mosquito Control, BOATCAMP, the 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 as well as gently-used ride-on trucks for the pre-K/Kindergarten outdoor play area. Email nesgrows@gmail.com if you have plants or vehicles 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, Cora bells, Orange late blooming daylily, and Russian sage.

Beachcoma! 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!

Send in Coins and Bills for Friday's Penny Challenge!

The Penny Challenge continues on 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. The point tally will be announced before Friday. 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.

And, if the school raises a total of \$2000 or more – that's less than \$5/student – Principal Yando has agreed to do a fun stunt that will have the students talking and talking!



Plant and
Bake Sale 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

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would like to submit

something to be

included in the NES

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email your information

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by the Wednesday

before the newsletter is

published.

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

PTA News Continued...

Get involved with the PTA!

The PTA is organizing our crew of volunteer leaders for the next school year. Thank you to everyone who has agreed to help out. We still need a few roles filled; you will be supported by an experienced board of officers who we are 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 or call Elaina Sayles, PTA president, at 978-609-1420.

Earth Day Assembly

What do Maroon 5, Jack Johnson, Fun., and Yo Gabba Gabba all have in common? It turns out that these musical groups are doing their part to help the environment. In honor of Earth Day, NES hosted a guest speaker from a Portland, ME-based organization called Reverb (www.reverb.org). They assist these bands and others 'green up' their tours. Project Manager Tanner Watt spoke to students from all grades, telling us that the bands do so much more than recycling and composting.

The tour buses and trucks now only use biodiesel, making a large impact since some of the tours have as many as 150 vehicles. The bands use reusable water bottles and water stations are set up at the concerts to refill the bottles. Furthermore, they are connecting with local organizations as they travel, including buying from local farms for their food needs.

Their commitment has also moved beyond the environment. They have organized coat drives, raised money to support local food pantries, and helped homeless and foster care children, among other initiatives.



The NES kids were engaged by the presentation, asking so many great questions that Tanner couldn't answer them all. We hope this assembly helped remind the children of the importance of doing their part for the environment. Reduce, reuse, recycle! Every little bit makes a difference.

Pen/Pencil/Marker Recycling is a great success!

Thank you to everyone who has dropped off their old and used up pens, pencils, and markers. We recently shipped over 800 pieces to the company Terracycle. Keep them coming and pass on the word to your friends and families outside of NES. There is a drop box at the Newbury Town Library in addition to the NES front entrance.

If you have any questions or would like any additional information about the Green MachiNES or green projects for NES, please contact either Sally Milliken at milldoo@comcast.net or Tammy Cotter at tammycotter@comcast.net.

Basketball Court Stencil?

NES GROWS is hoping to re-paint the lines around the basketball court key... Anyone with access to a basketball court stencil who is willing to let us borrow it should contact us at nesgrows@gmail.com.

Teacher Appreciation Week Wrap up

Thanks to all the students and families who helped us celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week. Thanks to the administration, volunteers, and donations, there was a collection of sweet snacks, letters of appreciation, staff casual dress day, afternoon beverage delivery, and a special catered luncheon. While this week is a time to formally recognize our appreciation, please know we value our teachers and staff every single day.





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 Meet-	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 8-10am “World of Jumprope”	30 Half Day—Professional Development; Mass Bay Music Festival	31

Who’s Who at Newbury Elementary School



Christopher Farmer, Superintendent of Schools

A graduate of Cambridge University, Christopher Farmer taught in secondary schools for ten years before joining the City of Sheffield as a district administrator. He was subsequently appointed Deputy Superintendent for this large urban district which provided for 90,000 school students as well as maintaining five community colleges and what is now Sheffield Hallam University. Christopher subsequently served as Superintendent for the City of Coventry, England’s principal car manufacturing city, for seven years. During this period, he also contributed as an advisor to a number of national committees, contributed to educational publications and conferences in both the UK and the USA, and became national president of the UK’s professional association of school district administrators.

After moving to the USA in 1994, Christopher served as Principal of Redwood Middle School in Saratoga, California. He holds an Eminence Credential as a school administrator in California, and is a US citizen.

Prior to joining Triton in 2010, Christopher was Superintendent of the Gloucester Public Schools, MA for seven years.



Brian Forget, Assistant Superintendent

Brian Forget is now in his 19th year in the Triton District. He is married to his wife of 16 years (Heidi), and has two children, Molly (almost 12) and Max (8). You can be assured, that if he's not here in the district, he'll be with his family. He enjoys skiing, golfing, and has

been a drummer since the age of 10.

Brian began his career in 1995 as a grade 4 teacher at the Pine Grove School. During the 6 years there, he taught both 3rd and 4th grade, and "looped" between those grades. From 2001 to 2005, Brian was the Assistant Principal and then principal of Newbury Elementary School. In 2005 he began his tenure in Central Office, first as the Business Administrator from 2005 to 2010, and then moving into his current Assistant Superintendent role in July of 2010.



Kim Croteau, Chief Academic Officer

Kim Croteau has always wanted to be a teacher even at the young age of four, when she would make her friends play school in her pretend school house. This dream came a reality when she graduated from college and went to teach in California. Her first class consisted of 33 students and she taught in a trailer with a hole in the middle of the room. She couldn’t have been happier!

She stayed on the west coast where she also taught in Seattle, Washington before heading back to Massachusetts where she was hired as a fourth grade teacher at Newbury Elementary School. Kim enjoys her new role as Chief Academic Officer and hopes to make a positive impact in the Triton School District. When Kim is not working, she is at home spending time with her husband and three kids (Allyson 12, Emily 16, and Christopher 18). Her favorite hobbies include biking, reading, gardening, and walks with her dog, Franklin. She is very thankful for all that she has and is grateful to her family and “work family” for giving her opportunities to learn, grow, and laugh every day!