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Principal and Vice Principal for the Day



On Friday, April 17th, Alex Y. and Hunter K. had a great day before vacation as Principal of the Day and Vice Principal of the Day. They attended meetings, observed classrooms, monitored lunch, and delivered important documents throughout the day. They were a tremendous help to all.

Institution for Savings

The Institution for Savings visited NES third graders on the Friday before April vacation. They talked about how to save money and where you can do that. Students came away with goodies donated by the bank.



PARCC and MCAS Testing

PARCC testing will continue in May for grades 3-6. In addition, grade 5 will take the MCAS for Science & Technology/Engineering. It is important that all students arrive to school on testing days on time. Testing will begin at the beginning of the school day. Thank you for your assistance in making this process go smoothly.

Please note that gum will not be permitted during testing times.



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May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15
PARCC – Math	PARCC – Math	PARCC – Math	PARCC – Math	Possible
Grades 3 and 5	Grades 4 and 6	Grades 3 and 5	Grades 4 and 6	Make-up Day
May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21	May 22
PARCC – ELA	PARCC – ELA	MCAS – Science & Technology/Engineering	Possible	Possible
Grades 3 and 5	Grades 4 and 6	Grade 5	Make up Day	Make up Day

Specialist Update...

PE News: Grades K-2 were inspired by the PTA enrichment assembly “Mark Rothstein’s World of Rope Jumping” as they began their jump rope unit. They worked hard to master entering and exiting a turning long rope by themselves, and in groups of 2-3 other children. Short rope work on “popping” with two feet together was emphasized and necessary for more advanced skills. Now that the younger children have a good understanding of correct technique, we have raised the bar in fitness work and increased the number of stomach crunches, pushups and minutes of jogging for each class. The “Chicken Shuttle,” a basic running team shuttle activity handing off rubber chickens, helped to cheer up the March doldrums at the start of class.



Older grades 3-6 are working hard preparing for the NES Fitness challenge this spring. Their last self determined fitness goal assessment will take place when we return from April vacation. Grade 3-6 students are completing a unit in “Bumpball” which is a lead up game to regulation volleyball. Only two volleyball skills are required, serve and bump, and the net is lowered similar to tennis net height. The ball must bounce before it is played and we have had great success and fun this year with this activity.

Instrumental Music News: 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 Beginner Band is very excited to join the Advanced Band after school on Tuesday, May 12th. This will be a combined rehearsal to work on our finale, Star Wars! All Beginner Band students have been requested to attend this important extra rehearsal so that we can learn where our seats will be, practice our music, and have fun with the Advanced Band students! The rehearsal will be from 3:00-4:00 and a late bus will be provided.

The Spring Concert will be on Tuesday, May 26th in the NES Gym. Students will be arriving at 6:30 PM and the concert will begin at 7:00 PM. The concert will include the Choir, Chorus, Stage Band, Advanced Band, Beginner Band, and Combined Beginner/Advanced Band. Please join us for some fabulous music!!

Music News: In the music department, the Choir and Advanced Band members had a wonderful day at Triton, on March 12th 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 26th at 7:00 PM**. We can't wait for everyone to hear our beautiful music!

“Zeal without knowledge is
fire without light.”

-Thomas Henry Huxley

Beginner trumpet, flute and clarinet players are doing a great job practicing and moving right along collecting their colored achievement belts. I have made each child a CD to practice with for the spring concert. After all belts are earned, the children will receive their white badge.

Specialist Update Continued...

Grade 6 – We have studied the composer John Williams, had fun with a Japanese hand clapping game, and learned a German dance. We worked on a piece called Note Value Rondo with each child playing their own Orff instrument and we also spent a day drumming!



Grade 5 – We had fun with a Caribbean hand clapping game, studied the composer Handel, sang and played Orff instruments for St. Patrick’s Day songs, and learned a Morris stick dance from England. We also played the cup game. 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 Valentine’s Day songs and St. Patrick’s Day songs and dances and learned a boat dance from Tahiti. 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, which is a two part belt. 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, 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.

Library News: The most recent author study for Kindergarten students highlighted books by author Laura Numeroff. We learned about circular stories and had the opportunity to retell *If you Give a Mouse a Cookie* and *If you Give a Pig a Pancake*. Students learned about Laura Numeroff’s “secret code,” (or call number) when locating books in the E for Everyone picture book section.



To help support 1st grade exploration of the solar system, students took a trip to the moon during a reading of *If you Decide to go to the Moon* by Faith McNulty and watched a video clip of the first landing on the moon. First graders were able to explore the solar system through center activities including a mission to Mars and other online resources on the library webpage.

2nd graders have discovered the world of fairy tales after hearing different versions of *Jack and the Beanstalk* and making comparisons between them. Students helped build a beanstalk to compare *Jack and the Beanstalk* and *Jack and the Baked Beanstalk* by adding different leaves to each side of the stalk.

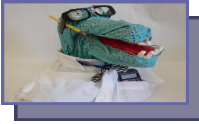
3rd and 4th graders explored the world of Aesop and Greek mythology through the tales of *King Midas and the Golden Touch*, *The Race of the Century* (a tale based on *The Tortoise and the Hare*) and Margie Palatini’s *Lousy, Rotten, Stinking Grapes* based on *The Fox and the Grapes*. As a center activity, 3rd and 4th graders were invited to create original fables in a paper foldable format and share them with classmates.

5th graders reviewed elements of folktales and created their own folk hero and tales. Students presented their original work in a format of their choosing including accordion books, story cubes from the *Read Write Think* webpage, and unique eBooks with the online resource *Storybird*. We hope to highlight some of the folktales on the library webpage in the near future!

During our copyright lessons, 6th graders learned how copyright protects the work of authors, artists, and musicians and the importance of giving credit to work we reference or use in research. We discovered a song we hear each year, the Happy Birthday song, is actually copyrighted! Students set out to create their own original Happy Birthday songs along with original lyrics and music and enthusiastically shared them with the class.

Specialist Update Continued...

Art News: Spring is a busy time in the Art Room. Sixth grade students have begun the famous Monster Project. This is their last art project at NES and it involves creating a cloth mache' monster bust over several weeks. The younger children enjoy seeing the art room fill with animated monsters.



Fifth grade students have been experimenting with sculpture of all kinds over the last few months. They have made mobiles, wooden structures and multi-media insects.



Grade 4 students have been learning about ancient cultures and are now designing their own Egyptian styled coffins. Students in the third grade have spent several weeks getting messy with paint. They have been creating beautiful papers that will be cut up and used for collage making.

Second graders have just finished learning about radial design by making printed turtle shells. And first graders have made large cut paper crocodiles while learning about symmetry. The hallways at NES will soon look like a swamp! And the kindergarten fish will be right at home swimming from the ceiling!



Technology News: The infusion of Chromebooks and iPads during the last few months has given many students access to computers for all kinds of lesson applications. Computers are not just for the lab anymore. 4th, 5th and 6th grades are all becoming fluent in the use of Google Drive, the online application used on the Chromebooks, for writing, presentations and spreadsheet applications. The donated iPads are used regularly in 1st and 2nd grades each day, while being passed to other classes for special projects.

6th grade- Are beginning a project which connects much of their year-long reading in social studies about middle Eastern, SE Asian, African, and Chinese cultures. We are combining some of the essential themes in a presentation on Google Earth. This project combines classroom work, library, and technology classes. Their Google lit trip will traverse some of the locations in the book shown with video, pictures and script.

5th grade- Recently completed a presentation using Google Slides to show an animated version of the water-cycle, which combines their science curriculum and technology skills.

4th grade- Is becoming fluent in the use of Google Docs by writing and sharing poetry.

3rd grade- Continues to work on typing skills this year. Last week they were given the code to download our program, Type to Learn 4, so they can continue to practice typing at home. Practice is necessary on a more daily basis than there is time for at school. Many students are logging the practice minutes at home to win some free time in the computer lab.

2nd grade- After completing our biggest project, the animal slide show, we have just started a project learning the computer coding program, Scratch. This is a free online program developed at MIT. While we are beginning this at a simple level, it has the capacity for very sophisticated code writing.

1st grade- We were listening to, reading, and doing activities based on specific phonics and sounds found in online poems. Currently, we are writing poems on the computer using images and clipart to illustrate our writing.

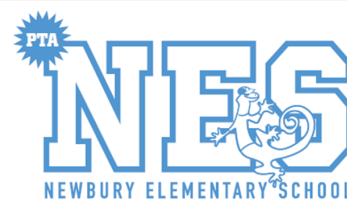
Kindergarten- We have been using Kid Pix, our drawing, writing software, to draw, write, and do math equations with the stamp and shape tools.



PTA Update...

Next week is Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week!

The PTA has put together some fun ways to show our teachers and staff how much we appreciate them next week. Classroom doors will be decorated, treats will be offered, staff will enjoy a dress-down day, roses donated by Flowers by Anastasia on Main will be distributed, a coffee and tea bar will pop up in the staff lounge, and all staff are invited to enjoy a special luncheon. **We need your help!**



ALL WEEK:

Students and families are asked to send in notes, cards, or drawings that express their appreciation for their homeroom teachers, special teachers, special education teachers, administrators, specialists, and aides! Decorate your cars at drop off and pick up with signs that say "NES Teachers and Staff are the Best!" etc. Let's show some love all week long!

THURSDAY, May 7th

Volunteers and a few supplies are needed to help serve coffee and tea to teachers and staff from 11-2. Sign up at www.tinyurl.com/2015week.

FRIDAY, May 8th

Volunteers, food, and beverages are needed for the PTA's staff luncheon. Please sign up at www.tinyurl.com/2015week.

Questions? Email newburyptainfo@gmail.com.

PTA Leadership is needed

Being part of the PTA Board is a fun, important role in our community. We are actively seeking nominations for officers for next year. Next year's events and activities already have committee leaders, so new officers will be well supported.

Would you or someone you know make a great co-president? Treasurer? Vice President? Secretary? Communications Officer? Want to know more? Email newburyptainfo@gmail.com.

The Yearbook Needs Pictures By May 13th

Efforts to put together the NES yearbook are underway. Between now and May 3rd, you may submit pictures of school events and activities for consideration. Pictures should be of high quality and in focus and show current students and staff. (Please note that pictures from home are not appropriate.)

Pictures should be uploaded onto the yearbook website.

To upload pictures, go to: http://link.entourageyearbooks.com/view_account.asp?l=E0E15A54-89AB-4CE5-AC83-80FA4497A9DD

Click the blue Upload Photos button which will bring you to a new page.

Click Login Username is nesyb2015@gmail.com Password is nesyb2015

Photos should be loaded into categories. If one isn't listed, or if you have questions, please email Yearbook Coordinator Maddy Judkins at nesyb2015@gmail.com.

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.



Wanted: Fairy & Gnome House Builders!

Fairy & Gnome Discovery Walk
 Saturday, May 16th 10AM-3PM
 Pettengill Farm, 45 Ferry Road, Salisbury, MA

Start designing *your* fairy house! What will the fairies do there? Or will it be a gnome house? What colors will it be? What will you use to make it? Draw a picture and start collecting materials. We can't wait to see it!

Explore the enchanted grounds and discover fairy gnome houses handcrafted by students, local business, and community groups. Local librarians will read fairy tales, dancers will perform fairy dances, kids yoga will be taught, and local musicians will perform throughout the day.

NES Librarian Mrs. Brown will be reading fairy and gnome stories at the event from 12-1pm!

Tickets are \$5 per person and \$15 a family (children ages 2 and under FREE). Proceeds from this event are to benefit NES PTA GROWS Schoolyard Rebuild Campaign and Salisbury Elementary PTA.

To sign up to submit your own home, please visit.

<http://fairygnomewalk.weebly.com/wanted-fairy--gnome-home-builders.htm>

Home submission is *free* and you need not be a SES or NES student to participate.

For how to build a fairy gnome home, more information, and ticket purchases please visit:

FairyGnomeWalk.Weebly.com



[Facebook.com/FairyGnomeHouse](https://www.facebook.com/FairyGnomeHouse)

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Tee Ball Little League Softball

Please Join Us on May 9th for our Annual Fundraiser and Silent Auction:

Every year, we host a fundraiser to help us cover costs associated with running the league including hiring umpires, hosting opening & closing day, and maintaining & improving our fields.

This year we are hosting an 80's Dance Party Fundraiser between 7pm-12 at Steeple Hall at Mission Oak Grill. Even if you can't attend, purchasing a ticket will help support the league.

- Super Duper Scott Cooper will spin classic 80's Dance tunes while you enjoy delicious appetizers prepared by Mission Oak Grill.
- The cost is \$30.00 per ticket and there will be a cash bar. Get your tickets now at: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/bnll-80s-dance-party-fundraiser-tickets-16483342120?ref=ebtnebtcktor>
- Tickets will be available at the door for a higher price.
- We are also accepting donations for our Silent Auction at the event. If you have something you'd like to donate, email us at BNLLupdates@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you there!

The BNLL Board

BNLL
Dance Party Fundraiser
 May 9th 7pm - 12am
 Tickets \$30

Go back to the 80's and dance the night away with DJ **Super Duper Scott Cooper**

Appetizers
 Silent Auction
 Cash Bar

Steeple Hall at Mission Oak Grill
 26 Green St Newburyport, Ma.

Visit us for more information: <http://byfieldnewburylltleague.com/>

Like us on Facebook at Byfield Newbury Baseball & Softball and Join us on Twitter: @BnllUpdates

SEPAC News...

PRESENTATION:

From the authors of *Shut Up About Your Perfect Kid!*

The Movement of Imperfection

Thursday, May 7th, 7:15 pm Triton High School Auditorium

“The Movement of Imperfection”, a comical talk for parents and guardians to come together and celebrate the joys and imperfections of *all* children, will be presented by the “Shut Up Sisters” on Thursday, May 7, 7:15 pm at the Triton High School Auditorium, 112 Elm Street, Byfield. The comical talk is open to the public.

In this fun, interactive, and refreshingly imperfect talk, sisters Patty and Gina Terrasi, authors of the best-selling book, *Shut Up About Your Perfect Kid*, will openly discuss the joys and challenges of raising “imperfect” kids on a perfection-preoccupied planet. The sisters will showcase their imperfect pride with hilarious anecdotes and fun exercises (no Spandex required) and show attendees how to let go of the expectations they have for their children and embrace the reality.

The Shut Up Sisters have traveled across the country sharing their message of acceptance at conferences, and maintain a Facebook page with over 800,000 followers. To learn more about them, visit www.shutupaboutyourperfectkid.com.

The talk is sponsored by the Triton SEPAC. Email SEPACtriton@gmail.com for more information.

WORKSHOP:

Let's Get Organized!

Monday, May 18th, 7-8:30 pm Triton High School Library

Do you wish you had a way to keep track of your child's IEPs, evaluations, progress reports, doctor reports, test results, and more? In this workshop from Family Ties of Massachusetts, we will offer effective ways for parents to organize and manage paperwork, building a customized binder for your child - plus general ideas on “keeping it together” and tips for developing community connections for your child.

RSVP by May 11th to SEPACtriton@gmail.com reserve materials.

About the SEPAC

The Triton Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) is a group of community members whose mission is to work for understanding of, respect for, and support of all children with special needs in the community. Contact us at sepactriton@gmail.com. We maintain an email list to share relevant events and news; email us to join the list.



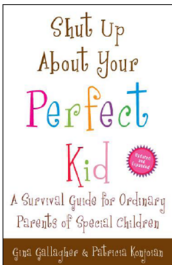
From the Imperfect Authors of
Shut Up About Your Perfect Kid

The Movement of Imperfection

Thursday, May 7
7 pm

Triton High School Auditorium
112 Elm Street, Byfield, MA

Open to the public




Star athlete. Prima ballerina. Musical genius. From the time our children are born, we have “perfect” plans for their futures. But for most of us, parenting is about letting go of the expectations and loving the reality. In this fun, interactive, and refreshingly imperfect talk, sisters Patty and Gina Terrasi (The “Shut Up Sisters”), authors of the best-selling book, *Shut Up About Your Perfect Kid*, openly discuss the joys and challenges of raising “imperfect” kids on a perfection-preoccupied planet. The sisters will showcase their imperfect pride with hilarious anecdotes and funny bragging bumper magnets.

The workshop is for ALL parents to come together and celebrate the joys and imperfections of ALL children.

My kid WAS a student this month![™]

www.shutupaboutyourperfectkid.com

Sponsored by the Triton SEPAC. Contact SEPACtriton@gmail.com for more information.



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Date: Monday May 18th, 2015
Time: 7:00-8:30 pm
Place: Triton High School, 112 Elm St, Byfield
RSVP: SEPACtriton@gmail.com

Hosted By:
Triton Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUESTED
BY May 11, 2015 in order to assure ample supplies are available.

Family TIES of Massachusetts is a project of the Federation for Children with Special Needs, funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Family and Community Health, Division for Perinatal, Early Childhood & Special Health Needs.





May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 8:30-11:30 Pre-School Screening Progress Reports	2
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10	11 PARCC-Math Unit 1 Gr 3 & 5	12 PARCC-Math Unit 1 Gr 4 & 6	13 PARCC-Math Unit 2 Gr 3 & 5 7:00 School Committee	14 PARCC-Math Unit 2 Gr 4 & 6	15 Half Day – Professional Development	16
17	18 PARCC-ELA Gr 3 & 5	19 PARCC-ELA Gr 4 & 6 7:00 Town Meeting	20 MCAS-Gr 5 Science/ Technology	21 7:00 PTA Meeting	22	23
24	25 No School – Holiday	26 7:30 Student Council 7:00 Spring Concert	27	28 3:15 Technology Committee Meeting	29 Half Day – Professional Development Mass Bay Music Festival	30
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Did you know?

Book Fair Thank You!

The Spring Book Fair was a great success thanks to the many volunteers who gave their time starting with the tremendous undertaking of setting up the fair in the small gym, manning of the registers throughout each day of the fair, and the book fair clean up. Proceeds from the fair support the purchase of library materials for the NES students and community each year. The Spring 2015 fair raised \$2,000 which will help the library purchase materials to update areas of the nonfiction collection and high demand fiction titles. None of this would be possible without all of the volunteers who help throughout the week.

With appreciation,
 Mrs. Brown

