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To: Parents/Guardians of NES Music Students

From: Mrs. Cyr and Mrs. Peterson

Date: May, 2015

Subject: Spring Concert

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our Spring Concert is coming up quickly! Here is some information to make this concert run as smoothly as possible:

Performance Attire: All students should wear plain white shirts and black pants or skirts.

Who: The Spring Concert will include the Advanced Band, Beginner Band, Triton District Stage Band, Chorus, and the Choir.

When: Tuesday, May 26th at 7:00 P.M. All students should arrive at the school by 6:30 P.M.

A rehearsal/performance for the faculty and student body will take place during the school day from 1:00-3:00. Children wear their regular school clothes for this daytime concert.

Where: The Spring Concert will take place at the NES Gymnasium.

Stage Band Members: Set up your instruments in the band room, put on a vest from Mrs. Peterson's room and then report to the auditorium for attendance.

Advanced Band Members: Put your instruments in the cafeteria, put on a vest from Mrs. Peterson's room and then report to the auditorium for attendance.

Beginner Band Members: Report to the cafeteria and you will receive your vest there.

Vocalists: Put on a vest from Mrs. Peterson's room then report to the auditorium for attendance.

All 5th and 6th graders should make sure that their name is checked off for attendance. This is how we keep track of our music awards which we hand out at the end of the year.

Parents may pick up their children after the entire concert is over. No one should leave until the concert has concluded. We expect the concert to be about an hour long. We can't wait to show you what we have been working on this spring and we look forward to seeing you at the concert!

If you have any questions, please e-mail either Mrs. Cyr or Mrs. Peterson at:

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Sincerely,

Laurie Peterson and Laura Cyr



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, the beginner band's performance of *America* and an all school sing-a-long of *The Star Spangled Banner* lead by the NES choir. We also had the privilege of two special guest speakers, Senior Chief Ron Hudd and Captain Mike Edgar, both retired Navy Seabees, who explained the significance of how we fold the American flag. The assembly was completed by a beautiful rendition of Taps played by Beck H. and Sadie F.

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

4th Annual Flag Day 5K

Derek was a 2003 graduate of the United States Military Academy. He was 25 years old when he died on September 1, 2005 in Afghanistan. His unit was conducting security operations and came under attack.

There is a race held every year for Derek and his foundation.

The 4th Annual Flag Day 5K is scheduled for June 13, 2015 at Cashman Park in Newburyport, MA. The race will once again go through the beautiful town of Newburyport and will end at Cashman Park. Following the race, there will be a party that will include food and live entertainment.

The Derek Hines Soldiers Assistance fund helps Massachusetts' soldiers, and their families, who received serious and life altering injuries while on active duty.

Pre-School Update...

songs and dances for our big June production here on the NES stage. The preschoolers would love to wish a safe and fun summer to all!



Memorial Day – No School

There is no school on Monday, May 25th in honor of Memorial Day. Have a safe and healthy long weekend.



Ahoy, mates! The preschoolers are busy learning all about the Blue Whale (the largest mammal on earth!). We discussed their physical characteristics, where they live and what they do. We are also busy practicing

Fourth Grade Update...

Math: All fourth grade students have moved to studying geometry. Beginning with angle types, different kinds of lines, and basic geometry vocabulary, the students have begun to identify polygons, measure angles, classify their angle measurements, and create heretofore unseen polygons using Power Polygons. They have completed polygon scavenger hunts, and have worked to internalize all of their new geometry vocabulary. Moving forward, fourth graders will learn to identify and calculate missing angle measurements, continue to investigate the properties of different polygons, and continue to review all of the important fourth grade math skills they have learned this year.

Writing: In Writing, fourth graders have been working hard to practice comparing and contrasting paired texts. From working on comparisons of different versions of myths, historical nonfiction pieces on the Peshtigo Fire and the Great Chicago Fire to completing comparative pieces on the history of hamburgers and tacos in America, fourth graders have been working on using text evidence to support claims. All fourth grade students are currently synthesizing their knowledge about myths, Greek gods and goddesses, and narrative writing structure in order to create their own myth that explains a natural phenomenon.

Social Studies: The fourth grade students have very recently completed their study of the West region, focusing on its land features, economic industries, and cultural traditions. Following this same pattern of study for all regions of the United States, the students have now completed their travels of the United States! They have also very recently completed the State Float Project, an assignment that had the students combine research with creative thinking to create a float to represent one state and many of its facts. Please stop by the NES lobby to see the fruits of their labor!

We will end the year with a study of Canada, Mexico, and by creating a large map of the United States, combining all of the incredible knowledge the students have amassed over the last several months of study.

Science: Since our last NEWT update, we have completed our rotating Science block and all students have now returned to their homerooms for Science. Fourth graders are currently working to understand classifying and identifying plants and animals. Using Keys to Literacy two-column notes and answering questions in response to readings, the students have begun to appreciate an understanding of basic plant function. Moving forward, we will be implementing several interactive activities in which the students will learn more about the characteristics of plants and animals and the way that those characteristics can be used to classify a variety of different species.

Reading: “You’re opening Pandora’s Box!” “Wow! That was a Herculean effort!” “You’ve got the Golden Touch!” If you’ve strolled down the fourth grade wing recently, you will have likely heard these phrases. Fourth grade students have been studying Greek mythology and learning about the idiomatic allusions that have sprung forth from the myths they’ve read. Focusing on identifying character traits and aligning specific text evidence to prove their case, all fourth graders have continued to develop their skills in written responses to reading. Moreover, the students have been focusing on separating main ideas from details by completing summaries of each myth they have read.

We will end the year with one more round of reading groups, during which the students will complete one more chapter book in the fantasy genre.

NTL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS: WEEK OF MAY 25th

Want to hear more about what's happening at the library? Sign up for the monthly eNewsletter here: newburylibrary.org/youth

JUNE IS SUMMER READING KICK-OFF MONTH!

Online Registration and Online Reading Log

This year children will register for summer reading and track their summer reading books online. They can access their accounts from anywhere with a wifi connection and on laptops, smartphones, etc. To simplify, families can create one family account (one name and password) for everyone to use (children's reading logs will be separate within the family account). Go to our website for more information and to register!

2015 SUMMER READING KICK-OFF EVENT

JUNGLE JIM'S SUPERHERO BALLOON SHOW!

Wednesday, June 24th at 11am

Jungle Jim's Superhero Training is blasting off here at the library on June 24th at 11am! Join Jungle Jim as he leads young patrons through the rigors of what it takes to be a superhero, and learn more about some of our unsung superheroes. The program will capture the childrens' attention by turning the children into superheroes themselves. Volunteers from the audience will be transformed (with balloons, of course) into traditional superheroes the kids know and identify with: Batman, Wonder Woman and the like. Then the show progresses to heroes in our everyday lives (firefighters, police officers, etc), as well as what it takes to BE a hero (helping out at home, facing our fears, that sort of thing). Signup now at newburylibrary.org/youth!

Children will receive a thematic goodie bag, and can use this time to register online for the summer reading program at any of the library's computers or iPads, or ask a librarian to help you.

Library Babies (Babies to 1-1/2 year's old)

Friday, June 5 from 10:30-11am (last of the 6-week session) - Designed for the youngest library users and their caregivers, Library Babies program offer participants the opportunity to share time together at the library. During the program, babies and their grownups will be exposed to language, books and playful activities in a positive and supportive atmosphere. Library Babies programs are a great way to introduce young children to the library, to begin a lifetime of regular library visits and to help children develop into lifelong library users. We invite you to play and listen to nursery rhymes and stories! Register online.

Story Time (Ages 3-5, siblings welcome)

Friday, June 5 at 11am (last of the 6-week session) - Simple & Sweet Story Times are thematic in nature and offer an opportunity for children to hear stories from classic children's literature as well as new additions to our collection. The children are able to practice developmental skills, such as listening and taking turns, in a warm and welcoming environment, as well as to meet new people and maybe make a friend (children and parents/caregivers alike!). After we sing a song and share a story or two, we'll use our fine motor skills to create a simple craft that relates to the stories we've read. Sign up on our online calendar found at newburylibrary.org.

Lunch Bunch (Ages 3-5, siblings welcome)

Friday, June 5 at 11:45am (last of the 6-week session) - Story time functions as a way for children to learn valuable socialization skills, and LUNCH BUNCH will facilitate the development of these social skills even more. Sign up on our online calendar found at newburylibrary.org.

*** Do-drop-in Playtime Sessions (Ages 0-4, siblings welcome)**

Wednesday mornings from 10:30a-12p - Do drop in on Wednesday mornings for some playtime in the big room.

We'll have all our toys pulled out, ready for some serious playtime! No registration required. ** Please note - Do-Drops will be rescheduled from Wednesday, June 24th to Friday, June 26th due to our Summer Reading Kick-off Event.*

Laughs & Crafts (Grades 4-8): Washi Tape It!

Decorate with Washi Tape on Tuesday, June 9th from

4:30-5:30pm. Limited to 12. Join us for an afternoon of decorating with Washi Tape! More information about this program is available on our website at newburylibrary.org/youth. Limited to 12 participants, this program is free, but registration is required so we have ample supplies!

Sprouting Melodies (Ages 18mos - age 3)

Thursday, June 11th at 1pm: In this monthly music program toddlers will enjoy the routine they crave yet also the freedom and creativity for to grow in self-expression and to build social relationships with their peers in music through instrument play, movement and singing. Sign up on our online calendar found at newburylibrary.org.

Stay tuned for more info on our Summer Children's Programs (including Minecrafting!!! :-)) starting in July, or check our online calendar - new programs are being posted as we speak!



**WEDNESDAY
JUNE 24th
from 11 am - 12pm**

**Summer Reading
Kick-Off Event!**

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summerreading](http://newburylibrary.org/summerreading)

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For more information about the 2015 Summer Reading program here at the Newbury Town Library, or to register, click here: <http://newburylibrary.org/youth-summer-reading/>

NES Grows



Fairy Gnome Discovery Walk

Newbury Elementary School PTA GROWS would like to thank our supporters for their generosity and commitment to our students. *A special thank you to Jessica McManus, Christine Westermann and the SES PTA for organizing a fun, whimsical day filled with lots of smiles and giggles!*

NES GROWS raised more than \$2,000 to kick off our fundraising campaign for the new schoolyard.

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Pettengill Farm

Fairy Door Sponsors

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- Kara Balkus
- Jennifer Blanchet
- Angela Kirkpatrick
- Brenda Hoover
- Hilary Lind

- Kristen McDonald
- Sally Milliken
- Cathy Pugh
- Eileen Wallork
- Krista Yablin

Thank you to everyone who submitted a home and attended the event! There were over 100 home submissions from students, local clubs and businesses.



We serve creative cuisine. And worthy causes.

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Friends of the Newbury Town Library

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May 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

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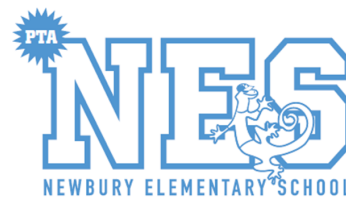
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PTA Update...

Meet the New Assistant Principal at the Coffee House

Join the PTA for its last Coffee House of the school year on June 5th. The new assistant principal, Dan Jewett, will be on hand to meet parents and guardians. Dan and Math Specialist Laura Paige will give a presentation on Math in Focus, which is the new math program being recommended to the school committee on June 10th. Drinks and snacks will be served 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM; presentation at 9:00 AM. Younger children are welcome to accompany attendees.



Yearbook has pictures of all students and staff!

Did you know the yearbook includes pictures of all students and staff, PK-6? Individual photos, class photos, and candid pictures fill the pages – if your student was here for the pictures, they will be in the yearbook! It's a great memento for all students, and is a great tool to learn names of students and staff. Order your copy by May 31, 2015.

Cost: \$15

Online Sales Only

Order at <http://www.entourageyearbooks.com>

Select "BUY". Search for "Newbury Elementary". You must register to purchase a yearbook.

Questions? Contact nesptayearbook@gmail.com.

PTA Meeting is Thursday at 8:30 AM

The PTA's last general meeting of the year is Thursday, May 28th, at 8:30 am in the school cafeteria. All are welcome to attend, including children not enrolled in school.

The budget for 2015-16 and officer nominations will be presented.

The current slate of officers include:

President: Melissa Giusto

Vice President-Community Events: Heather DePaolo

Vice President-Communications: open

Vice President-Volunteers: open

Treasurer: open

Secretary: open

Interested in a position or have a nomination? Email newburyptainfo@gmail.com to learn more. Most of our events and activities for next year already have leaders, and the outgoing board members are all willing to coach the incoming leaders. It should be a great year!

"Education is the most powerful
weapon which you can use to
change the world."

-Nelson Mandela

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NES Calendar

May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 8:30-11:30 Pre-School Screening Progress Reports	2
3	4	5 7:30 Student Council Class Pictures	6 Class Pictures 4:15 School Council 6-8 SEPAC	7 8:30-2 Kindergarten Screening Pre-School Class Pictures 7:00 TWS Awards Night	8 8:30-2 Kindergarten Screening PTA Luncheon	9
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 PM Town Meeting	20 MCAS-Gr 5 Science/ Technology PARCC ELA Gr 6	21 MCAS-Gr 5 Science/ Technology	22	23
24	25 No School – Holiday	26 7:30 AM/Student Council 7:00 PM/Spring Concert	27	28 8:30 AM/PTA Meet- ing 3:15 PM/Technology Committee Meeting	29 Half Day – Professional Development Mass Bay Music Festival	30
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Did you know?

Thank you for supporting your children through the recent PARCC and MCAS testing. All of the tests have been completed and will be sent off to the state. Your continued support through every part of your child's education is invaluable. Thank you for all that you do!



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