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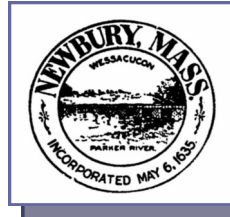
Town Of Newbury – Office of The Planning Board

MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The Town of Newbury is seeking five or six Newbury residents to serve on a Master Plan Committee being formed to assist the Town in updating its 2006 Master Plan. The fifteen person Committee will work with a planning consultant who is expected to be selected this Spring. Interested residents will join members of the Planning Board and representatives from the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, and the Capital Planning Committee to help steer this effort.

The Master Plan provides a framework for Newbury’s officials, Boards, and Committees to make decisions regarding the long-term physical development of the Town. For this update, the Town is particularly interested in looking at Population Projections and how they will influence our schools and other municipal facilities. In addition, this effort will look at Economic Development, Housing, Natural Resources and how Land Use decisions affect the Town’s financial picture.

Any residents interested in serving on the Master Plan Committee should contact Martha Taylor, Town Planner, by May 20, 2015, at 978-465-0862 ext.312 or at planning-board@townofnewbury.org.



Thank you to the NES PTA for all that they did to appreciate us during teacher appreciation week! It is wonderful to have such support!



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	MCAS – Science & Technology/Engineering	Possible
Grades 3 and 5	Grades 4 and 6	Grade 5	Grade 5	Make up Day

First Grade Update...

The first graders are beginning two exciting new units- pirates and poetry!

We will read many fiction books about pirates as we practice retelling, work on character description, and learning new vocabulary. Although some aspects of being a pirate sound good to the children,, (no bed time or brushing your teeth) they are discovering that being a pirate is not all it's cracked up to be. Pirates, also known as the robbers of the sea, don't get stories read to them or tucked in at night. Over the next couple of weeks we will create pirate dictionaries and write our own fictional pirate adventures- complete with treasure maps and all! The first grade students will even be a pirate crew for field day!



We also are exploring poetry. We are writing all different kinds of poems and learning about many skills poets use. Use of rhyme, syllables, senses, alliteration, repetition and feeling are all ways poets make their writing special. The first graders are using their poet's eye to look at everyday items and bring them to life. They are learning about their poet's voice, and how the words they use can make the reader feel. It is amazing to watch these young writers at work. All of this will culminate on Poetry Day, June 5th, when poets have the opportunity to share some of their poems with their parents.

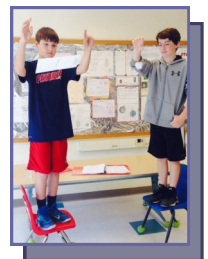
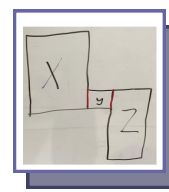
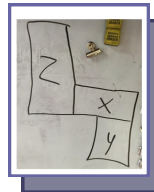
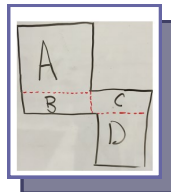
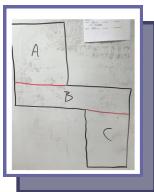
Sixth Grade Update...

In ELA and Social Studies, 6th grade students are finishing their studies of Asia. They recently finished reading *Breaking Stalin's Nose*, *Ties that Bind Ties that Break*, *Small Acts of Amazing Courage*, and *So Far from the Bamboo Grove*. Students completed projects using the Chrome Books, including Google Slides and Glogster. They had opportunities to include voice recordings, videos, and other creative elements, with a focus on objectively summarizing the text and presenting claims orally while sequencing ideas logically.

Students also have started writing poems for their final poetry book and Poetry Night on June 4th.

In Mathematics, sixth graders are in "good shape" with their geometry study. They have been finding area of parallelograms, triangles, circles and of irregular figures. Check out the four different ways that students divided the figure below for the purpose of finding the combined area. Some students are participating in an enrichment activity during math flex to study how to derive the formula for determining area of a trapezoid. These students are preparing an interactive multi-media lesson that they will soon teach to their classmates. Students are currently identifying and classifying 3D figures. This week students will be using 3D nets to create classroom geometry mobiles that summarize their understanding of 3D figures; you can check out their finished products next week.

The deadline for sixth grade recognition night slide show picture submissions is **May 22, 2015**. Please see my website for details: <http://teacherweb.com/MA/NewburyElementarySchool/AliciaChiasson/h0.aspx>



"If you can't explain it simply, you don't understand it well enough."

-Albert Einstein

In Science, sixth grade students have been studying *forces and motion* and are working in small groups to create lessons for whole-group instruction. The lessons include lots of research, two-column notes, demonstrations, internet enrichment, and instructional posters. Students are enjoying the process of designing lessons to teach to their classmates. Topics include: describing and measuring motion, acceleration, friction, gravity, action and reaction, work, kinetic and potential energy, and conversion/conservation of energy. After all groups have presented their lessons, we will find the many ways that physics can be applied to "The Great Purple Chair Race!" We will end our study with "The Flying Egg Trick," which students will connect to Newton's Laws of Motion.

PTA Update...

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week Comes to a Close

Thanks to Allison Grossman for coordinating the PTA's efforts this week, and thanks to all the volunteers who provided donated items and staffed events.

Our teachers and staff appreciated the many notes, drawings and decorations made by our students, and enjoyed roses, courtesy of Flowers by Anastasia on Main in Byfield. They also were treated to a sweets counter in the staff lounge, coffee and tea service, and a luncheon. Thank you, staff and teachers, for all you do EVERY day!



Fairy and Gnome Walk May 16th - We need Volunteers - BIG TIME!

Enjoy a few hours outside in a beautiful setting.

Sign up at : www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0A4DAFA72AA6FC1-fairy/13649791

Order your NES yearbook now!

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Order your copy now at www.entourageyearbooks.com.

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

The NES yearbook captures the year for all students, preschool through sixth grade. The book is filled with favorite memories and pictures of students.

Younger students enjoy using the yearbook to learn names of classmates and to identify teachers in other grades. Older students benefit from the yearbook to capture their favorite times and events.

Questions? Contact nesptayearbook@gmail.com.

Our Yearbook Needs Photos By May 13th

Between now and May 13th, submit pictures of school events and activities.

How to submit:

Pictures Requirement: high quality and in focus

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 direct you to a new page.

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

Load photos into categories. If one isn't listed, or if you have questions, please email Heather and Maddy at nesptayearbook@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)

SEPAC News...



WORKSHOP:

Let's Get Organized!

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


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 keep our members aware of events and issues in the community. Email us to be on the list.

Friends of Newbury Town Library

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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 at 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.





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NTL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS: WEEK OF MAY 10th - MAY 16th**LAUGHS & CRAFTS (Grades 4-8): BUTTERFLIES!**

Tuesday, May 12th 4:30-5:30pm – We're making spring butterflies during this Laughs & Crafts session. They can be used as sun catchers, garden decorations, or even hairpins! We will meet in the small meeting room in the Children's section of the library. Class is limited to 12 participants, so register early to save your space. [Click here to register](#) - registration is required.

**DO-DROP-IN PLAYTIME SESSIONS**

(Ages 0-4, siblings welcome) – Every Wednesday morning from 10:30am-12pm – 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.

FRIENDS of the Newbury Town Library Fundraiser

On Tuesdays for the entire month of May, stop in for lunch or dinner at **Not Your Average Joe's in Newburyport** and tell them you support the Friends of the Newbury Library. A portion of the check will be donated to the FRIENDS, which funds most of the children's programs we offer! It's a win win!

SPROUTING MELODIES (Ages 18mos – 3yrs)

Thursday, May 14th at 1pm – In this monthly music program, toddlers enjoy the routine they crave yet also the freedom and creativity to grow in self-expression and to build social relationships with their peers in music through instrument play, movement and singing. [Click here for more information or to register.](#)

***NEW* LIBRARY BABIES! (Babies to age 1-1/2)**

Fridays at 10:30am (May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & June 5) – Designed for the youngest library users and their parents or 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! [Click here for more information or to register.](#)

SIMPLE & SWEET STORY TIMES (Ages 3-5, siblings welcome)

Fridays at 11am (May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & June 5) – After Blocks & Babies, we have our Simple and Sweet Story Times with songs and craft just for our little ones. The Newbury Town Library's 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. [Click here for more information or to register.](#) Space is limited.

LUNCH BUNCH (Ages 3-5, siblings welcome)

Fridays at 11:45am (May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & June 5) – Bring your lunch to LUNCH BUNCH – an add-on to our Simple & Sweet Story Time. Story time functions as a way for your children to learn valuable socialization skills, and Lunch Bunch will facilitate the development of these social skills even more, while providing the children with a little more time to be together after story time. [Click here for more information or to register.](#)

HALF-DAY MOVIE SHOWING: ANNIE (PG)

Friday, May 15th at 1pm (NES HALF-DAY) – Popcorn and bottled water will be served. Children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult. [Click here for more information or to register.](#) (Sponsored by the Friends of the Newbury Town Library)

FRIENDS of the Newbury Town Library Plant & Bake Sale

Saturday, May 16th

Ongoing Children's Flower Activities (multiple ages)

During the Friends of the Newbury Town Library's annual Plant & Bake Sale, we will have two children's activities going on between 10am and 1pm. Join us! (For more information about the Plant Sale, [click here](#))

- 1. Paper Flower Making Table (all ages):** At this table, children will be able to put together a bright and cheery paper flower design (or two, or three!) that can be hung up as pretty decoration.
- 2. Sunflowers Planting Table (K-6th grade):** Sponsored by the Topsfield Fair Summer Reading program, children will be able to plant sunflower seeds into a pot and take the pot home. Readers are encouraged to care for their flowers throughout the summer and then enter them into the Fair this Fall!

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



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 Town Meeting	20 MCAS-Gr 5 Science/ Technology	21 MCAS-Gr 5 Science/ Technology 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?

Elementary District Math Meet


Consider these mathematics problems:

Bay Street has from 2 through 15 houses, numbered 1,2,3, and so on. Mr. Sullivan lives in one of the houses. The sum of all the house numbers less than his equals the sum of all the house numbers greater than his. How many houses are on Bay Street?

 *Mr. Jackson was born on January 1, 1970. His daughter Lea was born on January 1, 1992. In what year was Mr. Jackson exactly three times as old as Lea?*

 Fifth and sixth grade students from Triton Regional School District solved these, and many other mathematics problems during the second of two district math meets on April 14th. Congratulations to Newbury's top scorer and to all of the math team participants.

Individual Top Scorers of the Meet:

 Matthew Janvrin (NES)

Participants:

Alivia Black	Matthew Janvrin	Jack Perry
Atticus Chiasson	Ross Lyon	Joey Powis
Justin Fogarty	Finnegan Manning	Kate Taylor
Hannah Gray	Joshua Nigro	Freya Tuomi
Charlie Grossman	Kate Olson	Caden Vogt
Sam Hargreaves	Erin Osinski	Tommy Volpone
Nathaniel Howard	Evelyn Pearson	

Answers to the problems on the left: 8, 2003