



The Newbury Elementary School

Newt-paper

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Wishing Tree

Are you looking for a way to donate to your child's classroom? In the front lobby of NES is a beautiful Wishing Tree that was created by our talented Ms. Merluzzi. Each grade level has a branch and teachers have added their wishes on a leaf on the tree. If you would like to make a donation, simply take a leaf from the tree and send your donation into the classroom.



Thank you in advance for your support!

The next Newbury NEWT-paper will be December 5th



There will be no Newbury NEWT-paper next week due to the holiday break. Have a restful and Happy Thanksgiving!

Looking to volunteer?

Your help is needed for photocopying and small jobs at NES. If you are willing and able, contact Laura Paige at lpaige@trsd.net.

Thank you for considering.



Save the dates...

Triton Regional School District will be administrating the PARCC and MCAS Science & Technology/Engineering assessments between March 23rd and April 3rd and again between May 11th and the 22nd.



The exact schedule is below. Please make every effort to have your child in school at this time.

Thank you for your support!



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Triton Regional School District State Assessment Elementary School Schedule March 2015 ~ Performance-Based Component (PBC)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
22	23 PARCC ELA/Literacy Gr. 3 Literary Analysis (50 minutes) Gr. 5 Literary Analysis (80 minutes)	24 PARCC ELA/Literacy Gr. 4 Literary Analysis (80 minutes) Gr. 6 Literary Analysis (80 minutes)	25 PARCC ELA/Literacy Gr. 3 Research (60 minutes) Gr. 5 Research (80 minutes)	26 PARCC ELA/Literacy Gr. 4 Research (80 minutes) Gr. 6 Research (85 minutes)	27 PARCC ELA/Literacy Gr. 3 Narrative (40 minutes) Gr. 5 Narrative (50 minutes)	28
29	30 PARCC ELA/Literacy Gr. 4 Narrative (50 minutes) Gr. 6 Narrative (50 minutes)	31 PARCC Math Gr. 3 Session 1 (50 minutes) Gr. 5 Session 1 (50 minutes)	4/1 PARCC Math Gr. 4 Session 1 (50 minutes) Gr. 6 Session 1 (50 minutes)	4/2 PARCC Math Gr. 3 Session 2 (50 minutes) Gr. 5 Session 2 (50 minutes)	4/3 PARCC Math Gr. 4 Session 2 (50 minutes) Gr. 6 Session 2 (50 minutes)	4/4

Notes: Students have an additional 50% of the above allocated time if needed. (Example: 60 minutes + an additional 50% = 30 minutes for a total of 90 minutes.)
Scheduling is up to the discretion of the principal.

PARCC= Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers

May 2015 ~ End-of-Year Component (EOY)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10	11 PARCC ELA/Literacy Gr. 3 Session 1 (60 minutes) Gr. 5 Session 1 (70 minutes)	12 PARCC ELA/Literacy Gr. 4 Session 1 (70 minutes) Gr. 6 Session 1 (70 minutes)	13 PARCC ELA/Literacy Gr. 3 Session 2 (60 minutes) Gr. 5 Session 2 (70 minutes)	14 PARCC ELA/Literacy Gr. 4 Session 2 (70 minutes) Gr. 6 Session 2 (70 minutes)	15 MCAS Science & Technology/Engineering Gr. 5 Science & Technology/Engineering	16
17	18 PARCC Math Gr. 3 Session 1 (55 minutes) Gr. 5 Session 1 (55 minutes)	19 PARCC Math Gr. 4 Session 1 (55 minutes) Gr. 6 Session 1 (55 minutes)	20 PARCC Math Gr. 3 Session 2 (55 minutes) Gr. 5 Session 2 (55 minutes)	21 PARCC Math Gr. 4 Session 2 (55 minutes) Gr. 6 Session 2 (55 minutes)	22 Possible make up day	23

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Possible make up day: May 22. Scheduling is up to the discretion of the principal.

Sixth Grade News

SIXTH GRADE SCIENCE



Sixth grade science students have been working on our *describing and measuring matter* unit. They enjoyed sharing their lab results on how they separated various mixtures. We are now exploring properties of matter while practicing each part of the *scientific method* in our penny lab. Students are testing different liquids for surface tension. Along with their labs, students are designing instructional vocabulary posters using elements from Keys to Literacy. We are creating a word wall for science terms. We will be studying density soon and learning how to use triple beam balance scales! The students are looking forward to creating their own density towers!

SIXTH GRADE MATH



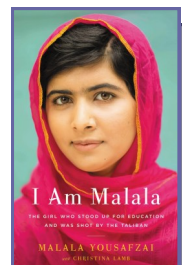
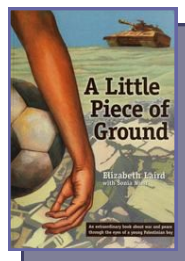
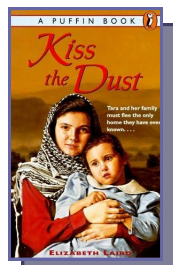
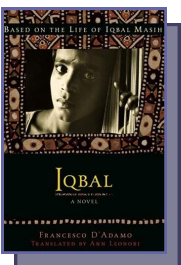
Sixth graders have been learning about the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages. They are solving real world problems involving the comparison of various quantities. Students have created mini-presentations for the class in which they explain their thinking and the strategies they used in solving such problems. Some students have been coaching their classmates in utilizing standards for mathematical practice after working with Mrs. Paige to solve problems in the “Think Tank” program. Emma H. and Wally Z. have recently taught their classmates about the standard “Making sense of problems and persevere in solving them,” as they created problems for the class to wrestle with. As Wally pointed out, “A problem can be really hard at first, but if you persevere, it feels really good when you finally figure out the solution.” Students are now focusing on the standard “Make viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.” This standard is about justifying one’s thinking, and having dialogue about the ways in which others perceive the same situation. I would like to thank Mrs. Cotter, Mrs. Olson, Mrs. Gigandet, Mr. Van Etten, and Mrs. Lopes for volunteering to work with students who have been using the chrome books to practice Online Math League and to work on Moby Max during math flex blocks. Opportunities to volunteer in December will be emailed home soon.

SIXTH GRADE ELA AND SOCIAL STUDIES



ELA students recently finished writing thank you letters to their 6th grade environmental camp field teachers. Students wrote letters to describe the moments they appreciated from the field teachers, focusing on sensory imagery and details.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be reading historical fiction books to connect ELA and SS to focus on the Middle East and West Asia. The students pre-read *Iqbal*, *The Other Side of the Sky*, *Kiss the Dust*, *A little Piece of Ground*, and *I am Malala* and decide which book they prefer to read. While reading the books, students will conduct non-fiction research while designing high-level comprehension questions.



“The art of being wise is
the art of knowing what to
overlook.”

- William James

Your friends and classmates invite you to watch them perform in *A Not So Normal Christmas!*

A Not So Normal Christmas is an original holiday story of two spunky orphans, Penny and Miles who go to live with relatives they have never met, Farnsworth and Mona Brown. They are welcomed into a house filled with strangely wonderful characters; where the clock jokes, statues dance, portraits speak and the bear rug is ticklish. Everyone at the Brown house is a bit spooky and a bit weird, but the oddest thing of all is the Browns have never heard of Santa Claus! While children all around the world are writing letters to Santa and anticipating Christmas, Penny and Miles set out to find a way to bring Christmas cheer to their new family and home. The unpredictable story, which is a bit like the Addams Family meets A Christmas Story sets the stage for big laughs and high energy dances. This holiday get ready to be dazzled and surprised for a Not So Normal Christmas experience you will never forget.

Ticket order form is below. Tickets are selling fast!



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.

THEATER WORKSHOP at NES presents:



Ticket Options:

\$10 General Admission: Available for all performances. First come first serve seating

\$15 Premium Admission: RESERVED seating, available for ALL performances. Center section & best sight-line seats. Available Nov 15th, until sold out.

\$25 Scholarship Supporter Seat: RESERVED Front Row seating available for ALL performances. Tax deductible donation. Proceeds from these tickets benefit The Workshop Arts Inc. Senior Scholarship. Available until sold out.

TICKET ORDER FORM



NAME _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday Front Row Scholarship Seating

Specify performance date(s) _____ QTY: _____ @ \$25 ea= _____

THURSDAY Dec 11th @ 7pm QTY: _____ Premium Admission \$15.00 ea= _____

FRIDAY Dec 12th @ 7pm QTY: _____ Premium Admission \$15.00 ea= _____

SATURDAY Dec 13th @ 7pm QTY: _____ Premium Admission \$15.00 ea= _____

SUNDAY Dec 14th @ 1pm QTY: _____ Premium Admission \$15.00 ea= _____

THURSDAY Dec 11th @ 7pm QTY: _____ General Admission \$10.00 ea= _____

FRIDAY Dec 12th @ 7pm QTY: _____ General Admission \$10.00 ea= _____

SATURDAY Dec 13th @ 7pm QTY: _____ General Admission \$10.00 ea= _____

SUNDAY Dec 14th @ 1pm QTY: _____ General Admission \$10.00 ea= _____

CASH _____ CHECK # _____ (make payable to Workshop Arts Inc.) Total _____

All Premium and Scholarship Seating purchases must be paid for by Dec 1st or tickets will be released. Tickets available on a first come, first serve basis.

Return this form with payment to our Box Office Manager, Amy Northup or contact her at twsboxoffice@gmail.com

PTA News...

Ho-ho-ho Holiday Breakfast on Dec. 6th

Join us on Saturday, Dec. 6th, 8-11 am for the NES PTA Holiday Breakfast in the school cafeteria.

Highlights of the event are:

pancakes and bacon

bake sale

crafts for the kids

vendor tables

and, of course: a visit with Santa!

Make plans to bring the whole family as you get in the holiday spirit! We will also collect toys and donations for area children in need at the event.

Wreath and Kissing Ball Sale

The PTA offers wreaths and kissing balls for sale; see the attached order form. Orders may be picked up at the holiday breakfast on Dec. 6th. Unable to attend? Ask a friend who is to pick it up! Wreath orders can also be made online by emailing Anne Walsh at walsh11@comcast.net. The order deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 27th.

Help Wanted

Holiday Breakfast Workers

Bring your holiday spirit and help make the Holiday Breakfast a great event for our families. We need pancake flippers, bacon sizzlers, baked good and fruit plate donors, crafters, Santa photo assistants, set up and clean up crew members, and more. Find a role that you can take on Dec. 5th or Dec. 6th and volunteer at

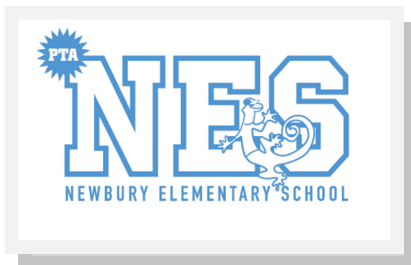
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e48a5a72ca46-pancake> or email us at newburyptainfo@gmail.com.

Fitness Series Coordinator

Interested in fitness? Last year's Fitness Series brought together community members to try some new activities at area gyms and studios. The host sites donated class fees to our PTA: a win-win!

We've already done some of the base work to organize the series. We need someone to solidify dates and help publicize. Interested in this short-term project that can be done on your schedule? Email newburyptainfo@gmail.com for more information to see if it's something you can do. Last year's coordinator can give you information on how to proceed—or you can try it your own way!

Family Spring Fling and Silent Auction Team Members



Plans are underway for the PTA Family Spring Fling and Silent Auction on Friday, March 27th at the school. We hope to make this a fun evening for everyone while raising money for our PTA. We have a goal of raising \$15,000 and will be successful.

Elise Carner is chairing the auction but needs help to make it a success. We need school supporters who will help solicit sponsorships and donation items from area and national businesses. You can do this from home or with your children accompanying you. Whether you have an hour to spare or can devote several,

you can help the auction be a success. Please email her at elisecarnermail@gmail.com to learn how you can be part of the team.

If planning the entertainment at the Spring Fling is more your style, or you can help make signs, we can also use your help. Email newburyptainfo@gmail.com to volunteer.

Thanks for Giving

The NES PTA Annual Fund is up and running again in 2014. With the holidays rapidly approaching, now is the perfect time to reach out to friends and family members and ask them to consider making a donation to the NES PTA Annual Fund. Supporting your child’s educational experience will be one of the best gifts they can give you and it’s tax deductible! Donors can give to the general fund or earmark their donation for a specific need. Learn more by reading the attached flyer or email us.

Amazon helps our PTA!

When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Newbury PTA. Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/04-3167167> and support us every time you shop.

Book Fair Wrap-up

Last week’s book fair brought a profit of \$1800! Thank you to school librarian Jennifer Brown, and parent leaders Pam Murray, Alexa Strauch, Emily Abt, and Elaina Sayles for coordinating the event. The \$1800 will be used to purchase new books and materials for our school library.



NES Pancake Breakfast



Join us for a fun, family event!

Saturday, Dec. 6th

8 am-11 am, NES cafeteria

Come have your photo taken with Santa, shop the vendor and craft tables. Enjoy free kids crafts, the bake sale, and pick up your pre-ordered wreaths. Pancakes, bacon, bagels and drinks will be available for purchase.

The PTA will be collecting voluntary donations of unwrapped toys for families in the community.



Pre-order your holiday wreath by Wednesday, Nov. 26th

Your name: _____ Phone number: _____



Wreath \$12.00 Select: white bow ___ gold bow ___ red bow ___

Kissing Balls \$25.00 Select: white bow ___ gold bow ___ red bow ___

Total: \$ _____

Clip this form & send into the NES office by **Nov. 26th** with check made out to NES PTA. Wreaths and Kissing Balls will be available for pick up at the Pancake Breakfast.



The NES PTA Annual Fund Update (Nov. 2014)

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Why People Give to the Annual Fund

• "We donated to the Annual Fund because we are continually impressed with the amount of enrichment activities and events the NES PTA offers our grandson".

- *Bob & Alice Hawes*

• "The ability to provide a targeted donation through the NES PTA Annual Fund puts our family in the driver's seat and lets us decide where we want our money to go and how it will be used".

- *Anonymous donor*

• "The PTA's recent technology donations (Chrome carts) have done so much to enhance our children's educational experience, we want it to continue".

- *Anonymous donor*

Donating is Easy:

Donate Online:

Go to newburypta.com/donate, select your donation amount, and enter "annual fund" in the comment box.

Donate by Check:

Write a check payable to the NES PTA, place "annual fund" in the memo line, and return to the PTA Treasurer in the school office.

Request a Company Match

Contact your company's HR department to see if they offer a company match and complete the paperwork. It's an easy way to get more for your money and to double the amount of your Annual Fund contribution.



The PTA is off to a great start in 2014. Annual Fund donations fuel our ability to deliver enrichment activities & events.

Recent PTA Successes include:

• The joy & laughter experienced on our new Playground Swing Set thanks to the \$12k anonymous family donation made to the Annual Fund specifically for playground enhancements.

• Each new student and staff member received NES PTA t-shirts to support school pride.

• Our NES Grows committee & student council members harvested and planted over 500 new bulbs to support environmental learning.

• Our NES Grows committee held their ongoing Playground Design planning session with NES families and received School Committee approval to continue their planning efforts.

• We provided a grant to support 6th grade Environmental Camp.

• We supported Triton Haunted & hosted the Annual NES Halloween Party.

• We ran the annual November Scholastic Book Fair and donated all money to the NES Library.

**Donate now at
www.newburypta.com/donate**



ENTER TO WIN:

(4) Tickets to see the New England Patriots vs. Buffalo Bills on Sunday, December 28th at 1:00PM. Seats are in Section 133, Row 28, seats 3,4,5,6.

Winner will be randomly chosen on Friday, December 5th and will be notified by email or phone.

To purchase chances, please go to:

Minors must be accompanied by an adult.

Any questions please email: newburyptainfo@gmail.com

A BIG thank you to Aidan Kennedy for generously donating the tickets!

<https://www.nespta.ticketbud.com/new-england-patriots-raffle>

1st Annual Youth Field Hockey Clinic

Triton High School Varsity Field Hockey team will be holding its 1st annual winter youth clinic fundraiser to benefit the high school team. This is a great clinic for beginners and veteran players alike.

Clinic will include focus on the following:

Fun - Defense - Stick work - Introduction to the game - Terminology

Whether your daughter is starting field hockey as a new player this year or has played before, we can assure you this will be a fun and a great environment to learn the game.

Thank you for your support of Triton Field Hockey.

- WHEN: 8 Sundays in January – March: 1/4, 1/11, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8
- WHERE: Newbury Elementary School
- TIME: 1:00 - 2:30 PM for students in grades K- 6th
- COST: \$50.00
- Questions: Please contact Coach Andersen at Dandersen@trsd.net

Thank you,

Coach Andersen
Triton High School Varsity Field Hockey Coach





December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
23	24	25	26 Half Day	27 Schools Closed: Thanksgiving	28 Schools Closed	29
30	1	2 7:30 am Student Council 7:00 pm Winter Concert	3 4:15 Student Council	4	5 9-10:30 am PTA Coffee House	6 PTA Holiday Breakfast 11-5 TWS Dress Rehearsal
7 Tree Lighting on the Green	8	9	10 Report Cards go home TWS School Performance 7:00 pm School Committee	11 Half Day: Parent Conferences 7:00 pm TWS Performance	12 Half Day: Parent Conferences 7:00 pm TWS Performance	13 7:00 pm TWS Performance
14 1:00 pm TWS Performance Matinee	15	16 7:30 am Student Council	17 6:30 pm TWS Open House	18	19	20
21	22 Schools Closed: Winter Vacation	23 Schools Closed: Winter Vacation	24 Schools Closed: Winter Vacation	25 Schools Closed: Winter Vacation	26 Schools Closed: Winter Vacation	27
28	29 Schools Closed: Winter Vacation	30 Schools Closed: Winter Vacation	31 Schools Closed: Winter Vacation			

Did you know?

Together to Gather

NES Student Council completed the 5th annual *Together to Gather*. Students gathered food to provide Thanksgiving meals to the Pettengill House, the Senior Center, and the Byfield Parish Food Pantry. Monetary donations were collected to purchase turkeys as well as food donations. In total, NES filled 75 baskets to the Pettengill House, 15 baskets to the Senior Center and several boxes of food to the Byfield Parish Food Pantry.

Thank you to all who donated,
 The NES Student Council and Michelle Walsh

