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Scholastic Book Fair at NES was a huge success!

Thank you to all who participated in the NES Book Fair! The Fair was a great success because of the dedicated volunteers who put in countless hours before, during, and after the fair

The revenue of \$2,400 will enable us to purchase books and resources for the Library Media Center. The real reward of the fair is the ability to put books into the hands of students and shape a library collection that supports the curriculum and student interests in the coming year. New acquisitions to the Library collection can be viewed in the virtual Shelfari bookshelf on the Library's webpage

(www.neslibrary.weebly.com.)

Thank you to the PTA for sponsoring the fair and to all who have given so generously and in many ways to make it a success. Happy Reading,

Mrs. Brown



NES NEWT-paper Update...



There will be **NO** NEWT-paper next week, November 29th. The next issue will be published on December 6th. Enjoy the holiday break!

Thank you to the NES PTA for organizing and sponsoring the Sarah Ward presentation!

Thank you to the NES PTA for organizing and sponsoring the wonderful presentation by Sarah Ward on Tuesday night. The presentation was informative and useful. All went home with many practical strategies to help children improve on their executive functioning skills.



From the Health Office...

Last year, Influenza hit NES hard just in time for the holidays. Typically, Influenza season starts in

October/November, and this year is no exception. Cases of Influenza are starting to be reported by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The Influenza vaccine takes about two weeks to become effective, so let's try and keep our NES community healthy for the holidays by all getting our FLU shots as soon as possible!

Below is a link for parents about the FLU from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. It provides information about the causes and symptoms of the disease, how it is spread, how to obtain additional information regarding the disease, and the effectiveness and risks of vaccination. There is additional information about the FLU on the CDC's website at the link below.

http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/season/flu-season-2013-2014.htm

Wishing us all a happy and healthy holiday season!

Warmly,

Emily Kay-French

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Article from the Newburyport Daily News

Turkey Donations Needed 11/19/2013



Thank you to all who generously donated to our Thanksgiving Food Drive! If you missed our donation collection or are looking for another place to give, check out this article...

NEWBURYPORT — Maybe it's just him, but Salvation Army Newburyport commanding officer Lt. Jeffrey Brunelle really thinks of one thing when it comes to Thanksgiving.

"Without the turkey, something is tremendously missing," Brunelle said. "You always look forward to the turkey and the nap afterwards.

But, at the moment, many local families that rely on the Salvation Army for assistance may have to go without the main dish at their holiday meal this year as the Newburyport organization currently has a shortage of available turkeys to distribute to those in need. They are hopeful that the public can help to change that.

"We are seeing a larger number of families requesting assistance." says Brunelle's wife, Salvation Army Lt. Meghan Brunelle. "We've got a long way to go. But, I'd hate to have to turn anyone away."

With only 49 turkeys on hand, the Newburyport chapter is only a quarter of the way to their Thanksgiving goal of 200, which will be distributed to people from all walks of life.

"We see low income families," Jeff Brunelle said. "We see seniors whose families have moved on and are living alone. We see single parents, all throughout the area. Poverty in Newburyport can sometimes be very hidden. But the children go to the same classrooms as the other kids, or they live in the same neighborhoods."

The number of families needing assistance has more than doubled since the Brunelles first came to Newburyport two years ago and they hope to give out a total of 400 turkeys throughout the holiday season. Applications are taken from October up until the beginning of November, but there is no cutoff date.

"People come to us at the last minute sometimes," Jeff Brunelle said. "Because they thought that they were going to be able to make it through the season just fine, but they get their last paycheck before the holiday and realize that they are just not going to stretch it that far."

The Newburyport Salvation Army has been helping the needy since 1885.

"The most important thing we offer is hope," Meghan Brunelle said. "Families come to us facing some very difficult situations. We want them to know that they are not alone, and that there are a lot of people who care about them. The food, the financial assistance, the toys, the turkeys, it's important. But, the most important thing is that they leave with restored hope."

Turkeys weighing between 12 to 14 pounds can be brought to the Salvation Army's Water Street headquarters as early as this afternoon. Larger turkeys are also accepted and financial contributions can be made as well.

"People are excited to get behind a cause that they can believe in," Jeff Brunelle said. "It's just, sometimes they don't know where the need is until, it is revealed to them. This community has been wonderful in stepping up and making sure that everyone has an opportunity to celebrate with their family in the way that they should. It's an American tradition."

The Salvation Army plans to distribute the food on Tuesday, Nov. 26.

"This community has always stepped up and met the need as it has come," Jeff Brunelle said. "Last year was particularly scary for us, we were about 100 turkeys short. But as a result of getting the word out, the community really stepped up and made sure that every family was able to celebrate a great Thanksgiving with a turkey and everything else because they came through with last-minute donations."



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Theater Workshop

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Visits with Santa, Rudolph sightings, dressy dolls and dancing gingerbread cookies are beloved Christmas traditions that are all at risk in the Theater Workshop production of Mister Santa. When the department store Santa Claus is replaced by online shopping and Santa Land is being retired, the sentimental retro Christmas is threatened by a profit-driven techno Christmas. Corporate executives devise plans to modernize Christmas with performing robots and technology. The Santa Land characters come to life to share their concerns with a 10 year old girl who puts a plan into action to stop the loss of Santa Land by reminding us all what really matters most during the holiday season. Mister Santa, an original production directed by Stacey April Fix, features a cast of 75 with high energy dances and a special holiday message for the whole family. It's the perfect holiday package!

WHAT

Mister Santa | A Theater Workshop Production presented by WORKSHOP ARTS INC. an original script directed by Stacey April Fix

WHERE

Newbury Elementary School, 63 Hanover Street, Newbury, MA

WHEN

Thursday, December 12th, 7:00pm

Friday, December 13th, 7:00pm

Saturday, December 14th, 7:00pm

Sunday, December 15th, 1:00pm

HOW

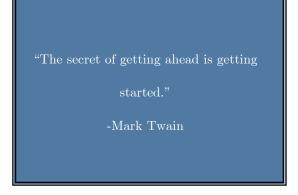
Tickets \$10, \$15 and \$25. Contact: TWSboxoffice@gmail.com

Reservations Recommended.

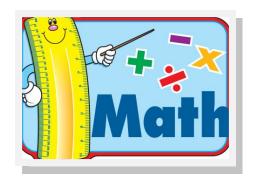
Sixth Grade Math

Sixth graders have recently completed their study of Number Theory while making many discoveries about multiples, factors, prime numbers and square numbers. Some examples include: Sam B. and Chatham C. discovered that all square numbers have

an odd amount of factors, Tim P. found a pattern in the gaps between twin primes, and Hunter W. developed a system for generating very large prime numbers. Since returning from camp, students have been working with fractions. Students are making connections between the uses of fraction, decimal, and percent equivalences and how these representations are part of their everyday lives.







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There were three girl cabins and three boy cabins... our own little homes for the week. We chose our bunkmates before going to camp, but we waited until we got there to learn the others in our cabin. It was really fun!





The family-style meals were so delicious! Each platter usually had to be refilled at least three times. There was always so much fresh fruit at every meal. We even got a nighttime snack! There was rec time after each meal, so we could socialize with all of our friends.





We were put into field groups with nine other classmates. We stayed with our field teacher for the entire week. Some of the lessons were: Forest Ecology, Outdoor Skills, Challenge Course, Living History, Wetland Ecology, Archaeology, Predator Prey, and The Underground Railroad. There were so many fun activities, and we learned so much. Most of the lessons were outside. The lessons were all hands-on and were incredibly fun! It was fun to go back to West Greenwich in 1832 for the Living History afternoon. Life was so different back then. The night lessons were really fun. The Underground Railroad was a realistic simulation, and the NES teachers were the conductors. Even Ms. Yando was a conductor for a group!





We improved our communication and cooperation skills. We learned that you have to work together to be successful. We had a good time with the team building activities that we did before the challenge course.





The buses were awesome! There were DVD players on them. We watched <u>Monster University</u> and <u>Elf</u>. Some students have been waiting to go to camp since they were in first grade. We finally got to go. The memories will last a lifetime! We loved having the whole school welcome us back to NES!





There will be a photo display in the sixth grade wing so that everyone can see how much fun we had. We are writing our memories in our Camp Journals. These will be in the hall outside of our classrooms. Have fun reading them!













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The Sixth Graders can't stop talking about camp!

"Sixth grade camp was a very fun experience that was filled with getting to know more people. Sixth grade camp really made me feel free and alive with nature. Sixth grade camp is the best!" (Jimal A.)

"The food at camp was great, and I learned some manners while eating a family-style dinner." (Sergey A.)

"Camp was the experience of a lifetime! I learned a lot while having fun doing it. It was the best week of my life. One to ten... It's a TEN! Thanks W. Alton Jones! (Brandon B.)

"I have so many happy memories. I had the time of my life, and I wish I could have stayed longer. (Jamie B.)

"I came back from W. Alton Jones with leadership skills that I never knew I had and with much more knowledge than I thought I could gain." (Sam B.)

"Every day at school is the same, but every day at camp is different!" (Maxim B.)

"Camp was awesome! I loved the staff at W. Alton Jones. The food was awesome, too. The activities made me love school more!" (Connor B.)

"I learned a lot and ate rolls. Rolls there are so good. I wanted a whole basket to myself!" (Kiefer C.)

"The field teachers at W. Alton Jones made learning fun and exciting. The food at camp was so good!" (Ben C.)

"Everything that we learned at camp was interactive and really fun!" (Chatham C.)

"The camp was an amazing experience. We got to be so close to nature and saw so many different things." (Ben C.)

"Predator Prey was awesome. It was fun being a snake the whole time. Sarah was great!" (Tripp C.)

"When I came back from camp, I was a new person. I learned so much information on how to help the environment." (Zack C.)

"Camp was an amazing experience. I wish I could go every year!" (Mikey C.)

"They said that camp would change me forever, and it did. All of the group work that I did really made me feel confident, because I found out that I was good at partner work. Each time that we did something, we learned something new." (Elsa C.-B.)

"The food was absolutely amazing, and you get rec time after every meal!" (Nick C.)

"I had so much fun at camp. It was way more than what I expected. The Underground Railroad was my favorite activity." (Cameryn D.)

"Camp was one of the best experiences of my life. It felt like I was someone else there. Now I see nature differently. I see myself differently." (Emily D.)

"Camp was fun and awesome. I wish we could have stayed longer!" (Nicholas D.)

"Camp changed my life while I was in the wilderness. Also, I got to know my friends more." (Bonnie Rose D.)

"My camp experience was great. I learned a lot about survival and nature. If I could, I would go every week!" (Alan E.)

"When I got back from camp, it was a life-changing experience because of how the classes taught me so much that I didn't know before!" (Zachary E.)

"Camp was the best experience of my life! If you think it's scary, it's not. You will grow into a better person like I did." (Colleen E.)

"I came back with so much more awareness of the world... simply amazing!" (Renee E.)

"Sixth grade camp was unbelievable! We learned so much, and we had a blast!" (Mason F.)

"Sixth grade camp was amazing. You do something new and exciting every day. It's the experience of a lifetime!" (Griffin F.)

"When the teachers said that I would come back changed, they weren't kidding. I met new people and even learned new things about myself. Never in a million years would I think that I would have so much fun at camp. It's an experience that I will never forget!" (Ava F.)

"It was an extreme learning experience that took place in a glorious outdoor camp. I learned how to survive in the wild and to work together no matter the challenge. I learned about olden times and how slaves really felt running for freedom." (Linda F.)

"Camp is something that I will never forget. I will remember it forever!" (Erin G.)

"Camp was awesome because we got to learn things, and we got to be outside to do things. The field teachers were really nice!" (Calvin G.)

"It was amazing how we cooperated with everyone. I will never forget how our field group came together and solved the challenges given to us." (Mark Anthony G.)

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Quotes from Sixth Grade Camp Continued...

"Sixth grade camp really helped me to learn about nature. It also helped me to get closer to my friends. I learned how animals live, and I learned how to survive." (Will G.)

"When I think about camp, I just think of fun! The experience was amazing because of the field teachers. They put their heart and soul into teaching us so much!" (Ava H.)

"Camp was the best school memory I've ever had! The field teachers were so fun and easygoing. I didn't know we could have so much fun while learning in the cold!" (Eve H.)

"Camp was a really fun place. It was nice to take time off from other things that bother you." (Oliver H.)

"I got sick on Monday and had to have my mom get me. I came back on Wednesday, but the camp experience part was lifechanging!" (Casey H.)

"I very much enjoyed camp. It has changed me as a student and as a person. I can work a lot better in a group, and I can communicate easily with others now." (Tyler H.)

"The nature trails were so amazing. The Underground Railroad and Living History simulations were really fun! It was like I was really there!" (Emily H.)

"Instead of just learning stuff, we experienced it. AND, we got so much more out of it than just learning!" (Marcella H-B.)

"The camp definitely kept us busy enough to forget that you're away from your family. The camp was really great!" (Karoline J.)

"Coming into the experience, I was nervous! This was a life-changing experience, and I will never forget these memories. This adventure will stay in my heart forever, and I'm truly thankful. (Katelyn J.)

"Camp was an astounding experience for us, because we learned so much about leadership." (Lilly K.)

"I couldn't have had a better time at camp! I would do anything to go back! I loved it!" (Jeffrey K.)

"The food was great, and the lessons were well thought out!" (Jack L.)

"I had the time of my life at camp! Everyone was <u>so</u> welcoming, and by the second day I felt like I was at home! All of the activities made us work together and reach to our own individual strengths. I now see my peers through a different set of eyes." (Kylie L.)

"I had a lot of fun at 6^{th} grade camp. Sleeping in cabins was exciting." (AJ L.)

"Sixth grade camp was super fun. I couldn't wait for it to happen. All the activities were so fun, and everyone was so nice. I learned a lot about the environment, and I made new friends along the way." (Maddie M.)

"The entire camp experience was fantastic!" (Robert M.)

"We learned a lot of different things at camp. At the Underground Railroad, we got the feel of what it was really like." (Gabbie M.)

"Sixth grade camp gave me the chance to make new friends, and I learned how to work better with peers." (Olivia M.)

"I enjoyed the amazing field teachers and the excellent food. Camp was a fantastic experience. I learned a lot, and it was fun at the same time!" (Ben M.)

"Camp made me more fun, friendly, smart, and even more creative." (Liam M.)

"I came back feeling like I knew so much more about our environment. I learned what I would need for camping and learned how to make a shelter, too!" (Barry N.)

"Camp was great. I learned a lot about so many things. I got to know some people better. I loved the food so much!" (Kyle N.)

"Sixth grade camp changed my life because it taught me a lot more about wildlife and the wetlands. I loved 6th grade camp!" (Bridget O.)

"My camp experience was very fun. We did so many fun things!" (Jack O.)

"Sixth grade camp was the best. The Underground Rail Road and all the night activities were just so fun!" (Sam O.)

"Camp was awesome, and the food was amazing. Team building was my favorite activity." (Anthony O.)

"After watching one 6th grade class after another come back from camp, I'm glad that I finally got to go. It was the highlight of Newbury Elementary School!" (Tim P.)

"Camp was a great experience! It was so much fun! Everyone was so nice!" (Kaylyn P.)

"Camp was the highlight of my 6^{th} grade experience. It's a memory to fill a lifetime!" (Maddy P.)

"Sixth grade camp was a very fun and educational experience. The food was AMAZING!" (Sam P.)

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Quotes from Sixth Grade Camp Continued...

"I will never forget my experience at W. Alton Jones because of all the fun I had!" (Erin P.)

"This was the most fun experience ever! I will never forget being in the cabin with my friends and the awesome campfire! The next grade that goes will have the best time of their lives, because I did!" (Kerry P.)

"Camp was a great experience because I learned so much, and I had a lot of fun. The best part was the cabins. It was like I had my own little house!" (Samantha P.)

"Camp was so fun. We did wetland ecology, archaeology, forest ecology. My favorite was the night hike. On the night hike, you tested your vision in the night and looked up at the stars." (Ben R.)

"Camp was a great experience! I learned a lot and all of the activities were so much fun!" (Melina R.)

"I thought camp was fantastic! It was great to venture out into the woods. I learned so many things!" (Lily R.)

"Camp was the most fun thing I've ever done in school. I would love to do it again." (Jackson S.)

"Being outside really connected me to nature. The week was the best and the most memorable!" (Arianna S.)

"We didn't just learn things at W. Alto Jones... we experienced things for ourselves and had fun while doing it!" (Jack S.)

"Sixth grade camp was lots of fun. We learned how to work as group and learned lots about history and nature." (Annabelle S.)

"Camp was really exciting! We learned a lot about nature, and while learning we had lots of fun!" (Charlie T.)

"I had so much fun at camp. It didn't even feel like I was learning!" (Miles T.)

"I loved 6th grade camp so much. All of the lessons were so much fun. None of us were bored during the lessons. My camp experience was full of laughs and fun!" (Anna T.)

"Camp at W. Alton Jones was some of the most fun that I've ever had! It was worth the five year wait!" (Tim T.)

"Astonishing!" (Justin T.)

"Camp was one of the finest experiences of my life so far!" (Brayden T.)

"I really became one with nature at W. Alton Jones. I leaned so many different things: how to build a fire, what it was like back in 1832, and how to really experience nature. I can now hear the breeze through the leaves. I can now feel the earth beneath my feet, and I can see the world as it really is...beautiful!" (Andrew V.)

"Camp changed me to be a leader, and it taught me how the environment can get hurt by us. My favorite part was Living History." (Paige V.)

"It was the best time of my life. I came back a completely different person. I learned so much, but in a fun way!" (Emma W.)

"Sixth grade camp was fun. It changed how I look at nature. It taught me how to work with groups better. I WISH I COULD DO IT AGAIN!" (Tyler W.)

"Camp was amazing because I made so many new friends. My favorite part was hard to pick, but it was The Underground Railroad. The funniest part of camp was cabin time when we all talked about what happened that day." (Harry W.)

"I loved camp! It was one of the best times in my life. I liked meeting new friends." (Parker W.)

"Camp was really fun because we learned how to do new things and work together. We played lots of wicked awesome games!" (Jesse W.)

"Camp was so fun! It was cool and amazing with the chaperones and the team working together." (Hunter W.)

"I wish I never left because it was so fun. W. Alton Jones is the best camp I've ever been to! I wish I could go every month!" (Cody W)

"I had the most fun ponding at Bubbling Springs Pond. We got to see the ecosystem in that little pond." (John Z.)



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PTA News...

Car Service for the Patriots Game?

Have you been hesitant to buy a chance at winning the four tickets to the Patriots-Bills game on December 29, thinking what if it snows? No worries! The prize package now includes round-trip chauffeured car service in an SUV! Now you can enjoy the game without having the stress of getting there! Total prize value is now over \$1500.

Buy your chances at https://www-nespta.ticketbud.com/sportspackage

Outdoor Grounds Update:

This week the 6th grade students planted an array of bulbs. They used some mathematical knowledge in the process, and will do another math project in the spring when they bloom.

Fifth grade students planted many cold crop seeds as part of an experiment to see if we can grow using cold frames. We hope to harvest some fresh produce in the middle of winter.

Mixed Bags Sales Results

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Mixed Bags fundraiser; it was a great success! We sold over \$12,000 in merchandise and made over \$6,000 in profit for NES PTA!! Thanks to Emily Abt and Ellen Hazo for organizing the fundraiser.

We expect the bags to be delivered to school within the next few weeks and they will be distributed to students.

Together, We Gathered!

The Student Council, Charlie Labella, and Michelle Walsh sincerely thank the NES community for their contributions to make our "Together We Gather" Thanksgiving basket project a success.

With your cash and food donations, 76 baskets were made. Almost 50 students, teachers, parents and grandparents helped in the assembly and decorating of the baskets. We thank the families who contributed, including the anonymous donors who gave 300 pounds of potatoes and 200 pounds of fresh carrots. These baskets are being donated to area families in need via the Pettengill House. Additionally, food donations were sent to the Community Food Pantry in Byfield and the Newbury Senior Center.

We also received and packaged toiletry bags containing soap, shampoo, deodorant, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and combs. These bags will be distributed by Pettengill House.

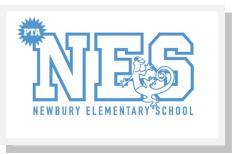
The next food drive will be in January or February to address the post-holiday need.

If any one has any questions, please email Michelle Walsh at Mwalsh9@msn.com or Charlie Labella at Clabel-la@trsd.net.

Crafts at the Tree Lighting

The PTA will offer a fun craft project for the first 50 students at the town tree lighting on December 1st. We hope to see you there!





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The NES Newt paper is published by Amy Pasquarello on you would like to submit something to be included in the NES Newt-paper, please email your information to apasquarello@trsd. before the newsletter is published.

Dear Families,

In the next few weeks, we will be coordinating the SEVENTH annual holiday greeting card drive to benefit the senior citizens in the Newbury-Byfield area. There



are 1,100 senior citizens in this community, a large portion of which are considered "shut-ins" or are in assisted living situations. As a community service, it is an honor to delight these "seniors" once again with some holiday cheer from Newbury's younger population. We are requesting that as a part of this effort, each family donate two 46 cent stamps to use on the Christmas and Valentine's Day card drives. We appreciate your generosity and thanks in advance!

NES Calendar



December 2013

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 3:30 PM Holiday Festivities on the Green | 2 | 3 7:30 am Student Council 7:00 pm NES Winter Concert | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 7:00 PM School Committee Meet- ing | 12 Half Day – Parent Conferences 7:00pm Theater Work- shop Performance | 13 Half Day—Parent Conferences 7:00pm Theater Workshop Performance | 14 7:00pm Theater Workshop Performance |
| 15 1:00pm Theater Workshop Matinee Performance | 16 6:00pm Special Education Parent Advisory Council | 17 7:30 am Student Council | 18 6:30pm Theater Workshop Open House | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 School Closed – | 24 School Closed – | 25 School Closed – | 26 School Closed — | 27 School Closed – | 28 |
| 29 | 30 School Closed — Vacation | 31 School Closed – Vacation | 1 School Closed – Vacation | 2 Schools Reopen | 3 | 4 |

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Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Kelley



Who's Who at Newbury Elementary School

NES Occupational Therapist and Physical Therapist

Mrs. Butler was born and raised in Andover. She has lived in Cape Neddick, Maine for the last four years with her husband Derek, and nine-month old son, Jack. She has been an OT for 11 years and this is her first year at NES. She has experience in mental health and physical functioning, but finds working with children the most rewarding...there is nothing better than the sound of a child laughing. Mrs. Butler enjoys cooking, and loves spending time with her family, friends, and cat named Peaches.

Mrs. Kelley lives in Georgetown with her 2 cats. She is very proud of her 2 grown children. Her daughter and her husband live in

San Diego, CA and her son and his wife live in Brooklyn, NY. They have 2 wonderful sons, Geoffrey and Toby.

She has been a pediatric physical therapist for over 30 years. She has worked for the Department of Public Health and local school systems. She has worked at Newbury Elementary school for 10 years. Her hobbies are gardening, reading, going to the gym, traveling and visiting and playing with her grand-children.

Mrs. Kelley and Mrs. Butler enjoy working together in the motor room at NES. They especially like providing exercises and activities to help students make their bodies stronger and work more efficiently.

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