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NES Book Fair is next week

The PTA will host the Scholastic Book Fair next week, Nov. 10th-14th:

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(no school Tuesday)

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No School on Veteran's Day

There will be no school on Tuesday, November 11th in honor of Veterans' Day.

Thank you to all of our Veterans!



Sixth Grade Environmental Camp...



The sixth graders have spent the week at W. Alton Jones Environmental Camp. They have done experiments, completed challenges, gone on nature walks, experienced the Underground Railroad, gained some independence, and had some fun along the way. Some of the wonderful quotes from the week were "This is like physics." and "You can do it with team work!".

Before attending the camp, the sixth graders studied the environmental artwork of Andy Goldsworthy. This inspired some students to create their own art! Check out their pine needle creation.



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Pre-School News



The preschoolers are welcoming Autumn into their classroom and celebrating Harvest time and the changing of foliage. Children will practice math skills while sorting leaves according to shape, size and color and also make leaf patterns. We used leaf shaped diffusing paper along with food coloring and eye droppers to create colorful fall leaves. Our science area is filled with gourds, Indian corn, pine cones and other fall items. Magnifying glasses, paper and markers are included in this area so that the children can record what they observe. Our Dramatic play area has been transformed into a Farmer's market. We are also learning the life cycle of a Deciduous Tree. The preschoolers wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!



THANKSGIVING MEALS

Together to Gather

NES Student Council presents the 5th annual *Together to Gather*. We will work to gather food to provide Thanksgiving meals to the Pettengill House, the Senior Center, and the Byfield Parish Food Pantry. We are requesting a *voluntary* \$2.00 donation per student to purchase turkeys. In addition, we are seeking *voluntary* donations of the following items to fill the baskets:

Grade Level Quantity Item

- Pre-School:** 2 cans of fruit per child
- Kindergarten:** 1 box instant potatoes per child
- First Grade:** 2 boxes/bags of stuffing per child
- Second Grade:** 2 boxes of instant potatoes per child
- Third Grade:** 2 cans of fruit
- Fourth Grade:** 2 cans of corn
- Fifth Grade:** 2 cans of cranberry sauce per child
- Sixth Grade:** 2 cans/jars of turkey gravy per child

Please have your voluntary food donations in by **Friday, November 14th**. Send all voluntary cash donations in an envelope marked Michelle Walsh and give it to your child's teacher. We will be meeting on Tuesday, November 18th to decorate and fill the baskets in the NES cafeteria from 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm. Anyone interested in helping fill the baskets can contact Charlie Labella @ clabella@trsd.net. **You must have a signed permission slip.** If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Walsh @ mwalsh9@msn.com.

The Pettengill House could also use the following items:

Cereal, Juice, Juice Boxes, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Rice & Pasta Sides, Canned Meats, (Tuna & Chicken), Macaroni & Cheese, Boxed Pasta & Pasta Sauce, Canned Soups/ Beef Stew, Canned Veggies & Fruit, Canned Pasta (Spaghetti O's & Ravioli's), Shelf-Stable Milk (Parmalat)

Permission to help with decorating boxes for Thanksgiving on November 18th from **3:00PM to 4:15PM** in the NES CAFE

Childs Name _____

Teacher _____

Parents signature _____

Thank you,
The NES Student Council and
Michelle Walsh

"Logic will get you from
A to Z; imagination will get
you anywhere."

- Albert Einstein

November is Massachusetts Family Literacy Month

Nurturing Your Family - Seasonal Tips

NOVEMBER IS FAMILY LITERACY MONTH

The importance of reading

November is Massachusetts Family Literacy Month. Reading skills are important for each member of your family to be successful in whatever you do. Children who are read to and learn to read from an early age are more likely to become better learners and succeed in other areas of their education.

How to raise a reader

- **Make reading routine.** Starting when your child is a baby, set aside time to read to her every single day. Reading out loud to children makes them better listeners. As your child gets older and starts to read on her own, continue to encourage her to read every day. Make reading a family activity by sitting with your child while she read and ask her to tell you about the book, magazine, or newspaper she is reading.

- **Read and re-read.** Children like to listen to their favorite stories over and over again. This actually helps them learn to read as they recognize and remember words. If you are reading to your child, ask him to participate by turning the pages, talking about the pictures, asking questions, and/or discussing the story when it ends. You can also point to words as you read. Let your child choose books that he is interested in reading or having read to him; as he gets comfortable, he will move onto different books.

- **Reinforce reading.** Aside from the traditional activities of reading a book to your child or having her sit down and read to herself, there are many other every-day activities that support reading. These include things like pointing out words on signs to your child as you are driving, singing a song together to promote her language development, or having your young child name objects that you point out or that start with a certain letter of the alphabet.

Know reading resources. Your local library is the best resource available to you and your child. Even young children can get their own library card, and it is free to borrow books. Most libraries offer fun and free activities for children, such as story hour. They also work with schools to create summer reading programs for children in all grades, and can help you and your child find the right book. To find your local library, visit <http://mblc.state.ma.us/libraries/directory/index.php>.

For more information on Massachusetts Family Literacy Month and for Massachusetts literacy facts, information, activities in your area, and resources, visit the Massachusetts Family Literacy Consortium.

Source of information: <http://www.onetoughjob.org/>

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PTA News...

Fundraiser orders due on Monday

Our SilverGraphics fundraiser is underway! Order beautiful keepsakes imprinted with your child's artwork. These make great gifts and collectibles. Order forms were sent home recently, with free bookmarks and a print. To receive items before the holidays, return your order form to school or place your order online by Monday, Nov. 10th. (Orders can be placed online after Nov. 10th but there will be a fee for shipping.)



If you can't locate your child's order form or have questions, email emilyabt72@gmail.com.

Book Fair Starts Monday

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Students visit the book fair with their class during their scheduled library class or during another teacher-selected time; parents are welcome to shop anytime. If you wish to allow your student to purchase items, you may send in cash or a check. If you send a check, include a note for how much the child may spend, and a volunteer will fill in the purchase amount and send home a receipt. The book fair also allows credit card sales.

If you cannot make it to the sale, online shopping is available through Nov. 17th:

[Online Book Fair](#)

Volunteer to work at the Book Fair

Working at the Book Fair is a great way to help out at NES. We need help setting up, helping students select books, and operating the cash register. We will train you at your shift. Sign up at: [Volunteer Signup](#) or email newburyptainfo@gmail.com

Nov 19th: See you at PI Beachcma

Make plans for lunch, snacks, dinner, or dessert on Wednesday, Nov. 19th, at PI Beachcoma. The restaurant will donate 15% of all checks to our PTA. It's a great time to catch up with classmates and neighbors while supporting our school.

Welcome back, Sixth Graders!

The PTA hopes our sixth graders had a great week at the W. Alton Jones Camp. The PTA supported the camp by making a donation of \$2000 to offset tuition. Thank you to everyone who has helped the PTA raise money.

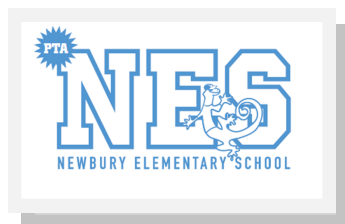
Join us for the first PTA restaurant fundraiser of the year at the...



Wednesday, November 19th
11:30 am to 11:30 pm

15% of all orders will be donated to the NES PTA
No coupon needed!

Check out the menu at www.pibeachcoma.com or call (978) 358-8218



SEPAC News

SEPAC Meeting and Workshop Nov. 13th

The Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC) will hold its first meeting of the year on Thursday, Nov. 13th, 6-6:45 pm at the Triton High School Library.

Following the meeting, at 7 pm, a workshop on “Fostering Independence: A Strengths-Based Approach” will be presented by Kathleen Bartolini, MA, NCC, as part of the Transition Series co-sponsored by area SEPACs and the Greater Haverhill-Newburyport ARC. The workshop will focus on the uniqueness of us as parents, knowing our strengths and weaknesses, and how we can make small changes in ourselves and our homes that communicate competency and ability to our children and teens.

SEPAC Coffee Connection

The SEPAC hosts monthly informal gatherings to offer support, networking, and information sharing. All of our Coffee Connections meet in the lobby of the Tannery, Newburyport, in front of the Jabberwocky entrance. Children are welcome to accompany you if needed. Drinks may be purchased in the area, or bring your own. Our next Coffee Connection is:

Saturday, Nov. 15th

8:45-10 am

Tannery, Newburyport

Get involved with the SEPAC:

To get more information or to join the SEPAC email list, send an email to SEPACtriton@gmail.com.





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2	3 Sixth Grade Camp	4 Sixth Grade Camp	5 Sixth Grade Camp	6 Sixth Grade Camp	7 Half Day Sixth Grade Camp	8
9	10 Book Fair 7:30 am Student Council	11 Schools Closed: Veterans' Day	12 Book Fair 7:00 pm School Committee Meeting	13 Book Fair 5-7 pm Book Fair Family Night	14 Book Fair	15
16	17	18	19 Picture Retakes 6:30 Storm Surge Meeting PTA Beachcomer Fund-raiser	20 3:15 Technology Committee Meeting	21	22
23	24	25	26 Half Day	27 Schools Closed: Thanksgiving Day	28 Schools Closed	29
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Did you know?

The NES Student Council has been very active so far during the first few school months. The Friday recycle program has commenced with a great start. With different area teams and floating helpers the entire school recycling is completed every Friday morning before 8:45 AM. This allows all students to get back to their classes promptly. Several Student Council members helped the PTA at the Halloween Function with setup, manning tables, and cleanup. Their efforts were greatly appreciated. The PTA is planning to use the Student Council for other PTA functions. Two weeks ago, almost half of the members came to school early to plant over 400 Daffodil bulbs near the front entrance. Wait to the spring to see the results. The next project up is the "Coats for Kids" campaign which runs through January 10, 2015. Bring in for donation used warm coats for all ages to

help this drive sponsored by Antons Cleaners. Look for the posters around the school. This annual drive brings more than 50,000 coats to help families in the New England States around Christmas time. The Student Council will be helping the annual Turkey Basket preparations set for November 18th in the cafeteria. These baskets of food help mostly our seniors living on a fixed income to feel the holiday joy and the supplies for a turkey dinner. The council is also getting ready for future events which are in the planning stages. Stay tuned for more updates in the future.

Charlie LaBella, Student Council advisor

