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NES Halloween Parade



The annual NES parade was a huge success! The NES community marched around the school to the beat of our very own marching band. Thank you to all of the families that came to cheer us on!



After the parade, students enjoyed healthy snacks in their classrooms. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped organize the celebrations.

And the winner is...



The winner of the drawing for four Bruins Hockey tickets is **Kim Watson**. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets. There is still time to buy your chances at winning four tickets to the Patriots game on Dec. 27. Buy your chances at <https://www-nespta.ticketbud.com/sportspackage> by December 1. Only 100 chances will be sold, so enter now.

All School Meeting – Anti Bullying



Have you ever been bullied? This was the topic of our second all school meeting. Students watched some very serious skits about different types of bullying that can take place in a school. Our sixth graders did a wonderful job acting out various situations that can be scary and hurtful. They also shared with the entire school what each student could do to stop bullying.

Students were asked to think of a trusted adult that they would feel comfortable reporting an incident to. Students were also encouraged to report any potential acts of bullying. There was a great emphasis to empower both the target and the bystanders.

Some parent resources on bullying and how to prevent it are:

<http://marccenter.webs.com/>

<http://www.stopbullying.gov/index.html>

<http://www.mass.gov/ago/about-the-attorney-generals-office/community-programs/bullying-and-cyberbullying/>



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An original song by one of our very talented NES students about bullying...

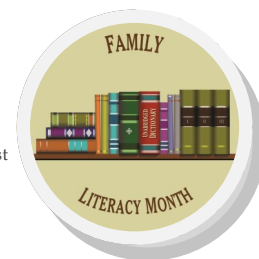
At our all school meeting we were fortunate to have an original song about bullying shared with the school. Many thanks to Maggie for writing and singing the song and to Riley for accompanying her. Here are the lyrics...

Just keep on going every day,
If you stop walking that path of dismay,
Your courage will come sooner every single day,
Because it gets better it really really does,
You'll find it in your heart to be true,
Don't fight back it's not really you,
You'll find it's better to love that to hate,
Your brothers and sisters in this world are cheering you on
So just remember every single day just keep walking that beautiful path of live,
Just keep remaining strong,
If you just stay true to yourself you will find your strength,
Just keep on going every day,
If you stop walking that path of dismay your courage will come,
It'll come to you someday, someday very soon,
Because we're all here to help each other through this.



November is Family Literacy Month

National Family Literacy Day is a national observance that greatly promotes and encourages families and communities about the importance and the benefits of establishing a family time where parents and children have an opportunity to read together. Learning activities and family literacy programs are organized all over the United States in support to this national holiday. It was first held in 1994 and observed on the 1st of November since then.



Ideas to Celebrate National Family Literacy Day

- ◆ Enjoy reading a storybook together during bedtime. Have your children read aloud some portions from the book.
- ◆ Challenge your children to summarize or pick out an important part in the book they read. Through this, you will measure their level of comprehension.
- ◆ Read over a story to your kids and ask them to create their own ending to the story. Then check it with the ending of the original story.
- ◆ Ask your children questions related to the story and have them answer you.
- ◆ Play word games with your children such as Scrabble, Boggle, Word Factory and Word Mine so that their vocabulary will be enhanced.
- ◆ When shopping in the grocery store, allow your kids to calculate the change from the purchases you made to exercise their math skills as well.
- ◆ Cook with your children. Have them read the directions to recipes. Allow them to be familiar with the measurements of ingredients needed.
- ◆ Support your child's literacy development by making writing part of their everyday life. Have them keep a journal about their day.
- ◆ Allow the kids to write letters to their grandparents, friends, and classmates.
- ◆ Spend time listening to your children's stories about what they did in school and ask questions about their stories.
- ◆ Encourage your kids to make a top ten list of their favorite books.
- ◆ Look for opportunities to link your child's reading to writing and writing to reading. Reading and writing go hand in hand.
- ◆ Read to your children your favorite book from childhood. Have a copy on hand for them to read.

National Family Literacy Day is a worthwhile endeavor and celebration that families should take advantage of in building and developing their children's full potential for success.

Kindergarten Update

We have been introduced to several lowercase letters so far in Foundations and have been working hard on letter formation on our whiteboard tablets. We have also been busy using our magnet boards to match the letters to their sound. We have been doing a lot of work on character identification in stories at our listening center. The children have done character sorts and drawn pictures of the characters in the stories we have read. We will focus on setting and key topics later in the year.



In math the kindergartners have been learning routines such as the Attendance Stick (How many are we?), the calendar routine, the counting jar, and the question of the day. We have been doing a lot of counting and comparing of numbers up to twenty as part of these routines. We use many small manipulatives (pattern blocks, colored tiles, geoblocks, Unifix cubes, buttons, attribute blocks) at math time. The children had many opportunities to freely explore these materials before we started working with them. Now, we are reviewing two dimensional shapes. We have described and compared the shapes, made clay shapes, made shapes on the geoboards, and made shape pictures. We will focus on three dimensional shapes later in the year.

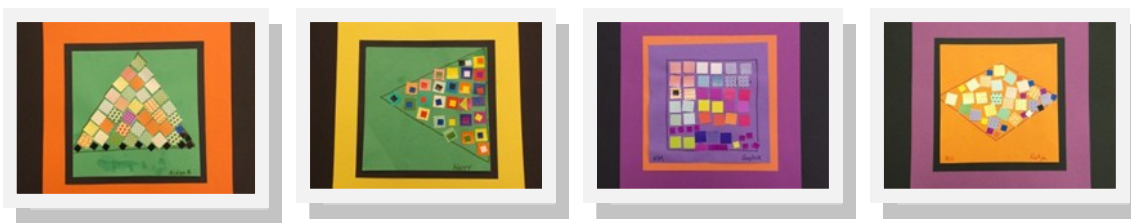
In social studies our focus has been on community. Just like we are members of a community in which we live, we are also members of our classroom community. Classroom rules were established early in the school year to help our community of children work and play together safely. A classroom puzzle was assembled, where each child colored in a puzzle piece to resemble themselves. The children then assembled the puzzle illustrating how we all fit together.

In science we have been discussing the weather, temperature, the seasons and the changes the seasons bring that we can see. We have also been reading stories and doing activities that revolve around apples and pumpkin cycles.

Kindergarten Art News

Thank you all for sending in an Art Shirt for your child. Not only does it protect clothing... it helps me to learn the names of my 58 new friends!

So far this year children have completed a mosaic shape picture that involved tracing and gluing.



Kindergarteners have made Autumn Trees in celebration of the season. Drawing and gluing with a brush were the concepts explored.

We have also celebrated Halloween by hearing the story Witches Four by Marc Brown and Stellaluna by Janell Cannon. We traced witches hats, cat tails, and bats. We colored and cut with scissors.



“Well done is better
than well said.”

-Benjamin Franklin

Kindergarten art is all about skill acquisition. Students will have the opportunity to use a variety of art materials during the school year. It is VERY helpful for them to practice at home as well. Try to have materials such as crayons and scissors available for your child to use and experiment with. Even coloring books provide essential practice using fine motor skills. You need not have an assignment for them, at this age imagination and experimentation is the best teacher.

A Reminder from Ms. Merluzzi: Square 1 Art order deadline for Grade 5, is Monday Nov. 4th!

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.

The Scholastic Book Fair
is coming to our school
The week of November 12th !



- Students will be visiting the book fair during their weekly library time.
- Parents are invited to visit the fair at any time during the week but must sign in at the office.
- Checks should be made payable to NES PTA. No sales tax.

Hours: Tuesday 11/12 – Friday 11/15
from 8:10 am – 4:00 pm
Family Night is Wednesday from 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Location: Little Gym (in the round part of the school)

Please join us for Family Night on Wednesday, November 13th

Note: This flyer contains only a small amount of the books being sold at the fair.
All Proceeds from the fair provide books and other resources to the NES library.

WHY *grrr grumble*  *growl*
start the day with a growling stomach?

Come to School Breakfast everyone is welcome!

Newbury Elementary School
Breakfast Served Everyday from 8:10 – 8:25 am in the café
Prices: Paid is only \$1.65; Reduced-Priced is only \$0.30
*Free school meals = Free breakfast daily!
Come on down and start your day off right!

For questions contact:
Lucinda Ward, RD, SNS 978-465-2397 x5274



PTA News...

A message from the PTA President:

The PTA is off to a great start in 2013. In our first two months of school, we have had many successes, thanks to the generous work and spirit of our community. I am proud to be leading the efforts.

Some of our recent successes:

Each student and staff member received a t-shirt debuting a new NES logo.

Zoe Fogarty helped organize the all-school anti-bullying assembly where the shirts were worn.

We have a new website managed by Myfanwy Collins, and we held our first of three general PTA meetings.

The outdoor grounds committee, under the guidance of Sally Milliken, Emily Sullivan, Eileen Wallwork and Michelle Walsh have harvested and served vegetables from our new school gardens, and planted over 500 daffodil bulbs donated by retired teacher James Brauneck.

Individuals have stepped up to organize almost every effort we have planned this school year. (Who wants to organize the Penny Challenge in the spring?)

The new Mixed Bags fundraiser has been well received, thanks to Ellen Hazo and Emily Abt. Thanks to everyone who purchased merchandise!

The Sports Package Drawings are bringing in needed funds, thanks to the generosity of Aidan Kennedy and an anonymous donor.

The PTA pizza booth at Triton is Haunted Booth was staffed by eager volunteers and supported by George at Rowley House of Pizza and the Clam Box in Ipswich.

Our first-ever restaurant fundraiser night is being planned for Nov. 12 at Flatbread in Hampton. Teacher Kelly Williamson has organized this and the joint effort between parents and staff has been great!

NES's new Annual Fund is up and running and already at 15% of goal in its first three weeks. Belen Wieler is organizing a great campaign to answer those of you who have asked if there's a way to donate once and not feel guilty rather than support each fundraiser the PTA does.

Our Box Tops have been counted and sorted and we anticipate earning almost \$1700. (Keep saving your Box Tops and Labels for Education! There will be another collection drive later in the year.)

We helped fund the sixth grader's environmental camp, scheduled for next week.

We're getting great response to our scheduled workshop, "Executive Function Strategies for Elementary Students," for parents and staff on 11/19.

Our book fair, which benefits our library, will be held November 12-15. Tammy Cotter, Patty Olson, and Alexa Strauch have been working hard with me to make this a successful event.

However, the effort that was most joyful for me was the Annual PTA Halloween Party. It was one of the most well attended parties to date. It was fun, safe and age appropriate. The new addition of the "Chill Room" in the Kids Club Room was a great success, providing a quiet refuge for students and parents. The evening highlighted the team work of many of our volunteers, and we are most appreciative to Heather DePaolo as the event organizer, Hilary Lind as the treasurer, Sandy Hermann as decorator, and Anne Langlais as Bake Sale Coordinator. I greatly appreciate the many teachers and parents who volunteered for setup, event staffing, bake sale items, and cleanup.

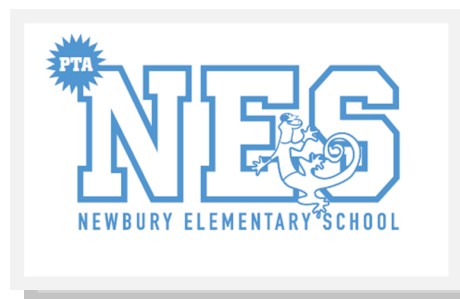
I would also like to highlight the great partnership we have formed with our new administration. Ms. Yando and Mrs. Pasquarello have been very supportive of the PTA and have provided us with some great ideas and assistance. We will be working together over the next year planning how best to spend our PTA money that will benefit our children both now and in the future.

In closing, I would like to thank the PTA Board Members and all of its wonderful volunteers and supporters for their never yielding time, effort, contributions, and enthusiasm. Newbury Elementary thrives because of our whole community.

Thank you all!

Elaina Sayles

NES PTA President



PTA News continued...

Do you enjoy managing your child's homework?

The PTA presents "Executive Function in Elementary School Students" on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 7-9 pm in the school auditorium. Sarah Ward will send you home with great, simple strategies that will help your students build their organization and planning skills.

The presentation will teach you how to create a homework space, organize school supplies, record assignments and create schedules, manage time and tasks and long term projects.

This is an evening presentation not to be missed. RSVPs are not required but are requested so enough handouts will be available. Please email newburyPTAinfo@gmail.com

Who wants to cook on Nov. 12?

We don't! Join us for a fundraiser at Flatbread in Hampton! From 5-9 pm, a portion of pizza sales will be donated to our PTA. A raffle for some fun prizes will also be held. See the attached flyer for details.



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NEWBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Do you want to help your students with their organization and planning skills?

The Newbury Elementary School PTA Presents:

Executive Function in Elementary School Students

A workshop by Sarah Ward, M.S., CCC/SLP
Speech and Language Pathologist

Parents, teachers and professionals: Come learn how to work with and coach students to effectively balance and manage academic work, time, and materials.



A popular speaker Sarah Ward regularly presents on the topic of executive functions to a variety of professional and parent organizations. Her innovative and effective approaches have been featured on National Public Radio and she is the recipient of multiple awards, including the Massachusetts General Hospital Expertise in Clinical Practice Award and Faculty in Excellence Award. In addition to working directly with students in her private practice, she has presented to and consulted with more than 350 public and private schools in Massachusetts and across the United States and internationally on how to implement executive function strategies into the classroom setting.

Learn how to:

- 1) Create a homework space
- 2) Organize personal and school materials
- 3) Record assignments and create a schedule
- 4) Manage time, tasks and complete long term projects



You will walk away with many simple, ready-to-use strategies and tools for teaching children how to develop independent executive function skills.

Tuesday, November 19th from 7-9 pm
Newbury Elementary School Auditorium

The community is welcome. RSVP to newburyPTAinfo@gmail.com requested but not required.





Support NES and the PTA

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Eat In or Take Out!




Join Us for a FLATBREAD FUNDRAISER in Hampton!

The Flatbread Company HAMPTON is hosting a fundraiser to help support the Newbury Elementary School PTA. A portion of your meal will be donated to this fundraiser.

November 12th
Tuesday, 5-9pm

HAMPTON FLATBREAD CO.
61 HIGH STREET, HAMPTON NH
(603) 926-6111



Introducing: The NES PTA Annual Fund

Donating is Easy & Tax-Deductible

Donate Online
Go to www.newburypta.com and make your donation

Donate by Check
Write a check payable to the NES PTA and place "annual fund" in the memo line. Return to the PTA Treasurer mailbox at the school office

Request a Company Match
Contact your company's HR department to request a company match form to double the value of your donation

MAKE YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE BRIGHT

You asked and we listened! With the NES PTA Annual Fund, you can make one donation a year to support the NES PTA and leave all the fundraisers throughout the year behind. And, it's tax-deductible!

High level examples include:

- Donations and grants to NES
- Enrichment assemblies and exhibitions
- Family and community building events
- Library funding, yearbook and school store management

Last year, the NES PTA raised over \$32,000 (roughly \$75 per student) to offer and support an array of activities that directly enhanced your child's school experience. Without that money, these activities would not have been offered.

We need your donations in order to continue funding these and new opportunities as they arise. Contact newburyptaainfo@gmail.com with any questions.

DONATE TODAY AT: WWW.NEWBURYPTA.COM/DONATE



NES Calendar

November 2013

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 HALF DAY | 2 |
| 3 | 4 6th Grade Camp— drop off by 8:00 am 4:30 School Council | 5 6th Grade Camp 7:30 am Student Council | 6 6th Grade Camp | 7 6th Grade Camp Grade 3— Old York | 8 6th Grade Camp— pick up between 1:45-2:00 pm Grade 3 - Old York Veteran's Day Assembly | 9 |
| 10 | 11 Schools Closed: Veteran's Day | 12 Book Fair 5-9pm Flatbread Fundraiser | 13 Book Fair 4-7:30 pm Family Book Fair 7:00pm School Committee Meeting | 14 Book Fair | 15 Book Fair | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 7:30 am Student Council Grade 1— Firehouse Theater 7pm Educational Speaker Sarah Ward | 20 Picture Retakes 9-1 | 21 NES Technology Committee Meeting 3:15-4:15 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 HALF DAY | 28 Schools Closed: Holiday | 29 Schools Closed: Vacation | 30 |

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Who's Who at Newbury Elementary School

NES Literacy Team



Ms. Visconti and Ms. Ryan

Ms. Ryan has worked at NES since 1997. She started as a SPED teacher, became a classroom teacher, Reading Recovery teacher and now she is the Reading Specialist. Ms. Ryan loves teaching reading to students and believes all children can and will learn to read if provided the proper instruction.

Ms. Ryan moved to Amesbury with her husband and her dog, Bogie this past summer. She has four grown children who all attended NES when they moved

here in 1996 from Texas. They now live all over and her favorite time is when they are all together as a family.

Ms. Visconti lives in Newbury and has two children who attend NES. She enjoys cooking, running, and being outdoors. She loves spending time with her family and watching her kids learn and grow. She also loves teaching reading and working with our NES students!



Respect—Integrity—Excellence for All