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NES Halloween Parade – Happy Halloween!

The annual NES Halloween Parade was a huge success! There were many wonderful and creative costumes. The NES staff all joined in as cowboys and cowgirls. Yee Haa!

Have a safe and happy Halloween!



Pre-School Halloween Parade – All Aboard!

Pre-Schoolers celebrated Halloween a little early with a costume parade on Thursday! The class theme was trains. All Aboard!



Molly Sullivan Sliney visits NES

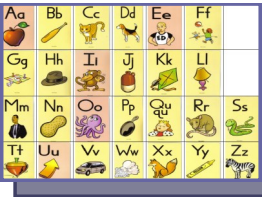
We are so fortunate that the PTA sponsors programs that support the C.A.R.E.S. culture here at NES. On Friday, we had Olympian Molly Sullivan Sliney, a distinguished member of the 1988 and 1992 United States team, visit our students in grades 3-6. Molly was also a member of the 1987 and 1991 Pan American teams where she won two gold medals. Since retiring from competition, Molly has been an active public speaker and fencing instructor. Her speech was inspiring and enjoyed by all!



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Kindergarten News

This month in math kindergarten students are continuing to work on counting. They have done various activities that work on practicing comparing the quantities of two numbers. Mrs. Paige has started to come into the classroom and has introduced counting boards to the students. When using counting boards, students are given a scenery and get to imagine what objects they are placing in their scenery. These boards help students with the addition, subtraction, and counting of numbers.



In kindergarten, we have been working hard and having fun learning our letters! Our focus has been on developing letter identification, letter sounds, and proper letter formation. In the beginning of the year, we concentrate on the lower case letters. So far, we have been learning the letters *t, f, n, m, c, b, g, d, s, a, o, i, e, r, and u*. We are learning reading strategies and have started writing in class as well! The children are off to a great start and we are looking forward to a great year!

In science, we have been discussing the season fall and the changes it brings. We are noticing the cooler weather and how it affects our clothing choices and the changes that come about in nature. Leaves are changing colors and falling, squirrels are hunting for acorns, and there is an abundance of apples and pumpkins at the farm stands. We are also discussing the life cycle of apples and pumpkins - from seed to fruit.



Our focus this month in social studies was Christopher Columbus and the journey he made to America. Ask your kindergartner to name the three ships that Christopher sailed with.

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 _____

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)

Thank you,

The NES Student Council and Michelle Walsh

What Kids Really Want to Read



Know your child

Thousands of new children's books—long and short, poetry and prose, fantastical and realistic—are published every year. With this great variety, how can a parent or caregiver select just the right book to capture a child's interest?

Even if you are not familiar with children's books, you know more about your child than anyone else does. You have the best possible chance to find a good fit.

A boy who dislikes reading may become engrossed in a book about his favorite athlete. A girl who rarely finishes books may discover a series that makes her feel as if she's found new friends. Knowing your children's interests helps you to tell when a book is "just right."

Don't worry if you can't find the perfect book right away. Make a list of your child's interests and then go to the library. If possible, select books you're also interested in, because enthusiasm is contagious, says Dr. Deborah Wooten of the University of Tennessee.

If you and your child aren't enjoying a book you've selected, don't be afraid to try something else.

Babies and toddlers

At this age, the *experience* of reading together matters as much as the actual book. Babies enjoy simple picture books without lots of clutter on the page. Those that offer bright colors, sounds, and textures work very well.

As your child shows more interest and patience, move on to short, simple stories. Toddlers enjoy rhyming and repetition, as well as stories based on familiar songs ("Old MacDonald") or set in familiar places (the grocery store, the park).

Preschoolers

Preschoolers are beginning to understand that other people live differently than they do. As your child asks questions and exhibits curiosity, turn to books to help him or her make sense of the world.

For example, a child who lives in the city can enjoy a book about life on a farm or on board a ship. Books are a way to go new places, and preschoolers are ready to set out.

Preschoolers also like

- Stories about kids their own age
- Nonfiction books
- Stories about animals
- Repetition of sounds, words, or phrases in a story
- Stories with funny-sounding words
- Books with pictures that tell the story, even without the words

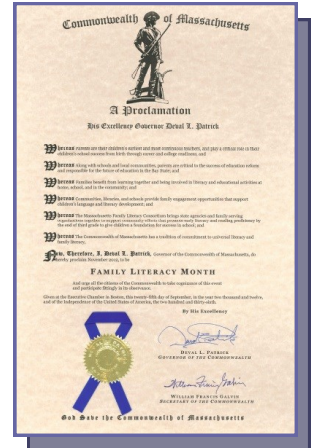
Early graders

Some children learn to read very young. Even if your child can read alone, Wooten advises that you spend some time each day reading aloud to him or her. As you're reading, ask questions about the story. Talk about what might happen next, and draw connections to your child's life.

Children in early grades learn from picture books, but they can handle more text. For the books you read together, look for complex stories and advanced character development.



November is Massachusetts Family Literacy Month



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.

If your child isn't reading independently yet or needs help, speak with his or her teacher, who may have ideas about how to deal with the situation. Browse the easy reader section at your local library. You'll find books with simple vocabulary that build confidence, designed for children struggling to read. Don't worry if your child insists on reading books labeled for lower grades, Wooten recommends. Once your child gains confidence, he or she will gradually move on to more challenging books.

Older children

Third or fourth graders usually develop personal preferences. Unfortunately, some may be developing a preference *not* to read.

Resistant readers think books are boring, but you can often find books that spark their deeper interests. "If your child likes basketball, help him pick a great basketball book," Wooten says. "Always offer several choices to give your child some control."

Consider graphic novels (comics), topical magazines, funny books, mysteries, and stories about weird events or strange people. Don't worry whether a particular book is "appropriate" reading material. The important thing is that your child is reading something he or she wants to read.



Good readers need help branching out. Learn who your child's favorite author is. Librarians, websites, and bookstore staff can recommend similar books by the same author or others.

Tell your child to ask friends and teachers for recommendations. Remind him or her that it doesn't hurt to try something new.

Getting some guidance

The International Reading Association provides annual lists of favorite children's books chosen by children (Children's Choices), young adults (Young Adults' Choices), and teachers (Teachers' Choices). You can download them free at the Association's website, www.ira.org.

Other great Web resources include

- Association for Library Service to Children: www.ala.org/ala/alsc/alscresources/booklists/booklists.cfm
- National Council for the Social Studies: www.socialstudies.org/resources/notable/
- National Council of Teachers of English: www.ncte.org/elementary/awards/orbispectus
- National Education Association: www.nea.org/readacross/resources/catalist.html
- Parents' Choice Foundation: www.parentschoice.com



What Kids Really Want to Read is one in a series of brochures produced in response to questions that parents frequently ask about their children's reading instruction. Single copies may be downloaded free at the Association's website, www.reading.org. Bulk copies may be purchased online or by telephone at 302-731-1600.

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Newbury Town Library Youth Programs - November 2014

What's happening at the Newbury Town Library this November? Check it out below!

THE NEWBURY TOWN LIBRARY WILL BE OPEN THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING, AND HOLDING OUR STORY TIME :-)

MOVIE DOUBLE FEATURE!!!!

Nov. 7th, Friday: NES Half-Day Movie Showing

- 1pm Planes Fire and Rescue

3pm Maleficent

(Children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult)

Come for one, or come for both! We're planning a DOUBLE FEATURE on Nov. 7th!

Planes Fire & Rescue, rated PG, at 1pm, followed by Maleficent, rated PG, at 3pm!

Please register on our online calendar found at newburylibrary.org. Space is limited.



Making Scarves For Those In Need (Grades 6-12)

Saturday, November 8th at 11am - Please join us for a special hour or two to make fleece scarves for homeless adults and families at Emmaus, a community-based nonprofit shelter in Haverhill, MA. The scarves are easy to make and will help provide warmth as temperatures get increasingly colder. We'll wrap up our scarf-making session with treats and hot chocolate.

** Donations of fleece fabric greatly appreciated!*

Storytimes (Ages 2-5, siblings welcome)

Fridays at 11am (Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28) - Join us for story times in November, which is Family Literacy Month in Massachusetts and across the nation! 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.

To sign up online, click register on our online calendar found at newburylibrary.org - you will receive a confirmation email upon registration. Space is limited.

Sprouting Melodies (Ages 18mos - age 3)

Thursday, Nov. 13 at 1pm: In this music program, toddlers enjoy the routine they crave yet also the freedom and creativity for to grow in self-expression and to build social relationships with their peers in music through instrument play, movement and singing. Please register on our online calendar found at newburylibrary.org. Space is limited.

Do-drop-in Playtime Sessions (Ages 0-4, siblings welcome)

Every Wednesday Morning from 10:30a-12p - 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.

SAVE THE DATE: DEC. 9TH, 2014: Visit Flatbreads Pizza in Amesbury, MA on Tuesday, December 9th, and they will donate a portion of the evening's profits to The Friends of the Newbury Town Library! The Friends is a volunteer organization primarily focused on raising funds to support the Library and staff, to enhance the resources and services of the Library, and to enrich the community. For more information about the Friends of the Newbury Town Library, to join, or to volunteer, check out their website at: <http://fontl.wordpress.com/>

"The first step in achieving anything is to imagine it is possible."

- Molly Sullivan Sliney

PTA News... Fundraiser Ordering is Open!

Ordering for our fall fundraiser is now open! Order forms were sent home this week with students and show their custom art work that can be placed on a variety of items from SilverGraphics. Stop by the display case near the school office to see samples of some of the keepsakes that are available. Orders are due on Nov. 10th and items will arrive in early December, making holiday giving easy!

Book Fair is Coming!

The PTA will host the Scholastic Book Fair Nov. 10th-14th. While students have the chance to purchase some great new books and materials at the sale, the school library receives needed support. All profits from the book fair go to our school library--and the book fairs are the only source of funding for new library items.

The book fair dates are:

Nov 10th-14th

Monday and Wednesday: 8:10 am - 4:00 pm

(no school Tuesday)

Thursday: 8:10 am- 3:00 pm

Family Night is Thursday 5:00 -7:00 pm

Friday: 8:10 am - 3:00 pm



Students visit the book fair with their class; parents are welcome to shop anytime.

If you cannot make it to the sale, online shopping is available Nov. 2nd-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 newburypntainfo@gmail.com

Reminder about the Pen/Pencil/Marker Recycling Program

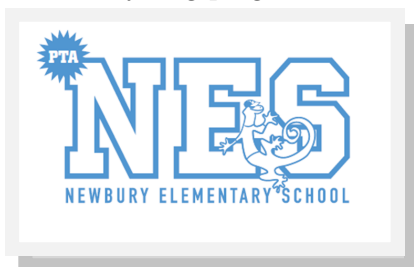
We want to remind you about a recycling program at NES. Last spring we started collecting all brands of writing instruments including pens, pencils, markers, and highlighters (anything except for crayons). Look for the large blue round receptacle in the NES lobby clearly marked for writing instruments as well as individual boxes in some of the classrooms. We also have a collection box at the Newbury Town Library.

Not only are we reducing waste going to a landfill, but we also get paid two cents per piece. All proceeds are going towards further green initiatives at NES. To date we have collected over 2000 pieces, earning approximately \$40.

This recycling program is through TerraCycle, an upcycling and recycling company that collects difficult-to-recycle packaging and products and repurposes the material into affordable, innovative products. For more information, check out:

[Terracycle Writing Instruments Brigade](#)

Please save your writing instruments at home and send them in with your student or drop them off at the above locations.



PTA News Continued...

Here is the list of what is acceptable. Note that this includes all brands:

- * Pens and caps
- * Mechanical pencils
- * Highlighters and caps
- * Dry eraser markers and caps
- * Pencils
- * Markers and caps
- * Permanent markers & caps (like Sharpies)

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Sally Milliken at milldoo@comcast.net or Tammy Cotter at tammycotter@comcast.net. Thank you!

Nov 19th: First Restaurant Fundraiser of the Year

Mark the calendar to go out 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.

Holiday Breakfast Will Offer Bazaar

The PTA Holiday Pancake Breakfast is Saturday, Dec. 6th, 8-11 am. It's the shopping season, and tables will be available for community members—including students—to sell items. Email hilarylind@gmail.com if you'd like more information or to reserve a table.

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. A discussion with Special Education Administrator David Magee will include information on the PARCC tests, 18-22 yr old transition program, speaker topics for future workshops, and the Coordinated Program Review of the district.

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. Small changes have a very big impact, and regardless of their challenges, all children are capable of achieving their own personal best. How we respond as parents can make all the difference in that achievement!

Kathleen Bartolini is currently an adjunct professor at Northern Essex and Middlesex Community Colleges where she teaches psychology and college success courses. Kathleen has more than 20 years of experience working with children and families as a mental health professional and is also the proud mother of two unique children.

SEPAC Coffee Connection

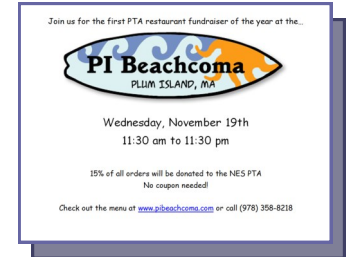
The SEPAC hosts monthly informal gatherings to offer support, networking, and information sharing. All of our Coffee Connections meet in the lobby of the Tannery, Newburyport, in front of the Jabberwocky entrance. Children are welcome to accompany you if needed. Drinks may be purchased in the area, or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





November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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 8:45-9:15 Veteran's Day Assembly	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 Mtg. 11:30am-11:30pm/PTA Beachcomer Fundraiser	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?

Did you know that NES has a blog?

An easy way to stay informed is by following our school blog. Please visit us at: <http://newburylementaryupdate.blogspot.com/>

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