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NES Technology Committee



The NES Technology Committee met for the first time this week.

The committee will assess the technology needs for the school and develop a technology plan that aligns with the District Technology Plan. The committee is made up of four teachers, four parents, two district technology representatives, and an administrator. There is still an open spot for a PTA representative. If anyone is interested, please contact Amy Pasquarello at apasquarello@trsd.net.

NES Halloween Parade Days and Times

Pre-School & Half Day Kindergarten Parade

MWF session: Thursday, October 30th from 9:45 until 10:00

Tues./Thurs. Session: Thursday, October 31st from 9:45 until 10:00 with Mrs. Casagrande's half day kindergarten class

P.M. session: We will be marching with the rest of the school.

Full Day Kindergarten – 6th grade

Thursday, October 31st 1:30-2:30

Reminder: No costumes with blood, gore, or weapons please!



Coming soon... sign up for the NES Ski & Snowboard Program



The Newbury Elementary School Ski & Snowboard Program is open to students in grades 4, 5 and 6. Students travel by bus to Bradford Ski Area in Bradford, MA on six Friday afternoons from 3 - 6 pm beginning January 5th. This program is coordinated by parent volunteers who monitor the buses, the lodge, and the slopes. *The program will be limited to the first 70 students.*

Students may purchase the lift only option or they may take lessons. Lessons are available for beginners through advanced and class sizes are generally small. Beginners must take lessons. Rentals are also available from Bradford, although many local ski shops have rental packages for the season. Ski helmets are required for all NES participants. These may also be rented at the ski area.

Information about the program will go out the week of October 21st and **will be due no later than Tuesday, November 12th**. Please consider volunteering. Our students really enjoy this program!

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Check out what the Second Grade is up to...

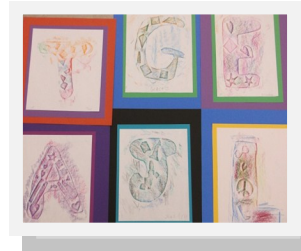


Second graders have been digging into learning! In Science, we've begun the year with a focus on fossils. The children have learned that dinosaur bones are just one type of fossil, along with plants and much more. A highlight of this unit of study is when second graders have a chance to become paleontologists, sifting through materials from a real dig site in Aurora, North Carolina. How amazing to find pieces of coral, shells, and the teeth of whales and sharks, all millions of years old!

Each class has also been digging into the routines of second grade including Morning Meeting, Trick Word Rings, Pocket Day, and Science Journals. Classmates have been uncovering each other's interests and talents, while teachers have also been discovering children's strengths and needs. We've just begun to unearth all the treasures of second grade!

Art in Grade Two

Second grade artists began the school year with a printing project. They worked very hard to create a printing plate of their initial. Once the cutting and gluing were done, they used crayons to rub over the plate and transfer the image to a piece of paper. The students repeated this process many times to achieve the best print possible.



At this time we are finishing a torn paper collage of Autumn Trees.

Then we'll have time for some Halloween fun!

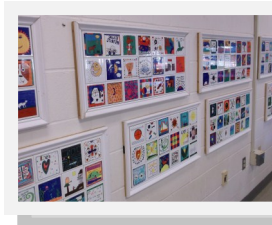
Food Drive was a Success!



Thanks to our generous school families, Michelle Walsh was able to deliver a large collection of canned goods to local food pantries. The shelves were in need of restocking after the back-to-school demand, and NES came through. THANK YOU!

A Reminder to Parents of Fifth Graders from Ms. Merluzzi

Square 1 Art order forms went home this week and the deadline to order is November 4th. The class with the most orders by September 31st will win an extra art class on November 1st!!!



"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."

-Thomas Edison

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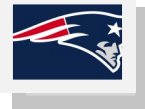
PTA News...

Drawing for Bruins and Patriots Tickets

Do you want to see the Boston Bruins or New England Patriots play this season? Enter the PTA drawing for two ticket packages that were generously donated by anonymous PTA supporters. Each package is worth over \$1000!

The two sports packages are:

- Four Premium Club seats featuring the Boston Bruins vs. Columbus Blue Jackets (with Premium Parking Pass included) for Thursday, November 14 at 7:00 PM. Chances are \$10 each, or three for \$25.
- Four New England Patriots vs. Buffalo Bills tickets (Section 133) and four admission tickets to The Hall at Patriot Place for Sunday, December 29 at 1:00 PM. Chances are \$50 each and only 100 will be sold.



Purchase chances at:

<https://www-nespta.ticketbud.com/sportspackage>

Share this with your friends, co-workers, and family! The winner for the Bruins package will be randomly chosen on Friday, November 1, and the winner for the Patriots package will be randomly chosen on Friday, December 6. Winners will be notified by email or phone. All drawing proceeds will benefit the Newbury Elementary PTA and be used to support our school.



*Minors must be accompanied by an adult to both games.

If you have any questions, please email: newburyptainfo@gmail.com.

A frightening good time is coming!

We still need volunteers!

The Annual PTA Halloween Party is Friday, October 25, 5:30-7:30 PM.

Admission is free and all children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Costumes are highly encouraged.

Have fun while enjoying music, dancing, games, crafts, face painting, and food. New for this party: The "Chill Room" for those of us who benefit from some time away from the crowds, lights, and noise. This space will be reserved for calm, quiet activities so that the Halloween par-

ty will have something for everyone.

While many teachers and parents have stepped up to help (thank you!), we still have about ten shifts that need to be filled; please sign up at [Halloween Party Volunteer Signup](#) or email Emily at newburyPTAinfo@gmail.com or call her at [508-380-1027](tel:508-380-1027).

Bakers needed for the Halloween Party Bake Sale

Calling out all bakers! We need more goodies for the PTA Halloween Party on Friday, October 25th! We love everything: cookies, brownies, chocolate covered fruit and pretzels, caramel apples, etc. If you don't have time to bake, Rice Krispy treats are always a favorite!

Bring your donations to the school conference room on Oct. 25th or bring them to the bake sale table in the cafeteria at the party, 5:30-7:30 PM. Let us know you will help by signing up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E48A5A72CA46-Halloween> or email newburyPTAinfo@gmail.com.

Mixed Bag Samples are on Display

Have you checked out the sample bags available through our fundraiser? They are located in the display case by the school office.

If you have misplaced your catalog or need an extra order form, email newburyPTAinfo@gmail.com. Orders can also be entered online (and will be shipped directly) at www.mixedbagdesigns.com. At the top right hand corner of the page, enter fundraiser ID 144227. Enter your student's name. Click on ONLINE STORE and shop away! Sales tax does not need to be added. *Our sale ends November 1.*

Have you joined the PTA yet?

PTA memberships are just \$10/individual and \$20/family. Membership cards will be sent out in the coming weeks to all our members. Sign up online at www.newburypta.org or pick up a membership form at the school office.

NES PTA Annual Fund: Make Your Child's Future's Bright

The tax-deductible donations have started coming in and we're almost at 5% of our annual goal! We even had our first donation from a grandparent because they were so impressed with all of the activities and support the NES PTA has offered their grandchildren so spread the word to your family members too about making a donation.

Last year the NES PTA spent roughly \$75.00 on each student. We appreciate your ongoing donations to help us continue offering school grants, enrichment activities and family events that otherwise wouldn't be provided for in the regular school budget.

PTA News continued...

To donate online now, go to www.newburypta.com/donate and enter "annual fund" in your comment lines.

To donate by check, write a check payable to NES PTA and write "annual fund" in the memo line and return it to the NES PTA Treasurer's Box in the School office.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Future Dates:

Nov. 12, NES PTA fundraiser night, Flatbread Company, 61 High Street, Hampton, NH, 5-9 pm

Nov. 19, Executive Function Strategies for Students with Sarah Ward, NES Auditorium, 7 pm.

Stay in touch with the PTA:

Email: NewburyPTAinfo@gmail.com

Website: www.newburyPTA.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/NESPTA

A Request from the High School PTA...

Triton is Haunted is Saturday, Oct. 26. Join the fun with your family, and help the cause by volunteering. Sign up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D45A9AE2BAA8-triton>

**Big Ryan's TALL TALES**

- WHO:** Big Ryan Storytelling
WHAT: Stories, Puppets, Music & Movement
WHERE: Pine Grove School, Rowley MA
WHEN: Wednesday, October 23rd 1:45 - 2:30
WHY: Because it's the most fun you can have sitting down!

Rowley Family Connection and Newbury Family Connection invite you to join us for a fun afternoon with Big Ryan. Free to Rowley, Newbury and Salisbury residents. Out of Town residents pay \$5 fee. Please contact Patty Olson at patricianeil@comcast.net with any questions.

All ages welcome!

SEPAC Meeting on Monday, October 21st

The Triton Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) will meet Monday, Oct. 21, at 6 pm in the Newbury Elementary School Library. The SEPAC is open to parents, staff, and community members who have an interest in improving the understanding of students will special needs.

The business meeting will include officer elections and a discussion of SEPAC plans for the year.

Following the meeting, there will be a presentation, "Taking Care of Those Who Can't Take Care of Themselves", by Allan Knowles, an estate planning attorney, who specializes in special needs planning. This presentation will seek to address the steps you can take to ensure that your children are taken care of physically, emotionally and financially once you are gone. Some of the topics to be addressed are:

- ◆ General durable power of attorney for financial affairs
- ◆ Durable power of attorney for health care Control Disposition of your assets
- ◆ Naming an executor to carry out your wishes
- ◆ Drafting a letter of intent
- ◆ The importance of a will to prevent the state from controlling who gets your assets, and
- ◆ Care and beneficiary designations so that inheritance does not disqualify your child from state and federal benefits.

If you cannot attend the meeting, but are interested in being involved in the SEPAC, email SEPACtriton@gmail.com.



NES Calendar

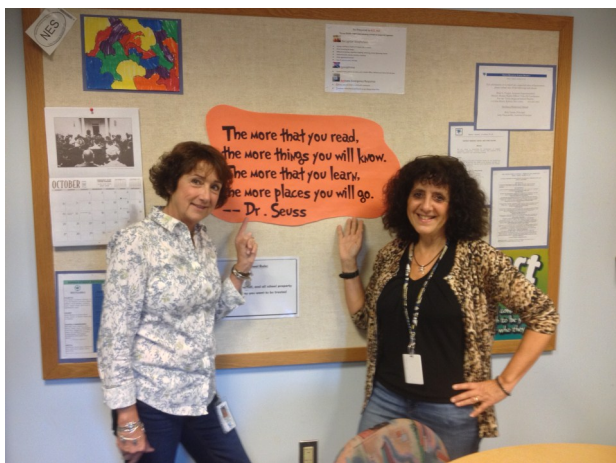
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1 6:30 PM— Instrumental Rental Night-Auditorium	2 School Pictures	3 School Pictures 7:00 PM-PTA Mtg.	4 HALF DAY	5
6	7 4:30-School Council	8 7:30 AM-Student Council 6:00 PM-Gr 6 Parent Camp Mtg.	9 7:00 PM-School Committee	10	11	12
13	14 NO SCHOOL	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 6:00 PM-SEPAC Mtg.	22 7:30 AM-Student Council 7:00 PM-Town Meeting	23	24	25 5:30 PM-NES PTA Halloween Party	26 Triton Is Haunted!
27	28	29	30	31 1:30-2:30/NES Halloween Parade		

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<http://newbury.trsd.net/>

Who's Who at Newbury Elementary School

Meet our wonderful Pre-School Team



Ms. Packer and Ms. Lagana

Ms. Lagana likes to read, especially Ann Tyler and Steven King novels. She also enjoys Broadway Musicals. She has been married for almost 30 years and lives in Merrimack, Massachusetts. She has a daughter who teaches first grade in Virginia.

Ms. Packer has been married to the LTC for 33 years and has 3

children and 2 grand children. She lives in Byfield and likes to go boating and makes t-shirt quilts in her spare time.

Both Ms. Lagana and Ms. Packer love to work with the pre-school children and note that the kids keep them young at heart.



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