



# The Newbury Elementary School

## Newt-paper

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### Mary, Mary Quite Contrary, How does your garden grow?



At NES, our gardens grow thanks to the hard work of the NES students and parent volunteers like Michelle Walsh. The outdoor gardens were planted last spring and over the summer and are now bursting with fresh vegetables. Each grade level has been able to participate in the planting, maintaining, and now harvesting the beautiful gardens. This week, students were able to enjoy vegetables from our own garden at lunch. Students sampled zucchini, summer squash, carrots, beets, and green beans. Many thanks to all who helped to make our gardens so successful!

### Breaking News...

We had our second all school meeting this morning and it was a great success! Our topic was anti-bullying. Check back for next week's NEWT-paper for more details or check out our blog at <http://newburyelementaryupdate.blogspot.com/>.

### Thanksgiving Meals

#### Together to Gather

NES Student Council presents the 4th annual Together to Gather. We will work to gather food to provide Thanksgiving meals for the Pettengill House, the Senior Center, and the Byfield Parish Food Pantry. We are asking for a \$2.00 donation per student to purchase turkeys. In addition, we are seeking donations of the following items to fill the baskets:

#### **Grade Level Quantity Item**

**Pre-School:** 1 can of fruit, 1 can of pea's

**Kindergarten:** 2 cake mixes per child

**First Grade:** 2 boxes/bags of stuffing per child

**Second Grade:** 2 boxes of instant potatoes per child

**Third Grade:** 2 containers of frosting

**Fourth Grade:** 1 can of corn, 1 can of fruit

**Fifth Grade:** 2 cans of cranberry sauce per child

**Sixth Grade:** 2 cans/jars of turkey gravy per child

Please have your food donations in by **Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**.

Send all cash donations in an envelope marked Michelle Walsh and give it to your child's teacher. We will be meeting on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:clabella@trsd.net). **You must have a signed permission slip.** If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Walsh @ [mwalsh9@msn.com](mailto: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,

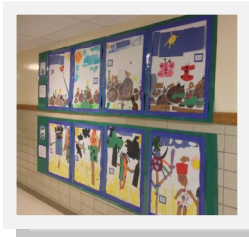
The NES Student Council and Michelle Walsh

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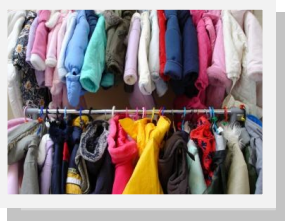
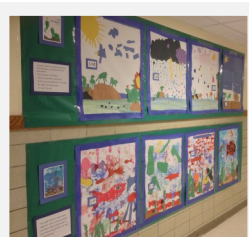
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## First Grade Update



First grade is a very busy place, filled with wonderful new friends and experiences. Over the past few weeks the first graders have participated in an author study on Leo Lionni. The featured books include: It's Mine, Six Crows, Swimmy and Fredrick.

The books were chosen because they explore the concepts of communities and the importance of working together. The first graders used top down webs and two column notes to explore character traits and main ideas. As a culminating activity, our first graders created a beautiful story mural for each title. Please drop by NES and take a peek.



## Coats for Kids Drive

The NES Student Council is once again sponsoring the annual "Coats for Kids Drive". Starting on October 21, 2013 to January 8, 2014. Please check your closets and donate any winter coats that are in good condition. The coats will be delivered to Anton's Cleaners where they will be cleaned. Anton's Cleaners collected and donated 45,000 coats last year and more are needed this year.

The collection bin is in the main lobby of the school. You can drop off the coats any time. The students on Student Council will empty the bin weekly.

Thank you all for your generous donations.

Charlie LaBella

NES Student Council advisor

"What you do today can improve all your tomorrows."

-Ralph Marston

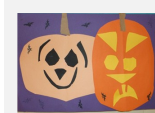
## First Grade Art News

ONE SHAPE, TWO SHAPE, OVERLAP, NEW SHAPE!

First graders started the year with a mosaic design that explored the concept of overlapping. They traced one shape on a piece of paper and then traced another shape that partially overlapped it. They then colored the three areas of their paper with different colored mosaic squares.



Spooky Halloween Jack-O-Lantern Collages have been created with the theme of opposites. Students have learned about cutting on the crease and about folding paper to make two identical shapes. Ask them how many opposites there are in their pictures.



Next, we will be getting ready for the cold weather by designing two sets of matching mittens.

## A Note from Ms. Stokes...

Dear NES Parents/ Guardian,

As many of you know, the office at NES is a busy place. Often, I try and juggle numerous responsibilities to ensure that your child has, not only a great education, but a great day. This week, one of the tasks I was juggling came crashing down right on my head. I mistakenly hit a wrong button and marked the entire student body absent. I would like to extend a heartfelt apology for any alarm and/or inconvenience this may have caused you. I know as a parent how near and dear our children are to us. I have taken steps to ensure that this error does not occur again and I thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Hannah Stokes

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](mailto:apasquarello@trsd.net) by the Wednesday before the newsletter is published.

## PTA News...

### Our students dress in style!

This week, the PTA proudly presented all 563 students and 90 staff members with new t-shirts! These shirts debut a new logo and add to our school spirit. Many thanks to Hilary Lind for organizing the ordering and distribution of the shirts, and thanks to everyone who has donated to the PTA to make this gift possible.



### Halloween Party is Tonight

Grab your goblins and join us at tonight's PTA Halloween Dance Party in the cafeteria and gym, 5:30-7:30 pm. Food and drinks will be sold, and there will be dancing, games, and crafts. The Kids Club room will transform into the Chill Room for those of us who benefit from a quiet oasis during a busy school party. Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult at all times and that the playground is not part of the party.

### Mixed Bag Deadline is Nov. 1

Orders are due for the Mixed Bag Fundraiser. If you have misplaced your catalog or need an extra order form, email [newburyPTAinfo@gmail.com](mailto:newburyPTAinfo@gmail.com). Orders can also be entered online (and will be shipped directly) at [www.mixedbagdesigns.com](http://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.

### Try your luck! Sports Package Drawings

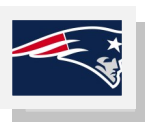
Did you enter the drawing for Boston Bruins and New England Patriots tickets yet? Imagine yourself sitting in prime, sought-after, hard-to-get seats . . .

The PTA will have a drawing for two sports packages:

Four Premium Club seats featuring the Boston Bruins vs. Columbus Blue Jackets (with Premium Parking Pass included) for Thursday, November 14 at 7PM. Chances are \$10 each, or three for \$25. An anonymous PTA supporter donated this package. Winner will be randomly chosen on Nov. 1.



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 1PM. Chances are \$50 each, and only 100 will be sold. Third grader Aidan Kennedy generously donated this package. The winner will be randomly drawn on Dec. 6.



Purchase chances at:

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

Share this with your friends, co-workers, and family! 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: [newburypta-info@gmail.com](mailto:newburypta-info@gmail.com).

### The Book Fair is coming!

We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair and experience a cool place to discover books to read! This helps provide families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: *encouraging kids to read every day so they can lead better lives.*

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills children learn, it is the one you can influence the most. Reading is vital to every child's success and raising kids as reader's means getting involved while they're young.

Look for your flyer in the next few weeks, which highlights a small sampling of the books at the fair.

**Book Fair Dates:** Tuesday, Nov. 12th - Friday, Nov. 15th

**Shopping Hours:** Tuesday – Thursday 8:10 am - 4 pm

Friday 8:10 am - 3:00 pm

**Family night:** Wednesday, Nov. 13th from 4 pm - 7:30 pm

### Upcoming: Executive Function Strategies for Students

Come learn easy ways to help your students become more independent and organized. Sarah Ward, a national speaker, is coming to NES to talk on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 7 pm. This is a night you don't want to miss!

### Join us!

It's not too late to join PTA. Join online at [www.newburypta.com](http://www.newburypta.com) or grab a pickup form at the school office.

### Contact us:

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Facebook: [www.facebook.com/nespta](http://www.facebook.com/nespta)



# NES Calendar

October 2013

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 <b>HALF DAY</b>	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 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	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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## Who's Who at Newbury Elementary School



Ms. Wendt, Ms. Harding, and Ms. Doucot

### Three of Newbury Elementary School's Recess and Lunch Room Aides

Ms. Wendt has lived in Byfield since 1995. She has 14 year old triplets and an 11 year old son here at NES. She is a volunteer for Triton Pop Warner and the Newbury Troop 44 leader. She also enjoys camping.

Ms. Harding lives in Newburyport and loves to walk her dog on the beach. She came to

NES because she loves to be with the kids. When she is not at NES, she works on her gardening business and takes care of her elderly parents.

Ms. Doucot is the mother of four boys ranging from third grade to college. She is the assistant den leader of Rowley Pack 15. She enjoys working at NES, especially with the kids.



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