



The Newbury Elementary School Newspaper

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Our First All School Assembly

On Friday, September 5th, NES celebrated our first week of school with an all school meeting. The entire school joined together to review the NES school rules, meet new students and staff, and learn about some new features to the NES playground. In addition to the new swing set, we now have a Buddy Bench. The bench is labeled and is a safe spot



for students to go when they are having a hard time finding someone to play with. Ms. Yando and Ms. Pasquarello acted out some scenarios where a child might feel left out or too shy to join in with his/her classmates at recess. NES students are encouraged to notice if someone is sitting on the Buddy Bench and ask them to join them in a recess activity.



NES School Rules

- 1. Follow C.A.R.E.S.**
- 2. Respect others, yourself, and all school property**
- 3. Treat others the way you want to be treated**
- 4. Have Fun**

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NES Open Houses

Please join us at Newbury Elementary School for our Open House Nights. The night will include various speakers and then an opportunity to join your child's teacher for a presentation of their curriculum and other important information.



Agenda

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Meet in NES Auditorium

PreK-2

6:30 - 7:00pm

6:30 - 8:00pm

Introduction of Faculty and Staff

School Committee Briefing

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

Grades 3-6

Principal Yando and Assistant Principal Pasquarello

6:30 - 8:00pm

PTA Presentation

Nurse Mrs. French

7:10 - 8:00pm

Have a Wonderful Evening!

Grade Level and Classroom Presentations



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From the NES Library...

September is Library Card Month!



Students are encouraged to get the most important school supply of all this September: a public library card. Unlike other school supplies, library cards are FREE and growing readers have access to thousands of resources with their card.

Students who show their library card at the Newbury Town Library or at the NES Library will be entered into a raffle for \$25.00 to Eureka or a gift certificate to Orange Leaf (one winner per grade level.) Students will also have the opportunity to show their library cards on the NES Open House nights to enter the raffle if they wish. A winner will be chosen on October 1st, so be sure you start the school year with the smartest card around - your library card!

Celebration Books Wish List at the Library

The Library seeks to build a strong collection of materials to support the NES community. Families have the opportunity to help build the collection by making a lasting contribution to the NES Library through the Celebration Day Book Program. A donation to the Library Media Center recognizes your child's special day (birthday, accomplishments, or special occasion) and it is something that will be shared with the NES community for years to come. Your child will be the first to check out the celebration book!



Choose a book from the Library's Amazon wish list <http://amzn.com/w/3BIL62MJMZQ0J> or bring the list to a local bookstore. When the book arrives, a bookplate with your child's name will be placed inside the front cover and it will also be noted in the library catalog.

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.

Your support will spark a love of reading in your child and will help the NES Library collection grow to support the curriculum and student interests.

If you would like more information, or have questions about the Celebration Day Book Program, please contact Library Media Specialist, Jennifer Brown at jbrown2@trsd.net.

Be a Library Volunteer!

The Library Media Center is bustling with activity as students have started checking out books. The Library is always looking for volunteers to assist with library activities during the school year. Some of the volunteer opportunities include checking in/out books, shelving, assisting with displays and bulletin boards, processing new materials, and adding new books to the library's virtual Shelfari shelf. Volunteers are welcome to volunteer during their child's library class or at a time that is most convenient. In addition, the Library and Computer Lab will be looking for afternoon volunteers to assist with technology needs for visiting students. If you are interested in helping out this year, please contact Jennifer Brown at jbrown2@trsd.net.



"Being different is one of the most beautiful things on earth.

-unknown

PTA News... Playground Design Day Unveiling and Celebration

Do you want to help design an improved NES Playground and Outdoor space? Save the date for this important community event.

Playground Design Day Unveiling and Celebration

Date: Monday, September 29th at 7PM

Location: NES

Imagine an outdoor space that meets the needs of all NES students. Now help us make that happen! Together we can create an outdoor space that is engaging and fun. In the coming weeks, we will ask for families to send ideas for an improved play space. Based on these ideas and student interviews, a designer from Play by Design www.playbydesignonline.com will unveil drawings at an evening celebration to launch this exciting plan. Play by Design is an organization that specializes in a community build model, working with communities to design and build custom play structures and playgrounds. Stay tuned for more information on how to get involved or contact nesgrows@gmail.com.

Fundraiser = Easy Holiday Gifts!

Our fall fundraiser is with Silver Graphics, a company that transfers student artwork onto keepsakes. Students are currently creating masterpieces that will then be scanned and transferred onto great presents, including bags, t-shirts, tiles, key chains, mugs, ornaments, potholders, and more. Order forms will be sent home at the end of October with delivery in early December.



Come to the Coffee House:

Come meet other parents and guardians at the first PTA Coffee House of the year. It will be on Friday, Sept. 26th, 8:30-10:30 am in the school's Story Room. Younger children are welcome to accompany you. This is a time to just relax, get questions answered, and maybe make a new friend.

Be a PTA Member:

You can become a PTA member online at [PTA Membership](#) or via a paper form available in the school office. Membership is \$20 per family or \$10 per individual and includes membership in the NES PTA plus in the state and national PTAs.

2014-15 Calendar (All are subject to change.)

PTA Coffee House, Sept. 26th, 8:30-10 am, School Story Room

PTA General Meeting, Oct. 15th, 7-8:30, School Library

Halloween Party, Oct. 24th, 5:30-7:30 pm

Book Fair, Nov. 10th-14th

Art Fundraiser Kickoff, Oct. 24th

PTA Coffee House, Dec. 5th, 8:30-10:30 am, School Story Room

Winter Event, Dec. 6th, 8-11 am

PTA General Meeting, Jan. 14th, 7-8:30, School Library

Movie Night, Jan. 30th, 7 pm

Book Swap, Feb. 9th-13th

PTA Coffee House, March 13th, 8:30-10:30 am

Family Spring Fling and Silent Auction, March 27th, 5-8 pm

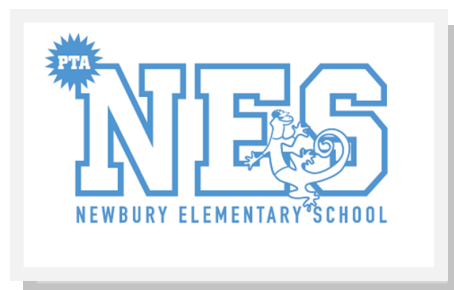
Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4th-8th

Teacher Appreciation Lunch, May 8th

PTA General Meeting, May 20th, 7-8:30, School Library

PTA Coffee House, June 5th, 8:30-10:30 am, School Story Room

Walkathon, June 12th





The NES PTA Annual Fund-Donate Now!

Donating is Easy & Tax-Deductible!

Donate Online

Go to www.newburypta.com/donate and place "annual fund" in the message box.

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 increase the value of your donation.

MAKE YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE BRIGHT

About the Annual Fund

In October 2013, we launched the NES PTA Annual Fund in response to increased demand for community members to have the ability to make one tax-deductible donation a year to the NES PTA.

The Annual Fund's mission is simple: Each donation received pays for school supplies, initiatives, and activities that otherwise wouldn't be offered in the regular school budget while giving you the peace of mind to leave all the other PTA fundraisers throughout the year behind.

In its inaugural year, the NES PTA Annual Fund raised nearly \$17,000 to enhance your child's social and educational experience at NES.

Annual Fund Impact at NES

Our New Swing Set is a direct result of Annual Fund. We received a specific and anonymous \$12,000 donation to enhance the Grades 1-8 playground.

Our Chrome Cart Station with 30 Chromebook laptops was able to be purchased to support the school's technology and e-learning initiatives.

Your ongoing donations will help us support new opportunities as they arise.

Here's to another successful year!
Belen Wieler-Hawes, Annual Fund Chair
belenwieler@gmail.com

DONATE TODAY AT: WWW.NEWBURYPTA.COM/DONATE

NES Calendar

September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 No School – Labor Day	2 First Day of School – Welcome Back!	3	4	5	6
7	8 Pre-School Begins 6:30pm TWS Open House	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 6:30pm Open House Grades Pre-K-2	17 Late busses begin for Tuesdays/Wednesdays	18	19	20
21	22	23 6:30pm Open House Grades 3-6	24	25	26 8:30-10:30am PTA Coffee House – NES Story Room	27
28	29 7:00pm Playground Design Meeting	30 6:30 pm Instrumental Information Night				

Did you know?

Did you know that NES students have been caught contributing to the NES community? Many students have been caught in the hallways, playground, lunchroom, and even on the bus making NES a better place to be! When a NES staff member catches a student contributing to the community, they hand that student a green ticket, like the one shown on the right. The student then takes a trip to Ms. Pasquarello's office to receive a prize and certificate to honor their contribution. At the end of the day, students hear their name over the loud speaker as they are thanked for their contribution.

Some of the contributions this year so far have included helping a friend in the hallway who has dropped their books, welcoming a new student into the community, and holding a friend's hand during a trip to the health office.

We are so fortunate to have such a caring and respectful community at NES and we thank all who work so hard to make it a better place to be.

