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The New Chromebook Cart...



The Chromebook Cart is up and running! Thank you to the NES PTA for donating a cart of 30 Chromebooks for students to utilize to access on the spot technology. We are so fortunate to have such a supportive and generous PTA. Thank you!

NES Grades Pre-K-2 Open House

Thank you to all of the families who attended the Open House for grades PreK-2 on Tuesday, September 16th. Your support and involvement in your child's education is invaluable. It was nice to see familiar faces as well as meet some new ones. We look forward to a wonderful year working together to help our NES students grow and learn.

NES Grades 3-6 Open House

Please join us at Newbury Elementary School for our Grades 3-6 Open House Night. 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.

Tuesday, September 23, 2014

Grades 3-6

6:30 - 8:00pm

Have a Wonderful Evening!

Bus Evacuation



On Friday, September 12th, NES practiced bus evacuations. Students did a wonderful job listening to the procedure and then practicing evacuating the bus. A special thank you goes out to our sixth grade helpers that made sure everyone got off the bus safely. Thank you to:

James Hargreaves	Jack O'Shea
Ben Janvrin	Evelyn Pearson
Aidan Lowry	Maggie Rand
Morgan Mead	Dani White
Kate Olson	Wally Ziehler



Agenda

Meet in NES Auditorium

6:30 - 7:00pm

Introduction of Faculty and Staff

School Committee Briefing

Principal Yando and Assistant Principal Pasquarello

PTA Presentation

Nurse Mrs. French

7:10 - 8:00pm

Grade Level and Classroom Presentations

Sixth Grade Math:

Sixth graders have been busy solving decimal problems involving all four operations. Some students have even written their own problems. See Freya, Mia, and Erin's problem below. Students are also learning how to write equations with variables to represent a problem.

There are two Standards of Mathematical Practice that we have been focusing on this month:

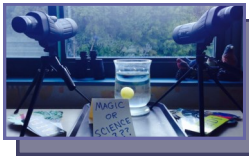
Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them - Students are learning how to examine a problem for key words, formulate a plan to solve it, monitor their work, and are able to change strategies if they reach a dead end. Once students make a discovery or find the solution to a challenging problem, they find that perseverance is a rewarding experience.

Use appropriate tools strategically - Students are deciding which resources in the classroom can assist them with their problem solving. They are determining how and when to use these mathematical tools.

Finally, we have been discussing the many ways in which numbers are part of our everyday lives. Please check out our "Number of Things" projects that will be displayed in the sixth grade hallway next week.

1) Erin gets \$45.00 for allowance each month, Mia gets \$80.00, and Freya gets \$25.00. How much more money does Mia get than Erin and Freya combined?

Sixth Grade Science:



Sixth grade scientists are so eager to learn lots of new things this year. They are curious and realize that science is everywhere. We are off to a wonderful start to a magical year. It was great fun to take the classes outside for the annual "Schoolyard Scavenger Hunt" to begin our unit on *science processing skills*. After making interesting *observations*, students returned to the classroom to *classify* what they recorded and then represented their findings on charts and graphs. All of the students have learned how to focus our scopes and binoculars. They like to use these to observe many details in the woods outside of our window.

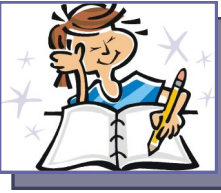
We are ready to begin a unit on *Describing and Measuring Matter*. There will be lots of exciting lab opportunities for the students this year. They are looking forward to discovering the magic of the floating golf ball!

"Creativity is
intelligence having fun."

- Albert Einstein



Sixth Grade ELA and Social Studies:



Sixth graders might see the following quote hanging in the classroom, "If every piece they're writing, you're grading.... They're not writing enough." Your sixth grader has probably shared with you already the immense amount of writing we complete weekly! Through a series of short stories we teach/review parts of plot, characterization, figurative language, theme, and summarizing. This will lead us into a fun collaboration with our third graders at NES- teaching them plot through picture books.

In geography we are reviewing geographic terms, types of maps, and the five themes of geography. Again, we'll be using picture books to teach the five themes. Often social studies and ELA are integrated to gain a deeper understanding of both ELA and Social Studies CORE concepts.



NEWBURY TOWN LIBRARY YOUTH PROGRAMS - OCTOBER 2014

Oct. 18 from 10a-2p: HARVEST FESTIVAL hosted by the Friends of the Newbury Library!

SPOOKY SHADOW PUPPET SHOW with Nappy's Puppets during the Harvest Festival!

Saturday, October 18 at 11am - Join us for a great, big, AWESOME and spooooooooky shadow puppet performance by Jim Napolitano of Nappy's Puppets. Jim's shadow puppet shows combine art, storytelling, and puppetry for all ages. In addition to the show, Jim will give a demonstration on how children can experiment with shadows. You can register on our online calendar on newburylibrary.org

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.

Storytimes (Ages 2-5, siblings welcome)

Fridays at 11am (Oct. 3, 10, 17) - Thematic story time continues in October with songs and craft just for our little ones. Please register on our online calendar found at newburylibrary.org. Space is limited.

Sprouting Melodies (Ages 18mos - age 3)

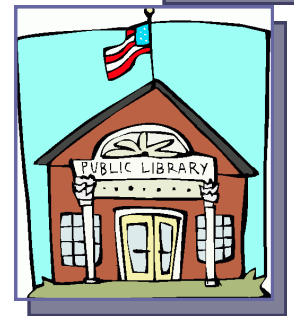
Thursday, Oct. 9 at 1pm: In this music program, toddlers enjoy the routine they crave yet also the freedom and creativity for to grow in self-expression and to build social relationships with their peers in music through instrument play, movement and singing. Please register on our online calendar found at newburylibrary.org. Space is limited.

Oct. 5th, Friday NES Half-Day Movie Showing: BEARS

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

We will be showing movies on Newbury Elementary School's half-days (professional days) at 1pm. Popcorn will be served. Please register on our online calendar found at newburylibrary.org. Space is limited.

Bears will be the theme around here, please bear with us (sorry, couldn't help myself!) - We will have lots of books on bears available and there is even a Bear Cam on our website for you to look at! Check it out (scroll down the page a bit) at <http://newburylibrary.org/youth/>



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PTA News... **NES schoolyard is getting a makeover!** Newbury Elementary School and the NES PTA are embarking on an exciting project to improve the school grounds. We are asking you and your students to imagine your dream playground. *Please draw it on a piece of paper or the attached template and submit it by September 25th to your teacher.* A designer from Play by Design, www.playbydesignonline.com, will review these drawings and interview students during school on Monday, September 29th, to capture their suggestions and ideas for the NES playground area.

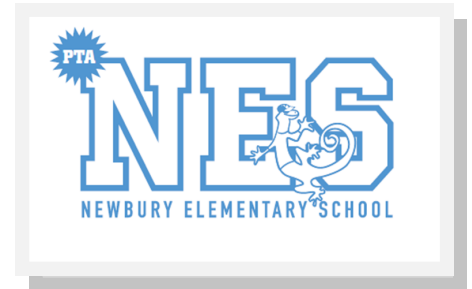
Playground Design Day Unveiling and Party Monday, September 29th, 7PM at NES Join us for a fun celebration and launch party! The designer will unveil her design based on students' comments as well as previously-submitted suggestions. Play by Design is an organization that works with communities to design and build custom play structures and playgrounds. Stay tuned for more information on how to get involved or contact nesgrows@gmail.com.

Call out box: Learn more! Follow the PTA on Facebook: www.facebook.com/nespta

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.

Learn about the online portal: Plan to come to the PTA meeting on Oct. 16th at 7 pm. The district's technology coordinator, Deb Jones, will present an overview of the Aspen parent portal.



SEPAC Update...

Special Education Workshop

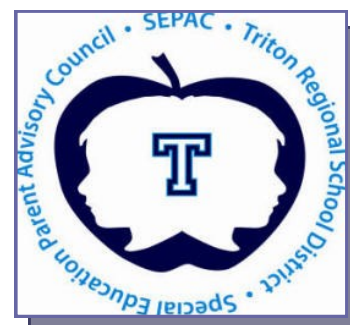
The Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) and TRSD are sponsoring a workshop for parents and professionals to learn about basic rights in special education.

The Basic Rights workshop provides families with an introduction to their rights and responsibilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Massachusetts Special Education Law. This workshop is designed to help parents learn to be effective partners with their child's school to decide their child's eligibility for special education, and to plan, make decisions and monitor their child's progress in school.

A presenter from the Federation for Children with Special Needs will conduct this workshop. Federation workshops are free and open to the public. You are welcome to attend any workshop in or outside of your immediate community.

Date:	10/7/2014
Location:	Triton Regional High School Library
Time:	6:30 pm- 8:30 pm
Contact:	sepactriton@gmail.com

Join us!



INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS
and Newburyport Education Foundation present

Proceeds from ticket sales to benefit:
 Amesbury Educational Foundation
 Georgetown Education Foundation
 Ipswich Education Foundation
 Newburyport Education Foundation
 Perdueville Education Foundation
 Triton Education Foundation
 River Valley Charter School
 Immaculate Conception School

AMERICAN MUSIC AND HARVEST FESTIVAL



Saturday, Sept 27th
11 am to 6 pm

ENTRAIN
with **Soule Monde**
LE FRAPPE AND THE KICKERS
2 1st Century Fugitives

Sunday, Sept 28th
11 am to 4 pm

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TRACTOR RIDES
HISTORIC TOURS
CIDER PRESSING
HUSKING BEE

AT HISTORIC NEW ENGLAND'S SPENCER PEIRCE LITTLE FARM ON LITTLES LANE IN NEWBURY MA

Friday
September 26th
8:30-10:30 am
NES Story Room

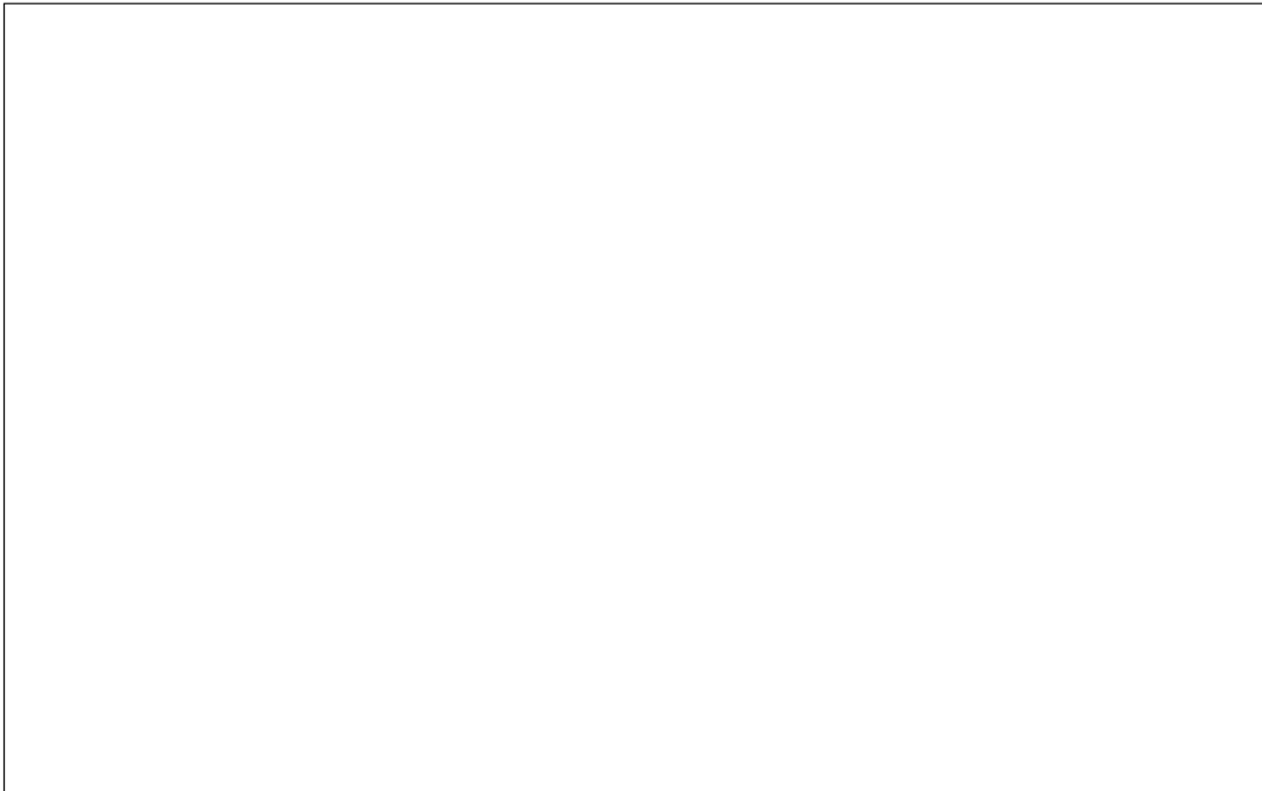
Stop by to meet a friend or make a new one!
Enjoy coffee, tea and breakfast treats.
Learn more about school programs.

Questions?
Email newburyptainfo@gmail.com

See you at The Coffee House!

Sponsored by the NES PTA

KIDS! WHAT DOES YOUR DREAM PLAYGROUND LOOK LIKE? DRAW IT HERE:



PARENTS: Please submit drawings to your student's teacher or scan and email to nesgrows@gmail.com before September 25th. Feel free to make copies or use blank paper if you need more. Bring your family to the **NES auditorium at 7pm on September 29th** to be part of the Design Day celebration unveiling the playground design and see your child's drawing on display. They're helping to design the playground!



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?

Aspen Family Portal

Did you know that you can use the Aspen Parent Portal to:

- ◆ Access to check Demographic/Contact data for accuracy – Realtime
- ◆ Check Daily Attendance – Updated Daily
- ◆ Check Report Cards – Posted and available online at the end of each Trimester

In addition, some classes may use this tool to enhance communication between home and school and improve the home/school partnership.

To log in to Aspen, go to the district's main website, www.trsd.net and enter your Login ID and

password, which was provided in your Family Portal email. You will be prompted to change your password the first time you log in.

If your user name and/or password aren't working, send and email to AspenHelp@trsd.net and include the following information:

1. Your name and your child's name
2. Your child's school
3. Brief description of the problem

