



The Newbury Elementary School Newspaper

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Sixth Grade Environmental Camp Information

What: Sixth Grade Environmental Camp

Where: *W. Alton Jones* in Rhode Island

When: Week of 11/03/14 (Monday to Friday)

Parent Information Night:



Tuesday, October 7, 2014

6:00 pm in the NES Auditorium

(Students will have their presentation at 1:30 pm on the same day.)

HEALTH FORMS will be given out at this meeting.

Website: <http://www.uri.edu/ajc/eec>

Camp Updates: Check the CAMP section of the science (Nancy Nicholson) website.

<http://teacherweb.com/MA/NewburyElementarySchool/NancyNicholson/h2.aspx>



Student Pictures

Individual Student Picture will be on October 1st and 2nd. Look for the order forms with the exact date for you child to be coming home in your child's backpack soon.

NES Grades 3-6 Open House

Thank you to all of the families who attended the Open House for grades 3-6 on Tuesday, September 23rd. 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.



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From the Health Office...

Enterovirus D68

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced the first confirmed case of Enterovirus D68 on September 23, 2014. The patient is a school aged child with a history of asthma who became ill in early September and has since been treated and released from an area hospital.

Various enteroviruses and other respiratory infections may also circulate at this time of year. While most infections cause mild or no symptoms, some can be severe. The current outbreak of enterovirus D68 has been predominantly associated with respiratory disease.

The Triton Regional School District cares about your child's health and wellness. Many parents of school-aged children might be concerned about this virus and/or have questions regarding it. We have, therefore, decided to provide you with a succinct, informative publication from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Please note the links mentioned at the end of the document as well as the information regarding who to contact if you have more questions.

Your Triton Regional School District School Nurses

Guidance from CDC at: <http://www.cdc.gov/non-polio-enterovirus/about/EV-D68.html>

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Enterovirus D68 (EV 68)

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What is enterovirus D68?

Enterovirus D68 (EV 68) is one of many enteroviruses, a large group of over 100 viruses that can cause respiratory illness, diarrhea, rash and even meningitis and encephalitis. This particular virus was first identified in California in 1962. It has been circulating worldwide for several years, causing mild to severe respiratory illness.

What are the symptoms of EV 68?

EV 68 can cause mild to severe respiratory illness.

- Mild symptoms may include fever, runny nose, sneezing, cough, and body and muscle aches.
- Some children, ill with EV 68 infection, have difficulty breathing, and wheezing. Most of these children had asthma or a history of wheezing.

How does EV 68 spread?

Since EV 68 causes respiratory illness, the virus can be found in an infected person's respiratory secretions, such as saliva, nasal mucus, or sputum. EV 68 likely spreads from person to person when an infected person coughs, sneezes or touches surfaces contaminated with virus.

Who is at risk?

In general, infants, children, and teenagers are most likely to get infected with enteroviruses. That's because they do not yet have immunity (protection) from previous exposures to these viruses. This appears to be true for EV 68. Among the EV 68 cases identified during August and September 2014, children with asthma had a higher risk for severe respiratory illness.

How is EV 68 treated?

There is no specific treatment for people with respiratory illness caused by EV 68.

- For mild respiratory illness, you can help relieve symptoms by taking over-the-counter medications for pain and fever. Aspirin should not be given to children.
- People with severe respiratory illness should be seen by a healthcare provider and may need hospitalization.
- There are no antiviral medications available for people who become infected with EV 68.

Is there a vaccine for EV 68?

No. There is no vaccine.



How is EV 68 diagnosed?

EV 68 can only be diagnosed by doing specific lab tests.

Respiratory illnesses can be caused by many different viruses and have similar symptoms. Not all respiratory illnesses occurring now are due to EV 68. Anyone with respiratory illness should contact their doctor, if they are having difficulty breathing, or if their symptoms are getting worse.

How can I protect myself from EV 68?

You can help protect yourself from respiratory illnesses by following these steps:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds, especially after changing diapers.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid kissing, hugging, and sharing cups or eating utensils with people who are sick.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces, such as toys and doorknobs, especially if someone is sick.
- In schools and daycares, routine environmental cleaning and sanitation is required, especially of high-touch surfaces.

Since people with asthma are higher risk for respiratory illnesses, they should take medicines for asthma prescribed for them and maintain control of their asthma. They should seek care early if they are experiencing respiratory symptoms. In addition, they should take advantage of influenza vaccine since people with asthma have a difficult time with respiratory illnesses, and influenza is preventable.

If my child has a respiratory illness, can he or she attend school?

In general, children who are ill should be kept out of school until their symptoms improve.

For children with chronic cough and/or reactive airway disease, children should return to school when they are clinically well enough to return.

Where can I get more information?

- Your doctor, nurse or clinic, or your local board of health (listed in the phone book under local government)
- The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH), Division of Epidemiology and Immunization at (617) 983-6800 or on the MDPH Website at www.mass.gov/dph
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at <http://www.cdc.gov/non-polio-enterovirus/about/ev-d68.html>



Fifth Grade Math: The start of the new school year has us moving right along in math. We are almost finished with a mini-unit called "Operations and Algebraic Thinking." The students have been working on two standards during this unit. The first standard is being able to use parentheses, brackets, or braces in numerical expressions, and evaluate expressions with these symbols. The second standard is writing simple expressions that record calculations with numbers, and interpret numerical expressions without evaluating them. It has included a great review of the basic operations as well!

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Fifth Grade Science: Fifth grade science has gotten off to a wonderful start this year! In the first unit of the year, students are studying the adaptations of living things. We have been learning about why organisms have adaptations, the many different forms they can take in life on Earth, how organisms are able to survive in harsh environments, and the difference between instinctive and learned behaviors. Students have developed their non-fiction reading skills and science vocabulary using the Keys to Literacy Program while learning the difference between structural and behavioral adaptations on both land and in the water. Students' science journals are already being filled with information and diagrams of their favorite organisms! As we explore through the rest of the unit, students will be writing persuasive letters to polar bears about their adaptations and doing a bird beak lab to more fully explore why adaptations develop. The unit culminates in the always popular "Create a Creature" project when students will create their own species complete with all the different types of adaptations they have learned over the course of the unit.



Fifth Grade ELA: The fifth graders have become "lexophiles" collecting their own vocabulary words from their in-class and at-home reading. Then every Friday, students share their new-found words with their classmates through Keys to Literacy activities, such as a word knowledge checklists and 4-square vocabulary boxes. Thusly, students have more engagement in expanding their vocabulary and they are learning the words of their classmates, too! Also in ELA, we are integrating a new writing program into our curriculum called Empowering Writers. Students were introduced to this program in 4th grade and showed great improvement in their writing, especially in narrative work. This year, we'll be focusing on expository and persuasive writing. I'm sure you may know some very persuasive 5th graders!



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.

Fifth Grade Social Studies:

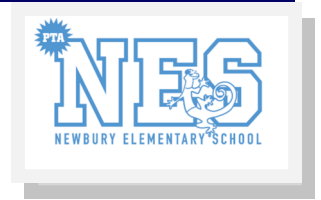


Mysteries abound in our social studies content this fall. What happened to the advanced civilization of the Mayan people who brought us our present day calendar? How did the Incan civilization manage to build thousands of miles of roads throughout South America without the use of work animals or simple machines such as pulleys or wheels? For the past few weeks, we've been learning about how groups of people came to live together in a civilization and using further exploration of these ancient civilizations to introduce some note taking and research. We'll try our hand at persuading our peers that our choice for the best civilization is the only one! We're anxious to see the results as we have some very strong opinions on this one. Be looking for our culminating art work in the hallway in the next week.

"The surest way not to fail is to determine to succeed."
- Richard Brinsley Sheridan

PTA News... The NES Schoolyard is getting a Makeover!

Playground Design Day Unveiling and Celebration Monday, September 29th, 7PM at NES Auditorium



All welcome! Join us for a fun celebration and launch party! On Monday evening, a designer from Play by Design will unveil a playground 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. Contact us at nesgrows@gmail.com or www.newburypta.com/nesgrows for more information or to get involved.

Schedule of events:

- 6:30pm Come early to find your students dream playground drawing
- 7:00-7:05pm Welcome
- 7:05-7:45pm Designer will review the Community Build Model and unveil the playground design
- 7:45-8:00pm Socializing with the designer and Triton leadership

**We appreciate that this is a school night, and that the children need to get to bed. We will keep the programming short and on schedule!*

It's not too late to draw your dream playground! We are asking for input by students and families. Since the submission deadline has passed, please deliver to NES on Monday morning, September 29th, or scan and email a.s.a.p. to nesgrows@gmail.com. A designer from Play by Design (www.playbydesignonline.com) will review these drawings, and interview students Monday, September 29th, during school hours to capture their suggestions and ideas for the NES playground area. A blank submission sheet is attached, or feel free to use a blank piece of paper, or visit www.newburypta.com/nesgrows to print a drawing sheet and learn more about this ground-breaking project.

2013-14 Yearbooks are still available Are you new to the school and want to put names with faces easily? There are still a few of last year's school yearbooks available. See Mrs. Fecteau in the office to purchase one. They are \$15 and checks can be made out to NES PTA.

Oct. 16th PTA Meeting The PTA general meeting on Thursday, October 16th, 7-8:30 pm will include a presentation by Deb Jones, technology coordinator. She will show parents how to use the Aspen Portal system. Plan now to attend.

Fundraiser will supply grants The PTA fall fundraiser features our students' artwork created in art classes. You will be able to order keepsakes that feature your students' pictures through www.silvergraphics.com. Order forms will be sent home and online ordering will open on Oct. 29th, with delivery in early December.

The fundraiser's profits will be used to fund grants for teachers and staff. This year each classroom teacher was given \$175 and each specialist \$125 to purchase items that enhance their teaching. The PTA also makes money available during the school year for grants to fund projects and materials. Teachers submit grant proposals to the PTA to be voted upon. With tight school budgets, these funds have allowed for some events, experiences, and supplies that otherwise would not be available.

Call outs:

Did you receive the PTA calendar at open house? Add the dates to your home calendar

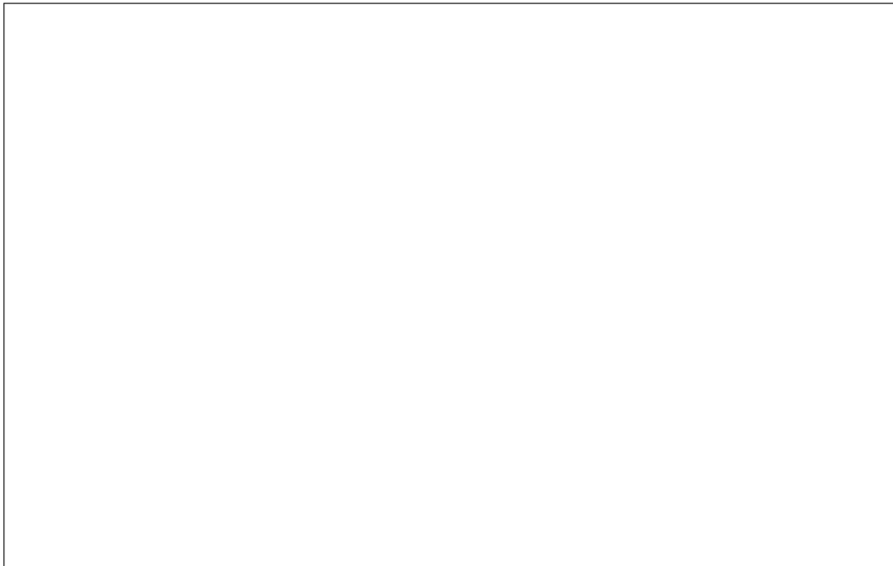
Follow the PTA on Facebook: www.facebook.com/nespta

Sign up for the assistant principal's blog at <http://newburyelementaryupdate.blogspot.com/>.

Garden Harvest! First graders harvested potatoes that were planted in June. They were grown in wire enclosure layered with dirt and straw.



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!



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.

Date: 10/7/2014

Location: Triton Regional High School Library

Time: 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm

Contact: sepactriton@gmail.com

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. Join us!



Inspiring...

What our schoolyard should be

LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN - Together!

Newbury Elementary School invites you to attend a community meeting to unveil the proposed redesign of the schoolyard and celebrate the start of a **Community Build** project to bring inspiration back to play.

Monday, September 29 at 7 PM

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NES Calendar

October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29 7:00pm Play-ground Design Meeting	30 6:30 pm Instrumental Information Night	1 Individual Student Pictures 4:30 School Council 6:30 Storm Surge Mtg.	2 Individual Student Pictures	3 Half Day	4
5	6	7 6:00 pm 6th Grade Parent Meeting – Environmental Camp	8 7:00 pm School Committee	9	10	11
12	13 No School – Columbus Day	14	15 7:00 pm PTA Meeting	16 3:15 Technology Committee Meeting	17	18
19	20	21 7:00 pm Town Meeting	22 7:00 pm School Committee	23	24 5:30-7:30 pm PTA Halloween Party	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Did you know?

Have it your way...

Our NES Deli Bar is available every Tuesday and Thursday. A sandwich on whole wheat, gluten free bread, wrap, of sub can be made to order..

Sandwich options are:

Turkey, Ham, Italian

Available toppings are:

Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, and Pickle

To save time in line you can pre-order your sandwich in the morning when you come in from the bus. Forms are available in the kitchen.

Breakfast and lunch menus are available on the Triton Regional School District website: www.trsd.net.

A special thank you to all who stopped by to see our first appearance at the Open Houses. Our NES café team look forward to serving our students healthy nutritious meals.

