



The Newbury Elementary School Newt-paper

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Welcome Back to School!

Welcome back! We hope you all had a relaxing and rejuvenating summer vacation. It is so nice to see so many familiar faces along with the new. The first week of school went beautifully as old friendships were reunited and new friends created.



The teachers have been working very hard to prepare for a wonderful year and look forward to getting to know the students more and more. The students are settling in nicely to a new school year and are getting into the routine. Please remember that our top priority is student safety. Make sure you take a minute to review the arrival and dismissal procedures outlined in the student handbook.

When dropping your child off at school, please remember to pull all the way up before letting your child out of the car. Also, at the end of the day all student pick ups should display their yellow name placard to ensure the safety of all children.

Students will not be released to parents if the yellow placard is not displayed. Students would then need to be signed out from the office. If for some reason you do not have a placard, please check in with the office.

As a means of communication with the Newbury Elementary School Community, we will continue with the Newbury NEWT-paper. It will be sent out weekly with news, a school calendar, and classroom updates. One grade level or the specialist team will be highlighted each week starting the week of September 19th. Updates will include curriculum, field lessons, celebrations, study tips, expectations and so forth.

This year's Newbury NEWT-paper will have a "Did You Know?" section in place of last year's "Who's Who at Newbury Elementary School" section. The new "Did You Know?" section will include a variety of information or tidbits about Newbury Elementary School.

We look forward to a productive and fun filled school year.

Yours, Ms. Yando and Ms. Pasquarello

Stay connected... Newbury Elementary School Update

An easy way to stay informed is by following our school blog. Please visit us at:

<http://newburyelementaryupdate.blogspot.com/>

If you would like to receive e-mail updates each time a new blog is posted, please enter your e-mail address in the box provided on the right hand side of our blog. You will receive an e-mail confirmation from FeedBurner. Once you confirm that you would like e-mails, you will be notified each time a new blog is posted.



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2014-2015 NES Technology Committee

Looking to volunteer? Do you have a passion for technology? We are looking for parent volunteers to serve on the 2014-2015 NES Technology Committee. We made a lot of progress last year by setting a vision, soliciting donations (Did you know the Governor’s Academy donated six SMARTBoards to NES last year?), and applying for grants. We are looking forward to continuing on our mission to provide our students and staff with equal access to technological tools that encourage life-long learning and promote diverse teaching practices. We believe that technology should be routinely and readily integrated into our curriculum and our school management in ways that enhance, support, and extend the educational process. Technology application and hardware resources, and technology skills need to be continually updated to be effective 21st century tools in the learning process.

New Swings at NES!


We’ve been working hard over the summer to make an exciting playground change that we can’t wait for you to see! A new swing set has been installed and has been a popular attraction at recess time.

Thank you to the very generous and anonymous \$12,000 family donation to the NES PTA Annual Fund for making this possible. And thank you to the many members of the NES Grows committee along with Mike Soucy and Chris Walsh for your help with selecting and installing the new swing set.

Items from home...

We have had a wonderful start to the year! In order to keep the focus on learning, please do not send in items from home that could distract from learning. These items are outlined in the student handbook as written below. This also means no trading cards of any kind please. Trading cards or Pokémon cards are so popular that they often cause a distraction in school. Please keep all trading cards at home. Thank you.

Items from Home... Students may not bring items to school that have the potential to interfere with the educational process or present a safety issue. Items include, but are not limited to, portable electronic devices, laser pointers, toy weapons, bats, hard balls, etc. Items brought to school will be taken and stored in the office.



Beth Yando
Principal

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Amy Pasquarello
Assistant Principal

NES TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
2014-2015

*“If we teach today as we taught yesterday,
we rob our children of tomorrow.” – John Dewey*

Purpose:
The NES Technology Committee will meet to assess the technology needs for the school and maintain a technology plan that aligns with the District Technology Plan.

The committee will meet for an hour once a month and will consist of teachers, parents, district technology staff members, a PTA representative and an administrator.

We will meet on the following Thursdays from 3:15-4:15 in the 2nd Floor Conference Room at NES.

- October 16th
- November 20th
- January 22nd
- February 26th
- March 26th
- April 30th
- May 28th



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.

“Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try.”

-Gail Devers

Farm Friends



**2014–2015 Programs
for children ages 3–6**

**Weekly sessions
Tuesdays, 1:15–2:15 PM
Fridays, 10–11 AM**

Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm
5 Little's Lane
Newbury, Massachusetts



Farm Friends II



**2014–2015
After School Programs
for children Grades 2–6**

**Weekly sessions
Mondays, 3:30–5 PM**

Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm
5 Little's Lane
Newbury, Massachusetts



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1	\$21,990	\$1,800	\$416
2	28,101	2,426	560
3	36,612	3,051	756
4	44,123	3,677	849
5	51,634	4,303	993
6	59,145	4,929	1,138
7	66,656	5,555	1,282
8	74,167	6,181	1,427

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- Ideas para planificar las comidas
- Ayuda para amamantar/lactar
- Referidos para recibir atención médica y dental, guardería, vivienda y otros servicios para su familia

Verifique estas pautas para decidir si WIC es el programa adecuado para su familia.

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**BUENOS ALIMENTOS
y MUCHO MÁS!**

Fun with Fiber Arts



**2014–2015
Wednesday afternoons
Monthly sessions
3:30–5 PM**

Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm
5 Little's Lane
Newbury, Mass.
978-462-2634

This class is for students, grades two through six, who are interested in or already working with fiber. Participants learn hand sewing, weaving, felting, knitting, dying wool, and carding/spinning wool, from featured guest artists. All crafts and completed projects are taken home. Students also learn how to use a sewing machine. New sessions start each month.

Registration form for Fun with Fiber

To register, visit HistoricNewEngland.org or mail form with a check payable to Historic New England to: Education Coordinator, Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm, 5 Little's Lane, Newbury, Mass., 01951

Student name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Allergies or concerns we should know about: _____

Emergency contact person: _____

(Person in charge of bringing student to and from program)

Emergency contact telephone: _____

Please select one: \$60 per month for nonmembers
 \$45 per month for Historic New England members

Please select month(s): September October November December

For more information, contact Arleen Shea, Education Coordinator at AShea@HistoricNewEngland.org or call 978-462-2634.



Newbury Town Library

Youth Programs - September 2014



September is National Library Card Sign-up Month!

This September, The Newbury Elementary School Library and the Newbury Town Library are joining forces for NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH! The Newbury Town Library is offering a raffle, with a \$25 gift card to Eureka prize, to any student who submits his/her library card number into the drawing. Don't have a card? That's ok - come on in and get one! They're FREE!!! (Sponsored by the Friends of the NTL)

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 in September at 11am (starting on 9/12/14) - Thematic story time with songs and craft just for our little ones. There are two extra special storytimes below. Please register on our online calendar found at newburylibrary.org. Space is limited.

- **9/19/14 Ufund Start U Reading Event (With Clifford, the Big, Red Dog!)**: This is a special story time and includes a visit from Clifford, the Big, Red Dog! Ufund Uread will present 2 stories and teach children how to become "part of the book" through action, participation and imagination. Photos can be taken with Clifford :-)
- **9/25/14 Storytime Story Walk: We're Going On A Bear Hunt!**: This storytime we'll be going on a story walk around the grounds of the library with Patty Olson.

Sprouting Melodies Monthly Music Program (Ages 18mos - age 3)

Thursday, Sept. 11 at 1pm: In this music program through Sprouting Melodies, toddlers enjoy the routine they crave yet also the freedom and creativity 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. (Sponsored by the Friends of the NTL)

Crafternoon (Ages 4-7)

Thursday, Sept. 18 & 25 at 1pm - Come join us for a fun afternoon of crafts led by Carole Funchion! Registration is required - register on our online calendar found at newburylibrary.org. (Sponsored by the Friends of the NTL)

Friday NES Half-Day Movie Showings (Children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult)

We will be showing a movie 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. The first showing will be *October 5th at 1pm*.

MUZZY Online

(Courses in 8 languages now available through Newbury Town Library!)

Check out Foreign Language Program, MUZZY ONLINE, an award-winning BBC Language Course for Children hailed by kids, parents, teachers and librarians world-wide. Courses in eight (8) languages are now available, FREE, to patrons of the Newbury Town Library. Go to our website, newburylibrary.org, to check it out!

TumbleBooks Online

Don't Forget to Try TumbleBooks! FREE online, animated, talking picture books (K-4th grade level) is now available through the Newbury Town Library. Read on a computer at the library, from home on a tablet or iPad, from anywhere! Check it out on our website: newburylibrary.org.

Stay tuned for what's coming up in OCTOBER:

Half-day movie showing Oct. 5th! Friends of the Newbury Library Harvest Festival, Shadow Puppet show with Nappy's Puppets, Teen Read Week Oct. 12th-18th, more storytimes, Sprouting Melodies, and crafts! *To get on our Youth Mailing List for information on events and programming, email Youth Services Librarian, Erin Tuomi, at: etuomi@molc.org*

PTA News...

PTA 101:

What you *really* need to know!

The NES Parent Teacher Association is a group of parents, teachers, administration and staff who plan events, raise money, and supply the school with the “extras”. This year’s budget is about \$40,000, which means we are spending almost \$80 per NES student to enhance their education and experience.

Our efforts this year will focus on goals set by our members: supply technology, provide student enrichment opportunities, support our teachers, and enhance the outdoor grounds at NES. This school year we are proud to have already:

Funded a cart of 30 new Chromebook computers for the school

Arranged for the installation of the new swings that were made possible through an anonymous donation to our Annual Fund

Provided each teacher and specialist with a grant of \$200 and \$150, respectively, to purchase innovative items for their classrooms.

Additionally, we offer additional funding throughout the year for curriculum support. New students and staff will receive school spirit t-shirts and everyone will enjoy assemblies and field trips. The sixth grade environmental camp is partially funded by PTA. And, there will also be low or no cost family events, movie nights, and parent/guardian social events.

How to learn what’s going on

We send out information via this weekly school newsletter, occasional emails, our website (www.newburypta.com), and our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/neppta). We hope to send fewer paper notices home this year, so please seek out our information and like us on Facebook. Our PTA email address is newburypta@gmail.com.

2014-15 Calendar

Here are the events we have planned so far. (All are subject to change.)

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

PTA General Meeting, Oct. 12th, 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 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 am

PTA News Continued...

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 am, School Story Room

Walkathon, June 12th

How you can become involved with PTA:

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 at NES plus in the state and national PTAs.

Volunteer as a Leader, Committee Member, or Event Staffer: We invite you to be an active part of our PTA in a way that best suits you, your time schedule, and your family.

Helping the PTA supports school wide goals and initiatives, and allows you a chance to feel more connected to your child and the school. Involvement in the PTA gives you an opportunity to learn more about the school, staff, events, and community.

We have had many parents and staff already volunteer to take on roles this year. We still need people to coordinate our fall art fundraiser (instructions exist), organize the new Teacher Wish List, and be a co-chair of the book fair. We also need extra help with graphic design. We also welcome help on any and all of our other efforts from committee members. Email newburypta@gmail.com for more information. We will send out staffing needs close to events via the newsletter and Facebook.

And, while we have a great board of officers this year, we want to start grooming next year's board members early. We've simplified our operations, and hope the next wave of leaders can step forward to take over the PTA without much effort. Have an interest? Email us to learn more.

Participate in Fundraisers: The PTA will offer a new fundraiser this fall: students' artwork on a variety of items from Square 1 Art, <http://square1art.com>, with delivery before the holidays. Our largest fundraiser of the year is the Family Spring Fling and Silent Auction on March 27th. Plan now to help find auction items, attend, and bid! We will also host smaller events like the Penny Challenge and Walkathon, plus we will have special evenings at area restaurants where our PTA receives a portion of sales.

Donate Money: We are in our second year of having an Annual Fund to accept donations. They can be used for general PTA use, or earmarked for a specific effort. Last year's donations ranged from \$10 to a \$12,000 anonymous donation used to purchase and install swings on the playground. You and your family may make contributions at: <http://newburypta.com/donate/>.

Attend a Meeting: We have three general meetings planned, and will offer childcare for students in kindergarten and older. We also have monthly board meetings. Check the website for dates.

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-

PTA News Continued...

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.

Join NES Grows

The PTA's NES Grows committee has been enhancing the outdoor experiences of our students. This summer they coordinated the installation of the new swings, and maintained the vegetable gardens and a rain garden (with the help of the Kids Club Summer Camp). The group is expanding their efforts; stay tuned for some exciting news!

Save Box Tops and Labels for Education

See a list of all products that earn our school cash and equipment at [Box Tops](#) and [Labels for Education](#). Ask your relatives and co-workers to save them, too. Send the Box Tops and Label UPCs to school – there is a collection bin in the front lobby.

Register for Store Reward Programs

Target, Stop and Shop, and Amazon Smiles will donate a portion of your purchases to our PTA. Register your cards and accounts today.

PTA Board Members

Reach us at newburyptainfo@gmail.com

Elaina Sayles, President

Renée Toth, Vice President-Communications

Heather DePaolo, Vice President-Community Events

Elise Carner, Vice President-Fundraising

Joyce Bokuniewicz, Vice President-Fundraising

Emily Abt, Vice President, Volunteers

Alexa Strauch, Treasurer

Abigail Boughton, Secretary

Committee Chairs:

Annual Fund, Belen Wieler Hawes

Box Tops and Labels for Education, Pam Murray, Christine Romaides, Kristin Drake

Book Fair, Alexa Strauch, Elaina Sayles, Pam Murray, OPEN

Assemblies and Field Trips, Zoe Fogarty

Fall Fundraiser, OPEN

Fitness Series, Christine Westermann

Graphic Design, Alicia Stephenson, OPEN

Green Machines, Tammy Cotter

Winter Event Chair, Hilary Lind

Membership, Heather Archibald

NES Grows, Eileen Wallwork, Sally Milliken, Emily Sullivan, Michelle Walsh

Penny Challenge, Jessica McManus

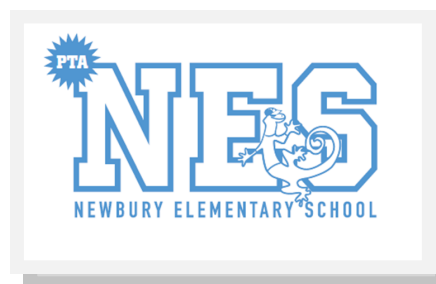
Restaurant Fundraisers, Kelly Williamson

Teacher Wish List, OPEN

Walkathon, Kim Watson & Elizabeth Mitchell

Website and Social Media, Myfanwy Collins

Yearbook, Maddi Judkins





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/Thursdays	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 Play-ground Design Meeting	30 6:30 pm Instrumental Information Night				

Did you know?

As we start off the 2014-2015 school year, we see many familiar faces and meet some new members of the NES community. Newbury Elementary School is happy to introduce 15 new staff members. Please join us in welcoming the following staff members to the NES community.



Joanne Anderholm, Kindergarten Teacher

Jeanne Arango, English Language Learner Teacher

Caitlin Barry, Special Education Teacher

Beccy Colby, Instructional Assistant

Mary Doherty, Instructional Assistant

Erin Freeman, Instructional Assistant

Nicole Hannon, Instructional Assistant

Devin Johnson, Instructional Assistant

Milly McCallops, Instructional Assistant

Maryann Mueller, Instructional Assistant

Patricia Olson, Instructional Assistant

Linda Shorey, Third Grade Teacher

Lisa Toohey, Instructional Assistant

Grace Valentine, Long term Substitute for Grade 1