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NEWBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE NIGHTS SEPTEMBER 2013



Thursday, September 26, 2013

Grades 3-6

6:30 - 8:00pm

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

Grade Level and Classroom Presentations

7:10 - 8:00pm

Have a Wonderful Evening!

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Thank you to all of the families that joined us for the PreK-2 Open House on Thursday night. It is wonderful to be part of such a supportive community. We want to also thank all of the teachers for putting together such wonderful presentations about the important work we do here at school. We are off to a great start and look forward to a terrific year!

A second Open House is scheduled for grades 3-6 next Thursday. We look forward to seeing you there.

Did you know?

Keyboarding is becoming more and more of a necessary life skill. Students are introduced to keyboarding skills here at NES in third grade. However, access to the *Type to Learn 4* program remains active until they move on to the middle school. Students are encouraged to practice their keyboarding skills at home when possible. The student log in remains the same. If your student does not remember his/her passcode, have them see Ms. Raycroft for a reminder.

Happy typing!

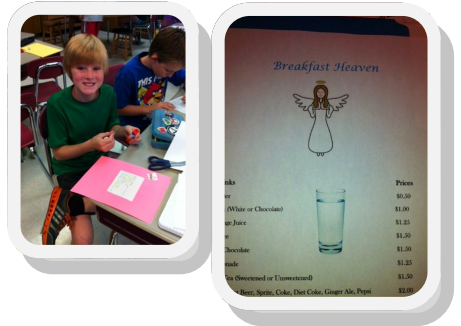


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Sixth Grade Math

The first unit of the school year is Decimals. Students have been learning algebra skills as they write equations to solve decimal word problems. The sixth grade hallway is currently displaying "Number of Things" projects that show how decimals are part of students' everyday lives. Students are pictured as they put the final touches on their projects. Meanwhile, several students are involved in enrichment projects. Some stu-

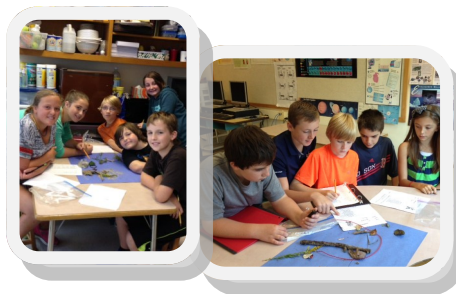
dents created a Power Point presentation that reviews the steps for subtracting decimals. Others are involved preparing for a restaurant simulation that will incorporate all decimal skills. Students are in the process of designing menus and coupons for their fictitious restaurants and will soon be teaching their peers how to determine the tip while dining out. All sixth grade students will have a role during the simulation that will take place in math classes on September 30th. Check out part of a "Breakfast Heaven" menu featured to the right! Bon Appetite, and happy problem solving!!



Sixth Grade Science

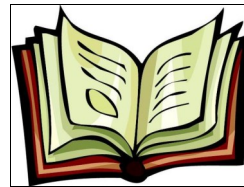
Sixth grade science students are very enthusiastic about activities in science. They started the year with a schoolyard scavenger hunt to practice their *science processing skills*. They recorded great *observations* and learned how to *classify* their findings into many categories. They are working on *representing their results* with charts and graphs. Science publications are filled with a variety of charts and graphs that will be used throughout the year to increase their ability to interpret information presented on graphs.

We are beginning our unit on *Describing and Measuring Matter*. This will begin with the floating golf ball, a "magic trick" that helps with an understanding of *density*. This will be a very magical year!



Sixth Grade ELA/Social Studies

We are off to a quick start in English Language Arts and Geography this year! Students are analyzing elements of a story so they can use these elements in their own writing. Rikki Tikki has helped us better understand elements of plot, point of view, and persuasive writing. In the next couple of weeks our students will be "teaching" plot to a third grader using picture books.



We are also wrapping up our first unit in geography, reviewing geography vocabulary, familiarizing ourselves with text features, reading and analyzing maps, and discovering time zones around the world.

Homework is an important part of sixth grade. Its purpose is to reinforce the day's lesson and/ or prepare students for an upcoming lesson the following day. Please go to Mrs. Lucy's website for daily homework, links to class notes, and other information.

We look forward to meeting you next Thursday following Ms. Yando's welcome in the auditorium.

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PTA News...

We have a website!

The PTA has a new website: www.newburyPTA.com. Huge thanks go to Myfanwy Collins, mom of first grader Henry Dean, for building the site in record speed!

Visit the website to learn our latest news, join the PTA, find forms, and offer to volunteer.

New T-Shirts are on their Way

The PTA generously decided to give all students and staff new NES t-shirts to wear at assemblies, on field trips, and for school spirit days this year. The shirts are free; this is just one of the ways our PTA supports our school community. We want to order the correct size for your student. Don't forget to send in your child's order form to your student's teacher by [Friday, September 27th](#).

School Store Needs Volunteers

The School Store will have its grand opening [on Sept. 27](#). Volunteers are needed to staff it on Fridays, [11 am to 1 pm](#). Do you have some time to share? Staffing the school store is a fun way to meet students--and see if your own kids are eating their veggies at lunch!

Please contact Amy Tardy at newburyPTAinfo@gmail.com to volunteer, whether you can help one time or on a regular, rotating schedule.

Do You Have Some Time to Count?

Our school earns money for each BoxTop we collect. Please keep sending in all those BoxTops; there is a collection bin in the front lobby. But . . . we need people to help count them. Do you have an hour or two to

count BoxTops? This is a great way to help the school on your own schedule and to include your kids in the joy of volunteering!

A meeting will be held [on Sept. 30](#) to distribute box tops, but we can send them home with instructions if you cannot attend.

Please sign up to count at Signup Genius at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E48A5A72CA46-boxtop> or contact Emily Abt via newburyPTAinfo@gmail.com

Pay for Your Membership Online

PTA memberships can now be paid for online. Go to www.newburypta.com/join-the-PTA/ now! Memberships are just \$10 per individual and \$20 per family.

General Meeting is [October 3](#)

We will hold our first general membership meeting [on Thursday, Oct. 3, 7-8:30 pm](#) in the school library. All are welcome to hear plans for the year ahead, and to learn more about our school from Principal Yando.

Free childcare is available for students in kindergarten and older grades. Reserve your spots by emailing newburyptainfo@gmail.com.

NES Strong

We have a strong team heading up the PTA this year, with over 25 volunteers taking leadership roles. Are you able to join us? We are still looking for coordinators for the Penny Challenge in the spring, restaurant fundraisers (a new position), and Parent Meet and Greets. These are all great ways to get introduced to our great group, meet some folks, and give back to the school community. To learn more, email Emily Abt at newburyPTAinfo@gmail.com.

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PTA Meet and Greet—Thank you!

A big thank you goes out to all who attended last Friday's PTA Meet and Greet. We had a tremendous turn out and it was wonderful to see so many new and familiar faces. The PTA is happy to welcome new families into the NES community. We look forward to a wonderful year!



"If you can dream it,
 you can do it."

- Walt Disney



NES Calendar

September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day – No School	3 First Day of School Kindergarten Registration	4 First Day of Kindergarten	5	6	7
8	9 First Day of Pre- school 6:30 TWS Open House	10	11 7:00 School Committee	12	13 8:30-10:00 PTA Meet and Greet	14
15	16 6:00 PM SEPAC – NES Library	17	18	19 Grades PreK-2 Open House 6:30 PM	20	21
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Who's Who at Newbury Elementary School



Mr. Murphy, Mr. Surels, and Mr. Batista

Newbury Elementary School's Custodial Team

The Custodial team here at Newbury work hard to keep our school clean and running smoothly. We are so very lucky to have this wonderful team to make our school a shining star!

Mr. Murphy is the head custodian and lives in Newburyport. He likes to cook and loves to eat.

Mr. Surels lives in Kingston, New Hampshire and enjoys building.

Mr. Batista lives in Groveland. He is originally from the Dominican Republic and has worked at Exeter Hospital. He enjoys riding his motorcycle.



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