

Newbury Elementary School Parent Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ❖ 4/19-4/23 School Vacation
- ❖ 4/26, 27, 28 Principal Candidate visits
- ❖ 4/28 Penny wars
- ❖ 4/30 Half Day PD day - Progress reports go home
- ❖ 5/3 and 5/4 Kindergarten screening
- ❖ 5/4 PTA Mtg. 6:30pm
- ❖ 5/10 to 5/26 Math MCAS
- ❖ 5/6 Founder's Day NES Living Museum

Reminder: Kindergarten Screening for 2010-2011 will be held on May 3rd and 4th. There will be No School for current kindergarten students on those days.

We're on the Web!
www.trsd.net/newbury

Sixth Grade News

Every student in Mr. Dolas' writing class submitted a poem to the 2nd Annual Northern Essex Community College Peace Poetry Contest. Professor Paul Saint-Amand at Northern Essex Community College received over six hundred entries! The submissions, which came from students of all ages, offered a range of thoughtful and creative perspectives on the topic of peace. NECC selected five poems to publish in their 2010 NECC Peace Poetry book.

Congratulations to:

Brooke Thon "Peace Around the World"
Hudson Shearer "Peace Poem"
Olivia Anderholm "Untitled"
Sam Tufts "Peace is Everything"
Sergei Franson "Peace is"

Professor Paul Saint-Amand invited the students to take part in a poetry reading on the Haverhill campus to celebrate their contribution on Friday, May 7th, in TC103, 6:00pm-9:00pm.

Thank you to all the students for submitting to the poetry contest

PTA Corner



We need you! The PTA board is looking to fill the positions of Vice President and Secretary to serve for the 2010/2011 school year. The Vice President assists the President with fundraisers, events, and all other PTA activities. The Secretary records the minutes of all meetings, files and retains all records, and maintains the membership list. If you are interested in helping out on the board or would like more details on either of these positions please contact Maureen Heffernan at maureen.heffernan@comcast.net

The Penny Wars are here! Students will be able to participate again on April 28th and May 5 during their lunch periods. Students will have the chance to fill their class's bucket with as many pennies as possible. The class with the most pennies at the end of the contest will win the war and a pizza party. Remember that students can put other coins and bills into other classes' buckets to subtract from class totals. Each week the results of which class is in the lead will be posted around the school. Start searching for those pennies and may the best class win the war!

The Spring Fling is coming on Friday May 14th. We are in need of volunteers to help us with the event. There are lots of fun things in store for the kids this year and we need your help to make this event fun for all. If you are able to help out on May 14th, please contact Margie Frew at margiefrew@hotmail.com

The next PTA meeting is Tuesday May 4th at 6:30pm in the school conference room.



Congratulations to Leo Heffernan, Michael Marcolini, Hannah Knittle, and Ania Burgess for participating in National History Day's State Competition Saturday at Clark University in Worcester.

Michael and Leo received an honorable mention for their exhibit board on the innovation of the tank (how the tank changed warfare). Hannah Knittle received a special award from the USS Constitution Museum for excellence in documentary research in Maritime History for her website on Nathaniel Tracy. Ania Burgess received an award for best primary sources and is the runner-up for her historical paper on the innovation of the microscope.

Good luck to Ania Burgess at the national competition for National History Day in Maryland!

Next year's theme is DEBATE AND DIPLOMACY. Get your ideas rolling!

YEARBOOK INFORMATION

Yearbooks for **2008-2009** (last year) are still available for purchase

Please send an e-mail to newburyyearbook@gmail.com
The cost is \$10.00

ORDERS FOR 2009-2010 yearbook orders will not be accepted. Please wait until distribution time and your name will be added to a list. (First come first serve).

YEARBOOK COORDINATOR WANTED

Please consider joining. Your help is needed for the yearbook to continue. I will only be here for 2 more years and need to pass this to another person. Do not be intimidated, it is not overwhelming, (anyone with a little administrative and computer skills can apply). We currently have a great support staff working on the book.

If you have any ideas or are interested in helping with the 2010-2011 yearbook, please contact Tina Kennedy @ newburyyearbook@gmail.com

Remember this is a keepsake for you and your children.

KEEP THE TRADITION GOING

BOOK FAIR NEWS! Thanks to everyone who made the Scholastic Book Fair our most successful fair yet! Our library, our teachers, and most importantly our students will benefit from the books and reading resources that will be purchased by the library from the fair proceeds. Many thanks to our volunteers who helped throughout the week and to Mrs. Valentine and Mrs. O'Brien for their assistance. Enjoy reading the many new books that were purchased at the fair!

BOXTOPS

Springtime means the last box top collection of this school year! I will be collecting the first week in May, and the class totals for the year will be determined. The winning class will have an ice cream sundae party in June, with the other top classes receiving popsicles. The winning teacher will also receive a gift certificate to downtown Newburyport. This is FREE money from Betty Crocker to use as we see fit. AT 10 cents a box top it adds up. Please buy products that have box tops and clip them. Ask relatives and neighbors to save them for you, make it a family fundraising project for NES. Thank-you! Andrea Thon

The annual NES field day is coming soon! Thursday, June 10, rain date Monday, June 14. Parent/adult volunteers are a very important component of a successful field day. If you are available and would like to join us for fun time, please contact Anna Molesso, amolesso@trsd.net. Volunteers are needed to run very basic activities for the morning session or the afternoon. Thank you!



April Vacation Schedule at Newbury Town Library

Tuesday of April vacation week the library will host an Open House for families with preschoolers. Stop by the meeting room from 10:30 a.m. to noon to meet up with friends, to play and enjoy juice and donuts.

Tuesday afternoon at 1 p.m. Alotta Hoopla will present a free hula-hoop program for a family audience. No registration is required for the demonstration.

Afterwards patrons can pay to make their own hoops at a hoop-making workshop. (\$10 for children and \$20 for adults) Patrons who register in advance to make a hoop will be entered in a raffle to get that hoop for free. Stop by the children's room or call the library at 978-465-0539 to sign up. There will still be some space for those who have not pre-registered on the day of the program.

Make your own logo! Wednesday afternoon at 4 p.m. elementary school students can make their own logo. Jen Wright of Jen Wright Signs will help the students to create their own personal logo for use on helmets, book bags and correspondence. Call to register at 978-465-0539 for this interesting new opportunity..

Laurie Collins
Children's Librarian
Newbury Town Library
Zero Lunt Street
Byfield, MA 01922

Newbury History 101

Article Five
Parker's Legacy

Rev. Parker lived long enough to hear of one more outrageous scuffle in the meetinghouse. On March 27, 1677, at the county court session in Salem, "Joshua Richardson, Caleb Richardson, and Edward Ordway were sentenced to be severely whipped or pay a fine of ten pounds each, for breaking into the meetinghouse, demolishing pew chairs and so forth." The selectmen had given several women permission to build a new seat in the corner of the gallery, and whether out of personal spite or involvement in a family dispute, at least three young men broke into the meetinghouse by breaking the windows, and destroyed the new seat. Prominent members of the town petitioned to have their fines reduced, since the new seats were not acceptable to many members of the congregation, and the town voted not to allow the women to rebuild them. One month later, secure at least in the knowledge that he was not the sole cause of unrest in the Newbury congregation, Rev. Parker died at the house he had shared with his nephew James and his wife Sarah Noyes and their children for over forty years.

One of the many valuable services that Rev. Parker provided during his lifetime was the preparation of exceptional students to attend Harvard. Though there had been a grammar school as early as 1639, it was particularly difficult to keep schoolmasters employed, since their pay came primarily from the students' parents; thus it was an unreliable income, and difficult work. As early as 1652, there was something like a school board set up "for managing the business of the school," and the town voted to pay a schoolmaster in part from town taxes. In 1658, however, Newbury was fined for not having an appropriate school, and ordered to pay Ipswich for the education of their children.

In 1676, the town appointed Henry Short to keep school for a year, and allowed him the use of the "watch house." Though there are no records of where the watch house stood, or indeed what it looked like, it was probably not part of the "watch" set up on Old Town Hill, as that location was then far from the center of town. The watch house appears in the town records first as a place where school was taught and later as a jail, and was probably set up somewhere close to the meetinghouse. Henry Short declined the use of the building, however, and taught seventeen students at his house. This arrangement apparently did not suit him, and the following year Newbury was again hunting for a schoolmaster. All along, Rev. Parker tutored students in Latin and Greek, and many young men from Newbury attended Harvard.

Groff, Bethany. *A Brief History of Old Newbury - From Settlement to Separation*. Charlestown, SC. The History Press, 2008. Available at Jabberwocky, The Book Rack, Newbury Town Hall, The Spencer-Pierce Little Farm, and Tendercrop Farm.

Historic New England is celebrating its centennial

Discover all that's happening across the region this year at <http://www.HistoricNewEngland.org/Centennial>
Special programs will be offered during April vacation. See our website for listings.

Founder's Day at NES - May 6, 2010



Costumes play an important role in helping students place themselves in the past and experience the colonial era. Please do not feel that you have to be able to sew or buy a whole new outfit. The following instructions are geared toward using what you may already own.

Costuming suggestions for men and boys:

- Shirt: any plain white shirt, turtleneck, or sweatshirt
- Breeches: knee-length pants were in fashion, so take a dark pair of pants or sweatpants and roll them up to the knees.
- Stockings: use plain colored knee-socks which will fit up under the breeches. Athletic socks without stripes are good.
- Shoes: Any plain dark shoe, but try not to wear sneakers. Buckles can be added made out of cardboard covered with aluminum foil.
- Accessories:
 - Vest: A sleeveless vest adds warmth to the costume
 - Hat: A straw or tricorn hat also helps keep you warm. Please no baseball caps!

Costuming suggestions for women and girls:

- Basic dress: Long plain dresses or long plain skirts with white shirts. Could accessorize with a white apron, extra petticoats, shawls and knee socks for added warmth.
- Mob cap: No females went without caps in the colonial days. Cut a circle about 1.5-2 ft. in diameter from an old sheet or piece of white material. About two inches from the edge, string ribbon/yarn into gathers to fit the child's head and knot at the ends to secure.
- Shoes: any plain dark shoe, but try not to wear sneakers.
- Accessories:
 - Fichu: this important accessory is a large neckerchief worn around the neck. Fold a scarf, shawl, or blanket into a triangle and place around the neck, down across the front of the dress and bring the ends around the back of waist and knot or tucks into the front waist.
 - Waistcoat: a sleeveless vest in a plain color will add warmth to the costume.

Please contact Robin Williams, dcrrsw@comcast.net if you can volunteer on May 6th at the Living Museum.

ANNOUNCING...
NES KID'S CLUB SUMMER FUN

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to inform you that we will be offering a summer enrichment program on site at Newbury Elementary School.

Newbury Elementary School
2010 Summer Kids Club
SUMMERTIME IS A TIME TO HAVE FUN!
Kindergarten – Grade Six

Our Summer Kids Club will offer enrichment themes including: Oceans, Dinosaurs, Space, Backyard, Earth, Sports, Fourth of July, Summer, the Circus, etc.

A detailed program schedule of planned activities will be included with registration confirmations. In-depth interest in each theme will be guided by children's interest. **Sports and physical fitness activities** will also be included with enrichment themes on a daily basis.

Parent surveys indicate that the program will be very well attended and if we reach capacity enrollment, we will need to wait list late registrations. **If you are interested in having you child participate in our NES Kid's Club summer program, please return the registration forms with a \$25.00 registration fee.** A minimum of two days per week is required and parents will be billed for days missed. Written confirmation or wait list information will follow.

~PROGRAM INFORMATION~

Dates

June 28th - August 13th
Monday – Friday

Sessions

Summer Tuition

Full day: 8:00 – 4:00	\$40.00 per day - \$200.00 per week
Sibling discount	\$36.00 per day – \$180.00 per week for each additional child
AM ½ day: 8:00-12:00	\$20.00 per day- \$100.00 per week
Sibling discount	\$18.00 per day – \$90.00 per week for each additional child
PM ½ day: 12:00-4:00	\$20.00 per day- \$100.00 per week
Sibling discount	\$18.00 per day - \$90.00 per week for each additional child

***If interested in a 5:00 PM pick up, an additional \$5.00 hourly charged will be added to the daily rate.**

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CHILD INFORMATION

Child's Name _____

Home Address _____

Telephone _____

Grade/Teacher _____

List below any special limitations or concerns your child may have including dietary restrictions, allergies, or chronic health conditions. If none, please indicate by writing "none."

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Relationship to child _____

Relationship to child _____

Home Address _____

Home Address _____

Home Telephone _____

Home Telephone _____

Business Telephone _____

Business Telephone _____

Hours at Work _____

Hours at Work _____

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I give my permission for my child to be released from the program to the following people at the end of the day. **If no one is authorized, please circle "NO ONE."**

1. Name_____ Phone_____
Relationship_____
Address_____
2. Name_____ Phone_____
Relationship_____
Address_____

ANY OTHER TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS MUST BE STATED IN WRITING AND MAINTAINED IN THE CHILD'S FILE OR THE ABOVE PLAN MUST BE IMPLEMENTED. THIS PERMISSION IS VALID FOR ONE PROGRAM YEAR FROM THE DATE OF SIGNATURE.

Parent signature_____ Date_____

Extended Day Childcare Programs Pre-Registration 2010-2011

The Triton Regional School District is pleased to announce pre- registration for the Kids Club programs for the 2010-2011 school year. All of our extended day childcare programs will be coordinated and implemented by the district. Pre-registration of students will assist us in our program planning, structure, and staffing. After we receive completed pre-registrations, and are able to assess needs, you will receive a registration form for next year's programs sometime in April. Once program slots are filled on a first come, first served basis, remaining children will be placed on a wait list. Our extended day childcare programs will begin on the first day of school.

If you wish to pre-register your child for our district *Early Bird* and/or *Kids Club* programs please provide the information requested on this Pre-Registration Form and return to your child's school office or email to Kate Arsenault karsenault@trsd.net.

Tuition assistance will be available to families that provide the necessary information and qualify. **Your child's extended day slot will be reserved for him/her for the year.** The number of reserved slots will help in determining staffing and supply needs. Therefore, as in private childcare programs, you will be billed at the same rate monthly regardless of attendance. Snow days are made up at the end of year, while delayed opening starts will be adjusted for the Early Bird program.

***The specific day of the week for early release days has not been determined as yet.**

* A separate registration will be giving to all children that have registered for the ½ day program within the first 2 weeks of school. The registration will include all ½ day dates. Parents/guardians must sign up for all or individual half days. You will be charged for all days that are registered for.

Pre-Registration Program Form

Please check one:

☐ Newbury Elementary ☐ Pine Grove School ☐ Salisbury Elementary

Please complete this form and return to your child's school office or email to karsenault@trsd.net. Thank you.

Parent Name: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade _____

Student Name: _____ Grade _____

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Home Address: _____

Phone/Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Please select the program, day(s), and time of the program you wish your child/children to participate:

Early Bird: ☐ Monday ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday 7:10 to 8:10 am

Kids Club: ☐ Monday ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday 3:00 to 4:30 am

Kids Club: ☐ Monday ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday 3:00 to 6:00 am

*Kids Club Early Release Day:
or

☐ 11:40 am to 3:00 pm or ☐ 11:40 am to 4:30 pm

☐ 11:40 am to 6:00 pm