

The Newton School Newsletter

Friday, October 14, 2016

School Notes and Athletics

Mr. Bagnato, Principal



Even though it was a four-day school week, it felt like we tried to accomplish five days of activities in that time. With 8th graders at Hulbert for three days, two trips to the Hood Museum, outside explorations with 1-2, Forest Day for KG, a 4th grade community service project, and various STEM projects for 6th and 7th grade, it was a busy time at Newton. Please read in the sections below for details.

PICTURE RETAKES WILL BE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH.

Athletics and Activities: Please see the schedule below. The soccer banquet is scheduled for Wednesday 10/26. More details will be coming soon.

Mon Oct 17	4:30pm – 6:00pm 5:00pm – 6:30pm 7:30pm – 9:00pm	☒ CANCELLED 7/8 soccer vs. Bethel - Murray Field ☒ 5/6 soccer vs Randolph B - Randolph ☒ Non Newton School - Rosa Tyson Gym
Tue Oct 18	3:15pm – 4:30pm 4:00pm – 5:30pm	☒ 3/4 Soccer Practice (Field of Dreams) ☐ ☒ 7/8 soccer vs. Rochester (Murray Field)
Wed Oct 19	9:00am – 12:00pm 3:15pm – 4:45pm 5:15pm – 6:15pm	☒ 6-8 Grade, Macbeth - Northern Stage ☒ 7/8 Soccer Practice (Murray Field) - Murray Field ☐ ☒ 5/6 Soccer Game vs Bethel - Field of Dreams
Thu Oct 20	4:00pm – 5:30pm 4:30pm – 6:00pm	☒ 3/4 soccer @ Thetford (Thetford Elementary) - Thetford Elementary School ☒ 7/8 soccer vs. Lyme - Murray Field
Fri Oct 21	4:30pm – 6:00pm	☒ 5/6 Soccer @ Barnard Elementary - Barnard Elementary School

Kindergarten News

Ms. Kicza

Kindergarten spent time enjoying the season as they made applesauce from apples we picked last week, heard apple books, and learned an apple poem and song with motions. After hearing the book Leaf Man, they collected leaves and made leaf creatures and leaf rubbings. They also enjoyed the beautiful fall weather during forest day.

KINDERGARTEN FOREST DAY BLOG

1-2

Ms. Longcore & Mrs. Robinson

Since first and second graders have been learning what makes Strafford a special community, we decided to visit some of the important places in town. On Tuesday we took a walking tour from the school (a very special place!), to Barrett Hall, the gym and preschool. Then we went down to Hattie's Kitchen, Agatha's, and finished our tour at one of the kids' very favorite places: Coburn's! She, Melvin and Chrissy gave us a great tour of all the ways Coburn's is important to the community. Thanks to them for hosting us, we learned so much and had fun!

3-5 News

Ms. Cote, Mrs. Hill & Mr. Walker

This week, while the 3rd graders were at the Hood Museum, the 4th and 5th graders participated in some project based activities. The fourth graders will be taking some extra time this year to focus on Community Service both within Strafford and the Upper Valley Community. For their first service project they had the opportunity to collaborate with Barbara and Wally Smith in making scarecrows for our local Pocket Park. The 5th graders are involved in an ongoing project of creating a 3 dimensional game as a whole class. Over the course of the project they will need to use many of the math skills that they have learned in order to be successful in putting the game together.



3rd Grade Hood Trip Visits:

4th & 5th Grade Hood Trip Visits:

Middle School

Ms. Kanoff, Ms. Tieff, Mrs. White

We had a great week with the eighth graders at Hulbert and the 6th and 7th doing STEM projects at Newton. Click on the news below for the full scoop.

[Middle School News](#)

Library & Technology News

Ms. Simone Pyle

Last spring, just before school ended, students brought home a sheet with an access code and PIN for Open eBooks, a service that provides access to free ebooks on mobile devices (although a web version is coming soon). As a Title 1 school, all Newton School students have access to this program. To learn more about it, visit the [Open eBooks webpage](#); if you've lost your student's access code and PIN, [contact Simone](#).



Health News

Nurse Ellen

FLU CLINIC MONDAY OCTOBER 17th.

The school clinic is offering the flu clinic. Sign up form attached. It must be filled out completely for your child to receive the flu shot. Any questions call Nurse Ellen. [FLU CLINIC FORM](#)

Ski Helmets

Ski helmets can be ordered through Molly's Place at the CHAD pediatric clinic. Please see Nurse Ellen if you are interested in the information.

Fluoride

If you are interested in having your children (1st-8th) have fluoride mouth rinse weekly; please return forms next week. Fluoride helps prevent cavities.

Ticks

A friendly reminder about deer ticks. Since fall is warmer than it used to be we have ticks and tick nymphs well into November and the beginning of December. Check out "[Tick Smart](#)" 50% of deer ticks now carry Lyme Disease. If you have a question or a tick you are worried about please see Nurse Ellen. Save ticks by taping them to a piece of paper for easy identification.

Immunizations

Please get immunization information to Nurse Ellen if your child had a shot over the summer. There is no longer a philosophical exemption. If your child is not caught up (the schedule is in the handbook) please talk to Nurse Ellen before October 1st. Thanks.

Counselor News

Mrs. Michelle Pringle

This week in the 1st and 2nd grade we started the Social Thinking curriculum, "We Thinkers." We learned about our thoughts, and how they may be different from others. With a fun song and props, we were able to visualize a thought as a bubble above our heads. We also went over whole body listening and what body parts are involved in that. Many of our lesson goals will be repeated in different activities to help students fully understand the concept in real life play and in interactions with peers.

PTA News

Amy Donohue/Shannon Varley

Halloween Festivities are approaching and the PTA is looking for help in a few areas.

We need help with the following:

*Two parents to collect and distribute candy to village residents prior to October 27th.

*Two parents to help monitor games upstairs at Barrett Hall 6:00-7:00.

Next meeting:

November 1st at 6pm in the Newton School Library.

One Planet

Kiersten Harlow

Newton One Planet's Lights on Afterschool, Friday, October 21, 2016, Newton cafeteria and playground from 12:30pm-4:30pm.

One Planet is celebrating Lights On Afterschool with a Pumpkin Carving Party! Come and join the fun with pumpkin carving, art activities, pumpkin bowling, pizza and veggies! All Newton Children are invited to attend!

Announcements and Upcoming Events

[Seven Stars Art Center](#)

[The Sharon Academy's Annual Open House](#) - Sunday, October 16th, from 3:30-5:30 at TSA's High School.

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is each individual member.
The strength of each
member is the team."

- Phil Jackson