

# The Newton School Newsletter

Friday, September 30, 2016

## School Notes and Athletics

Mr. Bagnato, Principal



### 2015 Hike for Hunger - Whitcomb Hill

Next **Friday, October 7th**, the Newton School will hold one of our most cherished traditions: [Hike for Hunger](#).

This year the students will hike in triads (one K-2, one 3-5 and one 6-8) from the border of Strafford (Alger Brook Rd) back to the Newton School. The goals of this event are to **build community** and **learn about hunger issues in Vermont**.

Parents, guardians, siblings, and community members welcome. We will also be organizing a food drive (Sharon Food Shelf) and accepting monetary donations (Strafford Food Shelf) during the week leading up to the hike.

Outdoor news - the Newton School was recently awarded a [Welborn Grant](#) to help us develop our outdoor program.

**Athletics and Activities** - This week there are several games and a spelling bee!

<b>Sat Oct 1</b>	9:00am – 10:00am	⊕ <b>1-2 Soccer</b> ☐
<b>Mon Oct 3</b>	5:00pm – 6:00pm	⊕ <b>5/6 soccer vs. SoRo</b> - Field of Dreams
	5:00pm – 6:30pm	⊕ <b>7/8 Soccer Game vs Chelsea (Murray Field)</b> - Murray Field ☒
	6:30pm – 8:00pm	⊕ <b>PTA Meeting</b> ☒
	7:30pm – 8:00pm	⊕ <b>Principal Chat</b> ☒ ☒
<b>Tue Oct 4</b>	5:30pm – 7:00pm	⊕ <b>3/4 soccer vs. SoRo</b> - Field of Dreams
	6:30pm – 7:30pm	⊕ <b>Screenagers Documentary</b> - Vermont Law School Oakes 007
<b>Wed Oct 5</b>	8:30am – 9:30am	⊕ <b>5/6 Spelling Bee Competition @ Sharon</b> ☒
	4:30pm – 5:30pm	⊕ <b>5/6 soccer vs. TCS</b> - Field of Dreams
	5:00pm – 6:30pm	⊕ <b>7/8 soccer @ Chelsea</b> - TBD
<b>Thu Oct 6</b>	3:15pm – 4:30pm	⊕ <b>3/4 Soccer Practice (Field of Dreams)</b> ☐
<b>Fri Oct 7</b>	8:00am – 12:30pm	⊕ <b>Hike For Hunger</b>
	4:00pm – 5:30pm	⊕ <b>7/8 soccer @ Rochester</b> - Rochester School
	5:00pm – 6:30pm	⊕ <b>5/6 soccer vs Randolph D</b> - Filed of Dreams

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## *Kindergarten News*

Ms. Kicza

### KINDERGARTEN FOREST DAY BLOG

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#### **1-2**

Ms. Longcore & Mrs. Robinson

First and second graders are learning all about Strafford and what makes this community special. We needed an expert to fill us in on the town selectboard, town history, and the important places in town. Who else would know all of this but John Frietag? We'd like to extend a big thank you to John for putting together a slideshow about Strafford, and regaling the kids with many fun facts and stories. They really got a sense of what a community means, and why theirs is so special!



## **3-5 News**

Ms. Cote, Mrs. Hill & Mr. Walker

This week found the 4th graders going to the Hood Museum for their first art trip. They looked at miniature art created by French photographer Laetitia Soulier (see the link below for Ms. Soulier's work and upcoming Hood trips). On another note, our new Bridges math program is off to a wonderful start. The students have been very engaged and have loved all the hands-on projects and games that are in the program.

**3rd Grade Hood Trip Visits:**

**4th & 5th Grade Hood Trip Visits:**



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## **Middle School**

Ms. Kanoff, Ms. Tieff, Mrs. White

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Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the fundraising meeting on Wednesday! For those of you who were not able to attend, hopefully you have received the google document to share ideas and fundraising information. On the google document, Jane Prescott has information about selling concessions at soccer games. Please let her know if you can help out.

Within the next couple of weeks, teachers will be sending out a letter about people who are interested in participating in the trip to New York City.

Permission slips for the 6-8th grade field trip to watch Macbeth are due on

October 17th. Hulbert permission slips and money are due on October 7th (8th graders only).

On October 19th all middle schoolers will be going to MacBeth at the Northern Stage. Permission slips have already gone home and are due by October 17th. Please note there this version of Macbeth has been modernized complete with reference to drugs and violence. If you have any concerns, please be in touch with your child's teacher.

### [Classroom News](#)

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## ***Library & Technology News***

Ms. Simone Pyle

Middle school technology classes and electives are using Google Classroom to manage assignments and course resources. A new feature in Classroom is the ability for parents and guardians to receive regular updates about their student. If you would like to receive these updates, please [contact Simone](#) with the email to which you'd like the updates sent. Thanks!

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## ***Health News***

Nurse Ellen

### **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.

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## ***PE News***

Mr. Casey Grimes

K12's have been working on throwing and catching.

345's have been starting their baseball unit.

678's have also started a baseball unit.

Everyone minus the K's will be running the mile next week.

## ***Farm To School News***

**Ms. Cat Buxton**

The garden harvests are coming in strong and are being served for school lunch! Big thanks to Gret for honoring all of the hard work that went into growing our gardens and for making such delicious fresh food for the students and staff.

As a part of Hunger Awareness Week, One Planet kids will harvest potatoes for the Haven from Andy and Kemba's plot just up the road from school.



Over the next few weeks we have several more dates planned with K-5 students to harvest and process the remaining garden crops and to prepare exciting value-added products to sell at our largest Farm-to-school fundraiser, the Holiday Craft Fair on Dec 3.

Farm to School needs:

We are looking for 7th and 8th grade parents to be our Farm to School "Class Parent" for each grade, to rally support as needed for projects related to Farm to School. If that's you, please contact Cat at school or by email at [cat@growmorewasteless.com](mailto:cat@growmorewasteless.com).

8th grade students will build a cold frame cover for one of our raised beds. If you have some lumber to donate please let Ilene or Cat know. We need light weight 2x4's and maybe a little building advice!

If you can help out preparing product for the Craft Fair, or help on December 3rd by taking a shift at the table, be in touch with Cat.

## ***Art***

**Ms. Janet Cathey**

K-4 artists are continuing to use natural objects as art inspiration. They have pressed leaves into clay and gently sculpted wool into felt balls. 3/4 students explored watercolor leaf prints and are now inventing imaginary insects.

5th and 6th grade students have been applying their new knowledge about Surrealism by creating bizarre surreal magazine collages. One student collage shows a tropical scene of an island. Look closely: the island is a huge apple submerged in the ocean!

I am so impressed with the imagination and positive energy captured in the

photos of our middle school photography students- these students are amazing! The last few assignments students have worked on are: action shots and optical illusion shots.



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## ***School Counselor News***

**Mrs. Michelle Pringle**

In Kindergarten and grades 1/2 we read "Cowboy and Octopus" by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith. With many engaging and fun stories for students, we are able to see how friends can be different, but still be friends and enjoy their time together. We will begin the "We Thinkers" Social Learning Curriculum in 2 weeks. I have attached a letter below introducing the Social Thinking Curriculum introduction letter for families.

In 5th grade we are moving through the "We Care" curriculum. We have covered the units of healthy and unhealthy relationships, empathy, and most recently we have covered personal boundaries.

**[Family Letter Volume 1](#)**

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## ***PTA News***

**Amy Donohue/Shannon Varley**

The PTA is holding a fall fundraiser selling bulbs for your spring garden! Orders are placed online or through a Newton school student and bulbs are delivered straight to your doorstep.

We have set a fundraising goal of \$1,000 and need your support to reach it. Newton PTA receives 50% of the proceeds!!!!

Please feel free to share the online ordering link with friends and family out of town.

Place online orders through October 7th here:

[http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/campaign?campaign\\_id=24240&user\\_campaign\\_id=519294](http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/campaign?campaign_id=24240&user_campaign_id=519294)

Thanks so much for your continued support!

Next PTA Meeting: October 3rd @ 6:30 in the Newton School Library followed by the Principal Chat at 7:30 (managing screen time)

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## ***One Planet***

Kiersten Harlow

**Friday, October 21st** will be our second annual Lights On Event! We will carve pumpkins, enjoy fall activities and pizza! Flyers will be coming home soon...

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## Announcements and Upcoming Events

[Screenagers Documentary - October 4th, 007 Oakes, Vermont Law School - 6:30pm](#)

[Seven Stars Art Center](#)

[Thetford Academy Open House - Wednesday, October 12 at 6:30pm. More information to follow.](#)

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

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## Stay Connected



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

- Phil Jackson