

The Newton School Newsletter

Friday, December 9, 2016

School Notes and Athletics

Mr. Bagnato, Principal

Earlier this week, I gave a principal chat on the Newton School's current Act 46 status. Please click [here](#) for the presentation. School Board meetings are the second Tuesday of each month (rotating between Sharon and Strafford).

Next week the Artist in Residence, Ana DiTursi from Just Dance in Rutland, will be teaching student Hip Hop Dance ([see here for a class description](#)). Each student is scheduled for three 45 minute lessons. *The evening performance for parents and family members will be at 5:30 pm on Thursday, December 15th (Barrett Hall).*

Athletics and Activities

Basketball games have begun. The 7/8 and 5/6 teams played this past week and the 3/4 teams will play on December 13th. Please see below for next weeks schedule.

Mon Dec 12	All day 3:15pm – 4:15pm 4:20pm – 5:20pm 5:25pm – 6:25pm 6:30pm – 7:30pm	⊕ Artist in Residence - Residence ⊕ 3/4 Girls Basketball Practice ☒ ☐ ⊕ 5/6 Boys Basketball Practice ☐ ⊕ 7/8 Girls Basketball Practice ☐ ⊕ 7/8 Boys Basketball Practice ☐
Tue Dec 13	3:00pm – 4:00pm 3:15pm – 4:15pm 5:00pm – 7:00pm	⊕ ms nordic ski racers - TBD ☐ ⊕ 5/6 Girls Basketball Practice ☐ ⊕ 3/4 bball vs. SoRo (girls 5pm/ boys 6pm) - Rosa Tyson Gym
Wed Dec 14	All day 3:15pm – 4:15pm 4:20pm – 5:20pm 5:25pm – 6:25pm 6:30pm – 7:30pm	⊕ Artist in Residence - Residence - Hip Hop Dance ⊕ 3/4 Girls Basketball Practice ☒ ☐ ⊕ 5/6 Boys Basketball Practice ☐ ⊕ 7/8 Girls Basketball Practice ☐ ⊕ 7/8 Boys Basketball Practice ☐
Thu Dec 15	All day 3:00pm – 4:00pm 3:15pm – 4:15pm 4:20pm – 5:20pm 5:30pm – 6:30pm	⊕ Artist in Residence - Residence - Hip Hop Dance ⊕ ms nordic ski racers - TBD ☐ ⊕ 5/6 Girls Basketball Practice ☐ ⊕ 3/4 Boys Basketball Practice ☐ ⊕ Artist in Residence Performance - Residence Performance
Fri Dec 16	8:00am – 11:00am 5:30pm – 6:30pm	⊕ 5th Grade to the Hood Museum - The Hood Museum ⊕ 7/8 bball vs. SoRo-girls 5:00pm/boys 6:15pm - Rosa Tyson Gym

K, 1, 2 News

Ms. Kicza, Mrs. Longcore & Mrs. Robinson

The Kindergarteners, first, and second graders went to Barrett Hall to sing to the seniors on Wednesday. We gave them watercolor bookmarks that we had made last week as a holiday gift, and sang 4 of our favorite holiday songs. On our way out they gave us oranges and bright holiday pencils. This is such a wonderful way to stay in touch with older people in our community!

KINDERGARTEN FOREST DAY BLOG

3-5 News

Ms. Cote, Mrs. Hill & Mr. Walker

On Thursday, our 3-5 cluster had a guest storyteller: Michael Caduto. He is a highly regarded storyteller and author. We were so fortunate to listen to his stories from the Abenaki and make connections to our social studies unit on how the Abenaki used natural resources to survive. Students listened as he told the origin myth of how the Abenaki people were created as well as other stories that reinforce the morals and beliefs of the Abenaki. Students and teachers had the opportunity to dance altogether to the heartbeat of the drum. They made a simple necklace of 7 wooden beads signifying the seven generations. Students truly benefit from these types of experiences.



3rd Grade Hood Trip Visits:

4th & 5th Grade Hood Trip Visits:

Middle School

Ms. Kanoff, Ms. Tieff, Mrs. White

Planned Absence Form:

Just a reminder that this form is due to your child's homeroom teacher two weeks before the scheduled absence or the absence will be marked "unexcused." We understand that there may be circumstances in which this is not possible, so please let us know if this is the case. Forms are available through Mrs. White or Eleni.

Fundraising:

A spreadsheet detailing the money we have raised to date as well as the funds already allocated for the NYC trip will be sent to parents next week. Thanks to everyone who has participated in our recent fundraising activities! We expect to schedule another fundraising meeting after the first of the year.

NYC Trip Go Fund Me Page

Library & Technology News

Ms. Simone Pyle

Happy Computer Science Education Week! We took time out of our library and technology classes to take part in the [Hour of Code](#), an international program encouraging young people to explore computer science by taking part in basic coding activities.



Middle school technology students paired with buddies in K-2 to act as guides and mentors to these budding computer programmers! Read more about the resources we used for the Hour of Code at [the library blog](#).

Health News

Nurse Ellen

We had no new cases of pneumonia this week! This is great news!! There is a stomach flu and a head cold still going around. However, right now most kids are in school!!

We need to continue to keep an eye on anyone who has a cough and fever. If your child has a cough and a fever greater than 100.4 please have your child seen by the pediatrician.

What can parents do:

-Parents, please keep your children home when they are sick and let the

school know what their symptoms are.

-If your child gets a fever over 100.0 please remember that your child shouldn't return to school until he/she has been fever free for 24 hours.

-Call Nurse Ellen if you have questions or worries.

-The Vermont Dept. of Health encourages all students and parents to get their flu shots.

SKI HELMETS:

If you need ski/snowboard helmets, they are available through CHAD at Molly's Place, Nurse Ellen has the contact information.

Local Resources for Families Information

One Planet

Ms. Kiersten Harlow

The first week of Session Two has been exciting! On Monday the kids built sculptures out of all sorts of materials. Tuesday we had Outdoor Adventures with Bonna where we started to learn about how to use a compass. With the fresh snow on Wednesday the kids were able to enjoy some extra outside time. Thursday we had our first cosmic kids yoga adventure, which all the kids seemed to enjoy followed by some toothpick and mini marshmallow structure building.

Just a reminder we do go outside to play every afternoon and on Tuesdays we stay out for Outdoor Ed, so please make sure your kids are dressed appropriately for the weather and if you can please send in extra gloves for them on Tuesdays!

PTA News

Amy Donohue/Shannon Varley

Thank you to everyone who has helped with all our various fundraisers through the year so that we can enjoy having an artist in residence, Ana DiTursi, come teach the kids hip hop dance next week with a performance on Thursday night at 5:30.

Next PTA meeting is scheduled for January 3rd at 6pm in the library. We will be working on a new spring fundraiser. Come share your ideas!

Announcements and Upcoming Events

[**Revels Kids 2017/Revels Kids 2017 Traditions of**](#)

[Zimbabwe](#)

[Seven Stars Art Center](#)

[Family Fridays at Seven Stars](#)

[Fifth Grade Passport for Skiing](#)

[Pico Ski Pass for \\$89 \(VT students only\)](#)

[HOLLY JOLLY INFORMATION and APPLICATION](#)

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

- Phil Jackson