

The Newton School Newsletter

Friday, October 28, 2016

School Notes and Athletics

Mr. Bagnato, Principal

A few weeks ago we were one of several schools that sponsored Screenagers. This [documentary](#) illustrated the cultural change of screen use among teens and tweens. Recently the American Academy of Pediatrics came out with new guidelines for screen use. Read the summary [here](#).

Happy Halloween! Oct 31 is a staff inservice day. There is no school. On Tuesday, report cards will go home in order for parents and guardians to look them over before their conferences. [This letter](#) will give you information to help you prepare for your conference.

Students in 7th and 8th grade are going to provide childcare in Mrs. Robinson's room on Wednesday (3:00-8:00) and Thursday (12:30-4:30). Feel free to drop off your child while you are at your conference.



A Principal Chat will be on Tuesday, **November 1st at 5:30**. The topic will be on the Habits of Learning grades that will be on the report cards this quarter.

Athletics and Activities:

Basketball and the Middle School Nordic Team will begin on November 28th. It looks as though we have enough athletes for a basketball team at each level (3/4 girls, 3/4 boys, 5/6 girls, 5/6 boys, 7/8 girls, 7/8 boys). However, we do not have coaches for 3/4 girls or 5/6 boys. *If you would like to ref or coach please be in touch with me as soon as possible.*

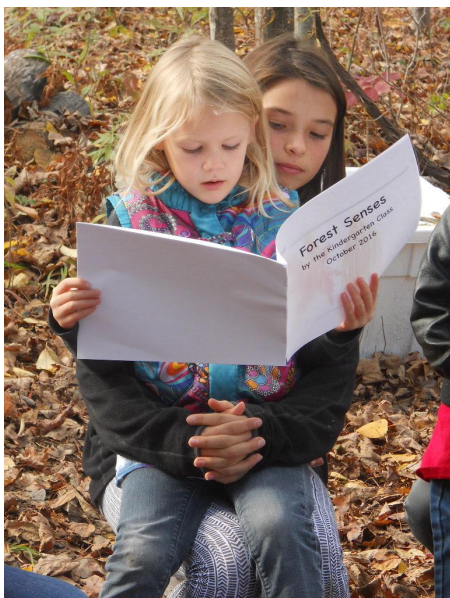
Kindergarten News

Ms. Anmari Kicza

Buddy Week! This week kindergarten met their 6th grade buddies in our forest classroom for a story and scavenger hunt. They were awesome buddies, and we will meet with them for activities throughout the year. Later in the

week we went to the Wolf Den for reading buddies with third graders. We had fun listening to a Halloween story with Ms. Cote, being read to by third graders, and all dancing together. What a great week of learning with buddies!

K & 6th Grade Buddies in the forest



K & 3rd grade reading buddies dancing

KINDERGARTEN FOREST DAY BLOG

1 & 2 News

Ms. Longcore & Mrs. Robinson

First and second graders learned all about elections this week. On Tuesday, they heard the book *Duck for President* by Doreen Cronin. This is a fun story that illustrates the voting process, and Duck realizes that it would be too much work to be president anyway! Wednesday, after each child had registered to

vote, we held a vote on the best way to eat popcorn. After a lively debate, caramel corn won, but we did have to hold a recount because it was so close!

3-5 News

Ms. Cote, Mrs. Hill & Mr. Walker

This week kicked off our study of Vermont history. We began a unit on the Abenaki Native Americans. Students were given the opportunity to explore maps in order to see how this tribe contributed to the names of lakes, rivers, and towns. We will be concentrating our studies in the coming weeks on how the Abenakis used natural resources to survive here in Vermont.

3rd Grade Hood Trip Visits:

4th & 5th Grade Hood Trip Visits:

Middle School

Ms. Kanoff, Ms. Tieff, Mrs. White

NYC Trip Go Fund Me Page

Library & Technology News

Ms. Simone Pyle

We've begun reading our Red Clover Award Nominated books, starting last week with *We Forgot Brock!*

But this week, we took a break for some Halloween fun, with 2nd graders writing a setting for a spooky story. Read some of their stories, and see more student work to see at [the library blog!](#)



Guidance Counselor News

Mrs. Michelle Pringle

In our classroom guidance lesson this week both the Kindergarten and 1/2 grades learned that our brain is our thought's keeper and our heart is our feeling's keeper. Through songs and concrete examples, we were able to explore how to connect our thoughts and feelings, along with others thoughts and feelings through both verbal and nonverbal language. Ask your student where their thought's and feeling's keepers are!

Health News

Nurse Ellen

Great turn-out for the flu clinic on Monday. If your child missed the flu clinic, Dr. McWilliams will be back **November 7th** and can give flu shots at that time. **Please get the form to Nurse Ellen by November 4th.**

FLU CLINIC FORM

For families who have questions about eating disorders the Agency of Human Services' has sent us a link to a new 75 minute long film: [KINGDOM COUNTY EATING DISORDER DOCUMENTARY](#)

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.

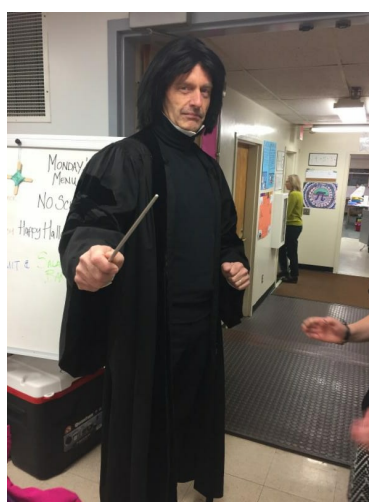
Immunizations

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.

Food Service

Ms. Gretchen Hewes

What a great way to bring in the Halloween Holiday. We transformed the cafeteria into the Great Hall at Hogwarts and had some pretty fun recipes on the menu. I would like to thank those folks that came out and helped pull this together for the kids. First the amazing faculty and staff here at Newton...thank you! Second to those parents that donated all those "candles" for the ceiling. Lastly and most importantly my decorating crew: Erin Masteller, Randi Merchand, Genevieve Gibson, Shannon Miller, Jolin Eastman, Maddison Cross, Berta Robinson, Diane Robinson, Erin Yunger and Eliza Masteller a great big thank you for all of your time and help, the kids loved it!



PTA News

Amy Donohue/Shannon Varley

Halloween Festivities are approaching !!!! The PTA is still looking for two parents to help monitor games upstairs at Barrett Hall 6:00-7:00. Please contact Lys Ray if you are able to help.

Next meeting:

November 1st at 6pm in the Newton School Library. We'll be stuffing envelopes for our Annual Appeals letter that we'll be mailing out and could use many hands to accomplish this task. We'll also be discussing possible fundraising endeavors such as an adult evening out and holiday workshops.

Come help stuff envelopes and share your ideas!

Announcements and Upcoming Events

[PICTURE RETAKES WILL BE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH.](#)

[Seven Stars Art Center](#)

[Family Fridays at Seven Stars](#)

[Fifth Grade Passport for Skiing](#)

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

[Tunbridge Craft Fair](#)

[HOLLY JOLLY INFORMATION and APPLICATION](#)

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is each individual member.
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member is the team."

- Phil Jackson