

Friday, January 20, 2017

School Notes and Athletics

Mr. Bagnato, Principal

Without music, life would be a mistake.
-Friedrich Nietzsche

For those in attendance at the Winter Concert last night, you may agree. School is many things. The children at Newton School experience so much more than traditional academics. This year they have created musical instruments and cardboard boats by using what they learn in science and math. They write stories about the wonder of snowflakes and their feelings. They learn how to take care of their physical and emotional selves.

They read to each other and enthusiastically participate in triad activities. They participate in athletics. They explore the outdoors and constantly reflect on what they learn and how that learning impacts them individually.

Last night I could not have been prouder of the student's performance at the Winter Concert.

Not only did they sing and dance. They enjoyed themselves and their enthusiasm was contagious. The feeling throughout Barrett Hall was one of community and positivity.

Congratulations to all the students and Mr. Fredland.

Athletics and Activities:



Mon Jan 23	All day 3:15pm – 4:15pm 5:00pm – 8:00pm	Report Cards Go Home 3/4 Girls Basketball Practice 5/6 bball vs Sharon, girls 5pm, boys 6pm - Sharon Elementary School, 75 VT-132, Sharon, VT 05065, USA
Tue Jan 24	3:15pm – 4:15pm 3:30pm – 4:30pm 5:00pm – 8:00pm 5:00pm – 8:00pm	5/6 Girls Basketball Practice SNAP 3/4 bball vs. Sharon, girls 5pm, boys 6pm - Sharon Elementary School, 75 VT-132, Sharon, VT 05065, USA 7/8 bball @ Bethel boys 5pm, girls 6:30pm - Bethel School
Wed Jan 25	3:15pm – 4:15pm 4:20pm – 5:20pm 5:25pm – 6:25pm 5:30pm – 7:00pm 6:30pm – 7:30pm	3/4 Girls Basketball Practice 5/6 Boys Basketball Practice 7/8 Girls Basketball Practice CANCELLED 5/6 boys bball @ Tunbridge Central School - Tunbridge Central School, 523 VT-110, Tunbridge, VT 7/8 Boys Basketball Practice
Thu Jan 26	3:15pm – 4:15pm 3:30pm – 4:30pm 4:20pm – 5:20pm 5:25pm – 6:25pm 6:30pm – 7:30pm	5/6 Girls Basketball Practice SNAP 3/4 Boys Basketball Practice 7/8 Girls Basketball Practice 7/8 Boys Basketball Practice
Fri Jan 27	8:00am – 11:00am 12:30pm – 4:00pm	3rd Grade to the Hood Museum - The Hood Museum Ski Program - Dartmouth Ski Way

For more basketball information please go to our [Google Calendar](#)

K, 1,2 News

Ms. Kicza, Mrs. Longcore & Mrs. Robinson

First and second graders enjoyed their latest lesson with Ms. Michelle, our wonderful school counselor. All year they've had a series of group lessons based on social and emotional wellness. They've learned how to work and work play within a group, how to be kind even when someone has a different opinion or idea, and how to respect other people. This week, they heard the Dr. Seuss book "The Sneetches". Some of the Sneetches have stars on their bellies, and they have to learn that this does not make them better than the other Sneetches. After discussing the meaning, first and second graders decided to take on the "kindness challenge". They plan to reach out to someone new this week or be extra kind, and they can choose to report their kindnesses next week. Already, we saw a few new groupings at recess and lots of peaceful playing!

Kindergarten will do this fun project with Ms. Michelle on Monday!

KINDERGARTEN FOREST DAY BLOG

3-5 News

Ms. Cote, Mrs. Hill & Mr. Walker

A big thank you goes out to Mr. Fredland and to the students who participated in the music concert last night. We also thank those parents and community members who came out to see the students perform. It was wonderful to see

all the students so enthusiastic about their performances.

The 3-5 cluster is so lucky to have a rich experiences in the arts. This ranges from our music and art programs at Newton, to the Hood Museum trips, and the two play performances that we visit each year.

Middle School

Ms. Kanoff, Ms. Tieff, Mrs. White

Please click [here](#) to read the Middle School News

Math: Eighth grade students have added to the mathematical art now on display in Ms. Kanoff's room. Can you name this famous sequence? If so, please email Calli Goodling at calli.goodling@gmail.com



Library & Technology News

Ms. Simone Pyle

Second grade's movie trailers, inspired by *Meet the Dullards* by Sara Pennypacker, are up on our Vimeo site! [Visit the library blog](#) to learn more, and to link to the videos. (The password to view these videos is *roadrunner*). While you're at our blog, check out the list of new books we've gotten in this winter!

I hope to send out overdue notices next week! Please look around your house, car, garage, backyard, and chicken coop for those bothersome overdue library books!

Health News

Nurse Ellen

We have a few students who have had a fever and headache. This seems to be a virus. Please remember it is not too late to have your child vaccinated against the flu. There is currently flu in the area. There is also a stomach bug in the area, although not many Newton children have had it. If your child has a fever or has been sick to their stomach they need to be home for 24 hours before returning to school.

FRIENDLY reminder the health of our students and staff is confidential. We don't expect to have the health of our students and staff discussed by those who are not immediate family, even by those well intentioned, thank you.

Passport to Winter Fun booklets went home today. Please remember to turn in front covers by Friday the 27th.

Local Resources for Families Information

PE News

Mr. Casey Grimes

K,1,2 students have been working on core strength and balance and some tumbling skills. This week we worked on fitness training. We will continue to work on fitness and strength training next week.

3,4,5 students worked on fitness training and cardiovascular endurance this week and next.

6,7,8 students have also worked on fitness training and cardiovascular endurance as well.

7/8 Elective - Outdoor Adventures Winter Edition

We have started to snowshoe this week and hopefully we will be able to be outdoors over the next week. My plan for the class is to be outdoors as much as possible. If the weather cooperates students might not need snow pants. However, I would recommend bringing snow-pants, jacket and gloves in case we are rolling around in the snow.

We are planning on going to the Nordic Center & getting on the Harrington Hill this semester. We are also planning on building some igloos some fun things out of snow as well.

One Planet News

Ms. Kiersten Harlow

Another fun and busy week at One Planet! On Tuesday we were able to cross country ski with Bonna in the field above the garden. The kids all did an amazing job getting fitted with their boots and skis and were so helpful with one another.

Wednesday they enjoyed more STEM with Rob. Thursday we started making rock candy and talked about what we might see in the days ahead. Today we read a favorite book of mine Stranger in the Woods By Carl R. Sams II & Jean

Stoick. After reading, we made bird seed ornaments that they could take home.



PTA News

Mrs. Amy Donohue & Ms. Shannon Varley

Mardi Gras!

The PTA is collaborating with the Universalist Church and One Planet on the upcoming Mardi Gras event to make masks after school on Thursday, February 9th 3:00-4:30. We are in need of two volunteers to help with this fun event. Please contact [Amy Donohue](#) if you are able to help.

Next PTA Meeting - February 7th, 6pm, Newton School Library
We will be planning Winter Carnival (March 10th, 11th, & 12th) and Town Meeting Lunch (March 7th). We need many volunteers to help with these events, please come to the meeting to see where you can help or email [Amy Donohue](#) if you can't attend the meeting but would like to help.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

[Community Discussion - Drug Use Prevention](#)

[Earn-A-Bike](#)

[Winter Break Camps](#)

[2018 Paris France, Switzerland, The Alps and Germany](#)

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

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

- Phil Jackson