

The Newton School Newsletter

Friday, March 10, 2017

School Notes and Athletics

Mr. Bagnato, Principal

Winter Carnival is here! However, the snow is not. I am sure the students will have a blast anyway. This week we tried to get in the spirit by having dress-up days and a mannequin challenge video competition. The videos can be found on our [Facebook page](#). Like your favorite one as the video with the most "likes" will win

Athletics and Upcoming Events:

Tuesday is Pi Day! The festivities will be held at Barrett Hall from 8:30 to 10:30. We hope some parents can make it.

In the spring, the Newton School does not organize any sports. However, there will be two running programs organized through One Planet. These will start in April. Also, Thetford Academy organizes track (grades 5-8), baseball (7/8), and softball (7/8) and allows our students to join. As soon as I get the schedules from TA, I will pass them along.

Kindergarten News

Ms. Kicza

Kindergarten students wrote and drew pictures to tell about the fun they had on vacation. They told about trips to Florida, the Aquatic Center, visiting family, enjoying hot cocoa, playing at home, new lego sets, and more! Along with three sentences they drew three pieces of evidence to show how they had fun on vacation. Great job, kindergarten writers!

1-2 News

Ms. Longcore & Mrs. Robinson

First and second graders started a new science unit this week where they will learn about light and sound. We began by focusing on sound, and learned that sound is vibrations that travel in waves. After a Scientist's Circle in which we read about and discussed what we knew about sound, we tried an experiment. We made paper cup telephones connected by a long string. As students tried talking to each other through the phones (and out of earshot), we saw that they really worked! Students tried different variables like curving the string and adding water to the cup. Afterward, we met and discussed what worked and what didn't. We will do this for the next month!



3-5 News

Ms. Cote, Mrs. Hill & Mr. Walker

The weather has been so unpredictable lately as we are coming to the end of the third quarter of the school year. In a way, however, it's been nice because of the weather unit Mr. Walker's class has been studying in science.

As we look outside, we can see all kinds of conditions. Mr. Walker's class has learned all the tricks that meteorologists use in predicting weather patterns. These include temperature, air pressure, humidity, and air masses. The students ended the unit by scaling down an actual house plan and building it out of paper. They had to then engineer it so that it could withstand a category 4 hurricane.



Middle School News

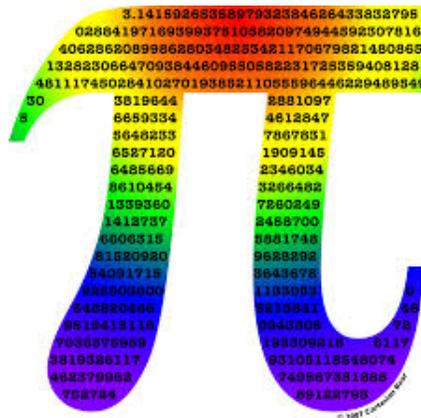
Ms. Kanoff, Ms. Tieff, Mrs. White

Pi Day is coming, Pi Day is coming, Pi Day is coming!

That's right. On Tuesday, the entire school will celebrate Pi and the beauty of mathematics.

Please join us at Barrett Hall (8:30 a.m.) for a fun-filled activity with our Triad groups followed by students reciting the digits of Pi and the Greek alphabet, performing Pi songs and skits, and displaying Pi art.

A fun time for all!



Library & Technology News

Ms. Simone Pyle

The list of new books for spring has been started over at [the library blog!](#) Check out the titles we've added recently, and check back often for updates. While you're there, sign up with your email to get notified anytime a new post is added!

Counselor News

Michelle Pringle

K-2 Parents and Guardians- your student(s) should have received a letter home from me regarding the next unit we will be going over during their wellness time. If you did not see it or need another copy, please click on the link. Please contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

[Sexual Prevention Unit](#)

Health News

Nurse Ellen

There continues to be a stomach bug going around. If your child comes down with this, small sips of Pedialyte or peppermint tea have been helpful. Friendly reminder, suggest your children not share food or beverages.

This GI illness seems to be lasting 2-3 days before children are feeling better. Any questions please call Nurse Ellen.

Passport to Winter Fun is finishing up in the next week. **Please turn flaps back in by Friday, March 17th.** [See the attached info:](#)

Encourage your children to draw a picture of the activity they do each day and don't forget the programs they can participate in as they reach the indicated milestones. Have fun.

[Local Resources for Families Information](#)

Hot Lunch News

Ms. Gret Hewes

News from the Lunch Room

This week blood oranges were featured on our Fruit Table on Thursday and took center stage in our fruit baskets on Friday.

Blood Oranges have their origins in Italy, Sicily and Spain. Blood Oranges have a sweet and sour taste with a hint of raspberry.

The red pigment in the flesh of the blood orange is an antioxidant and provides 28% of the recommended daily intake of dietary fiber. Oranges are also valuable sources of calcium, thiamin, folic acid and Vitamins A and C.

Blood Oranges are known as the "anti-aging orange". They are a winter fruit usually available from only January thru April.

I am always looking for ideas for some fun and different fruits to introduce to the kids over the next quarter. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas of fruits and/or veggies you would like to see the kids



Art News

Ms. Janet Cathey

The Kindergarten students played with color again this week. They experimented applying paint with all sorts of tools- wheels, sponge rollers, legos, eye droppers, everything EXCEPT paintbrushes! Most students' favorite color this week is purple.

1/2 students learned how to combine their prints from last week to make multicolored pictures. They also looked at some ABSTRACT paintings. Their observations and imagination about these works of art were boundless.

3/4 students thought about "what lifts them" and drew these ideas inside their own set of wings.

7/8 students in the Design Thinking in Art elective continue with their individual design projects.



PE News

Mr. Casey Grimes

Everyone is dancing!!!! Line dancing, square dancing, hip hop, salsa. Have a great weekend!! Think snow!!!

PTA News

Mrs. Amy Donohue & Ms. Shannon Varley

Winter Carnival

Friday, March 10th

1:00 Skiing at the Dartmouth Skiway - events previously scheduled for Harrington Hill are canceled due to no snow.

4:00-5:00 Pulled Pork Dinner Order Pickup at Newton School - Pre-orders only!! - Orders can be placed through Newton School Hot Lunch Program

6:30 Movie Night at Tyson Gym showing Zootopia - donations accepted and appreciated at the door benefiting the Middle School Trip Fund

Saturday - March 11th

12:00-2:00 Murray Field Events

Lunch at Murray Field benefiting Newton Farm to School

Obstacle Course

Snowshoeing

Field Events

Donuts and Maple Syrup for sale benefiting Strafford Creative Preschool

Strafford Splash - Strafford Fire Department

5:00 Spaghetti Dinner and Awards Ceremony at Barrett Hall

\$6 Adults - Age 15 and up

\$4 Kids - Age 14 and under

7:00 Bonfire & hot chocolate at Murray Field

Announcements and Upcoming Events

[Chelsea Summer Camp](#)

[2017 Summer Camps & Festivals](#)

[Earn-A-Bike](#)

[Winter Break Camps](#)

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

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

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

- Phil Jackson