

The Newton School Newsletter

Friday, January 13, 2017

School Notes and Athletics

Mr. Bagnato, Principal

Mon Jan 16	All day	⊕ MLK Day - No School
Tue Jan 17	8:20am – 9:20am 3:15pm – 4:15pm 3:30pm – 4:30pm 5:30pm – 8:30pm 6:00pm – 7:30pm	⊕ MLK Day Assembly ⊕ 5/6 Girls Basketball Practice ☐ ⊕ SNAP ☐ ⊕ 7/8 bball, girls vs. TSA - Rosa Tyson Gym ⊕ 3/4 bball @ South Royalton 5:45 girls and 6:45 boys
Wed Jan 18	3:15pm – 4:15pm 4:20pm – 5:20pm 5:00pm – 8:00pm 5:30pm – 7:30pm	⊕ 3/4 Girls Basketball Practice ☐ ⊕ 5/6 Boys Basketball Practice ☐ ⊕ 7/8 bball @SoRo, girls 5pm, boys 6:15pm - South Royalton School, ⊕ 5/6 vs. SoRo girls 5:00/boys6:00 - Rosa Tyson Gym
Thu Jan 19	3:15pm – 4:15pm 3:30pm – 4:30pm 4:20pm – 5:20pm 6:00pm – 7:00pm	⊕ 5/6 Girls Basketball Practice ☐ ⊕ SNAP ☐ ⊕ 3/4 Boys Basketball Practice ☐ ⊕ Newton School Music Concert
Fri Jan 20	12:30pm – 4:00pm	⊕ Ski Program - Dartmouth Ski Way ☐

Mark your calendars:

There is no school on **Monday, January 16, 2017**

Tuesday, January 17th, Martin Luther King Assembly 8:20am, Alligator Alley

Music Concert - in Barrett Hall on **January 19th, 6pm.**

2nd Quarter Report Cards - will be sent home on 1/23

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

Have a great long weekend!

K,1,2 News

Ms. Kicza, Mrs. Longcore & Mrs. Robinson

K-2 learned a little about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. together. They heard the

book Martin's Big Words about his early life and what he did to make our country better. They heard and saw a bit of his famous "I Have a Dream" speech which they will also hear in an assembly next week. The group sang the song "We Shall Overcome." Then everyone drew and wrote their own ideas to make our country and world better. They are some big dreamers with great ideas!

KINDERGARTEN FOREST DAY BLOG

3-5 News

Ms. Cote, Mrs. Hill & Mr. Walker

Did you know that in 1818 there was an active hotel on the site of our playground? It was torn down in order to build The Newton School.

This week the students began a unit on the history of Strafford. We began by looking at old photos of the area (one of which was Hotel ??). These photos are from the book titled "????". The students then studied three different timelines of Vermont and created a timeline of their own life.

NAEP 2017 Parent/Guardian Notification Letter

Middle School

Ms. Kanoff, Ms. Tieff, Mrs. White

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

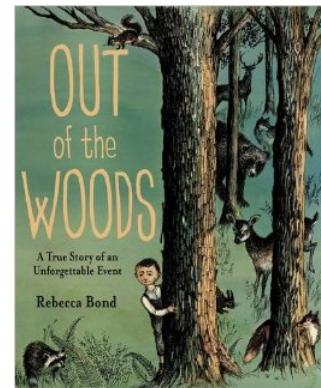
NAEP 2017 Parent/Guardian Notification Letter

Library & Technology News

Ms. Simone Pyle

We've been reading the Red Clover Award nominee *Out of the Woods: A True Story of an Unforgettable Event* by Rebecca Bond, which sent some of our classes to the atlas to locate Gowganda, Ontario on the map. In 1st grade, we talked about the difference between an atlas and a globe, and why we might use one or the other for different purposes.

Grades 2 and 4 are finishing up work on their movie trailers inspired by *Meet the Dullards*, and I hope to have them ready to share by next week!



Our middle school tech elective, Website Building and Design, has ended, and next week we will start Our Digital World. As always, parents and guardians are invited to receive weekly updates from our Google Classroom--[email Simone](#) to sign up!

Guidance Counselor News

Mrs. Michelle Pringle

Through HealthHUB we will be able to have a mental health clinician come see students here at school. I will be reaching out to families to start the process, but if you would like more information or to possibly have your child start seeing the clinician, please contact me.

The Orange County Sheriffs Department's Sexting presentation will happen on January 20th for both 7th and 8th grades. We will be having a parent night on Wednesday January 18th at 5pm at the school for parents to find out more information and ask questions. Please see the attached flyer for more information. There is no permission slip needed for this, but if you would NOT like your child to view this, please send in a note saying so.

[Sexting Flyer](#)

Health News

Nurse Ellen

Newton School will have the Marshall Manning Good Citizen Award this year. This is a slight modification of our annual Marshall Manning Good Sportsmanship Award. Students who show good sportsman ship, are musicians or artists, demonstrate care of the community will all be candidates for this achievement recognition.

Passport to Winter Fun sponsored by the Upper Valley Trails Alliance will be starting week after next. This is a program to encourage children to be active outdoors in winter. This is for students from kindergarten through 5th grade.

[Local Resources for Families Information](#)

Art News

Ms. Janet Cathey

K students discussed what it means to "have a mind of your own" and looked at the imaginative buildings of artist Hundertwasser. They created imaginative structures of their own, and by the time they were finished, some students had transformed their buildings into space ships!

1/2 students have moved from collage to drawing. So far we have done observational drawings of stuffies, and stylized drawings of cats.

Like Chinese Artists depicting signs of the Zodiac, 3/4/5 students are using symbolism in their art. Each student has chosen an animal based on its characteristics, and they have been making the animals using a traditional Chinese paper cut technique. According to the Chinese Zodiac, 2017 is the year of the rooster.

6/7/8 students have had an exciting few weeks becoming familiar with metal working. It's been exciting to use many new tools, materials, and techniques, such as stamping, texturing, doming, and tarnishing copper, brass, and aluminum.



One Planet News

Ms. Kiersten Harlow

It has been a fun and busy week at One Planet! The children have enjoyed constructing with their hands and materials given in our building activities. With Ms. Cathey they are working on building mini log cabins. Bonna brought her creativity inside this week with block printing. On Thursdays, I have been challenging them with tower and bridge building. Last week the kids were given 20 straws and 6 pipe cleaners to build the tallest tower. This week they were challenged to build a bridge with 20 popsicle sticks and 2 arm lengths of masking tape. The bridges were about a foot long and had to hold up to 54 dominos. It has been really fun to see the different ideas they have and how they encourage and cheer on their peers throughout the challenge.



Spanish News

Ms. Bea Pratt

January 13 - Hola!

Spanish class started moving this new year with some review vocabulary and a new phrase, Dame vida. We have been watching and listening to the song, [Dame vida by Huecco](#) and discussing the multiple topics that show up in the video. The different places and famous people participating, the sports they play, the instruments they play, and what happens as a result for the people in Haiti.

A fun way to bring more Spanish into your life outside of class is to listen to Spanish music. Try setting up a Pandora Free Radio Station and creating a radio station with a Spanish song or singer (Duo dinamico, Paulina Rubio, Shakira, Julieta Vanegas, Bachata, Reggaeton, Flamenco, etc.). The website

gives biographies of the singers, information on the group, and sometimes provides lyrics so that you can sing along with the songs.

PE News

Mr. Casey Grimes

K,1,2 have been working on balance and tumbling and will attempting cartwheels!!

3,4,5 have been working on their long handed implement skills with floorball.

6,7,8 have just finished their floorball unit. We will do some fitness training next week and then the week before break we will do fitness testing.

Outdoor Winter Activities class will be meeting next week. Please have your student bring gloves, boots and all other outdoor winter gear appropriate for the temperatures. We plan to spend most of the time snowshoeing, X-country skiing, downhill skiing, building an igloo, different groups building competition.

Have a great weekend.

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](#)

[Ski Sign Up Form](#)

[Snap Program Sign Up Form](#)

Greg Bagnato, Principal
243 Vermont Route 132
South Strafford, VT 05070
Phone: 802-765-4351/Fax: 802-765-4785

.....

Stay Connected



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

- Phil Jackson