

**Friday, June 2, 2017**

## ***School Notes and Athletics***

**Mr. Bagnato, Principal**

What a week! During this time of year it is hard for us all to remember, that there are still 10 days of school left and a lot to do. There are tests, projects and research papers going on. We also have many field trips, special assemblies and recognitions. It is hard to keep focussed on everything that is going on. Please try to keep your child rested and healthy.



**Next Year's 1st Grade Boys - Step Up Day**

### **Upcoming Events:**

\***Monday, June 5th** - All nominations for Marshall Manning Citizenship (see health notes below) due, please nominate and send to ([gbagnato@newtonschool.org](mailto:gbagnato@newtonschool.org)) by 7:30 am.

\***Tuesday, June 6th** - Important PTA meeting 6 pm please see details below.

\***Thursday, June 8th** - 3-5 Talent Show 2 pm and 6 pm (Barrett Hall)

\***Friday, June 9th** - 7/8 Semi Formal

All school events are on our [calendar](#)

## ***K News***

**Ms. Kicza**

At forest day kindergarten used tools to explore rotting logs in our forest. They found small animals, interesting colors and textures, and used rich language including, "I wonder...", "I noticed...", and great observations. They drew and wrote about their log exploration in their journals.



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## ***1-2 News***

***Mrs. Longcore & Mrs. Robinson***

The first and second graders had a special guest visiting this week. As part of our LittleHouse in the Big Woods unit, Mike Hebb came to play his fiddle for us. He talked a little about how he makes fiddles (each one takes about 300 hours!), and played a variety of kinds of music, from jigs to waltzes, and a few of the songs that Pa played. The children had some great questions for him at the end. Many thanks to Mike for this special treat!

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## ***3-5 News***

***Ms. Cote, Mrs. Hill & Mr. Walker***

On Friday morning the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders enjoyed some time to start thinking about next year. The current 2nd and 3rd graders joined Ms. Cote in Wolf Den. They listened to a read aloud, browsed the library and made marble mazes.

The current 4th graders were in Alligator Alley with Mr. Walker. They heard and gave ideas about some of next year's activities. They also took part in a mini project. They had to come up with a plan that answered the question, "How could you turn \$50 into at least \$100?"

5th graders were with Mrs. Hill in the Art Room. They completed "Time Capsule" memory pages, played cooperative games, and worked on some projects for the Variety Show. They will have their step up morning next week with the middle school teachers.

A reminder, our Variety Show is next Thursday, June 8. We have two performances - 2pm and 6pm.

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## Art News

Ms. Janet Cathey

from the art room:

This week, K students brought home mixed-media ponds they made with 3D lily pads, and their symmetrical "blotter bugs", made from squishing paint blobs of little blue and little yellow together.

1/2 students are spending the last few weeks of school making sculptures from recycled materials. Sculpture at this stage of development may be difficult for adults to decipher, but students love working in 3D with these materials, and they gain a lot of experience learning about balance and perseverance. Their challenge with this project was to make a creature that has ways of sensing its world, moving in its environment, and can stand on its own.

3/4 students are ending the year with a wool felting project. This week they used the pieces of community felt they made to create their own wool fleece pictures.

5-8th grade students made very expressive ceramic face cups! Here are a few examples before they glazed them.

Images: Darien's cup and Caleb's cup



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## ***Middle School News***

Ms. Kanoff, Ms. Tieff and Mrs. White

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE**

The 7/8 Grade Semi Formal is coming up on Friday, June 9 at Barrett Hall.

The organizing committee is working hard but needs additional help with chaperoning, clean up, dinner donations and dinner service.

Please sign up to help!

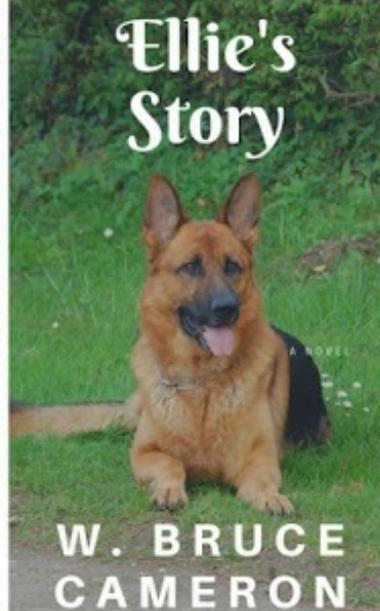
**[2017 7/8 SEMI FORMAL SIGN UP SHEET](#)**

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## ***Library & Technology News***

Ms. Simone Pyle

Fifth graders are capping off their media literacy unit in library, and copyright discussions in technology, by creating jacket covers for a book of their choice that are targeted to different audiences, and which use public domain images. They used [Canva](#) to create the book jackets, and I was impressed at how quickly they caught on with this fairly sophisticated tool. You can see more of their book covers at [the library blog](#), where I will continue to add them as they are completed!



Addie's two book covers, one targeted to boys, and the other to girls.



Lev's book cover, targeted to history buffs.

## ***Health News***

### **Nurse Ellen**

#### **DEER TICKS**

Please remember deer ticks our out. Please check your children from head to toe each evening. If ticks are taken off within 24 hours there is no concern for Lyme Disease. If you do take a deer tick off and it is engorged save it by scotch taping it to a piece of paper so Nurse Ellen or your doctor can identify it. A one time antibiotic dose can be given if an engorged deer tick is found.

Prevention is always the best option: Wear long sleeves and long pants, DEET repellent or oil of lemon eucalyptus can be applied to socks and shoes.

Please see the VT Department of Health Tick Information on the Health page of the Newton website. Vermont Department of Health Tick Information

Sunscreen. One in five Americans develop skin cancer. Incidence of melanoma, the most serious skin cancer, is on the rise. Dermatologists encourage parents to use SPF 30 or stronger for children in the sun. Also a hat is a nice idea.

Bike helmets are available through the school clinic (HealthHub). They are \$10.00 a piece and Nurse Ellen can fit them at school.

The Marshall Manning Good Citizen Award will be presented to students this year. This is a modification of the former Marshall Manning Sportsmanship Award. We will present this award at the End of Year assembly to a student in each cluster who: inspires others, is involved in extracurricular activity, thinks of others first, and is a good role model. Nominees will also be recognized. Return forms NO LATER than May 23rd.

Please see the attached nomination form.

**[Marshall Manning Good Citizen Award Nomination Form](#)**

**[Local Resource Information Sheet](#)**

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### ***PE News***

**Mr. Casey Grimes**

K,1,2 cluster have been training for their mile run next week. They did some strength and conditioning and some speed work to get them ready.

3,4,5 cluster have also been doing strength and conditioning to prepare for their mile run next week.

6,7,8 cluster you guessed it, have been training for their mile run next week. Also, the 7/8 5K group is running their 5K next Thursday from 2:10-2:55. We are going to have to keep the track fairly close to school because of the busses and times of the runners. I am in need of some parental volunteers to help make this happen. Please email me if you are able to help during this time. I am guessing with Mr. M, Hilary Linehan, maybe Mr. B, and 2-4 parents we can make this happen. There will need to be crossing guards at a few locations. Thank you for your help.

Have a great weekend.

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### ***Hot Lunch News***

**Gret Hewes**

News from the Lunch Room

This week's fruit of the week was...the Peach!!



Our fruit bowls were filled with peaches this week. Members of the stone fruit family, one peach can offer 6% of your daily value of Vitamin A, 15% vitamin C and 2% of vitamins E & K, niacin, iron, potassium and zinc.



Our fruit of the week next week will be the Cherry.

On our last day of school we will be having a BBQ for lunch. Mr. M will be manning a grill and we would love to have 2 more volunteers to grill. We will also need grills to grill with. So if you would please contact either Mr. M or me regarding the use of a grill or grilling that would be wonderful.

With two more weeks of our school year left please be sure that all lunch balances have been paid in full no later than June 23rd. Our last billing cycle will be 5/15/17 - 6/16/17.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. My email address is [ghewes@newtonschool.org](mailto:ghewes@newtonschool.org)

Kiersten Harlow

This week was the closing of Session 3. If you have not already signed your child up for our GAP session please contact Kiersten as soon as possible.

Summer Camp is filling up fast! Please fill out your paperwork and send in a payment to secure your spot. Spots are only secure if your registration and payment are complete, unless other arrangement have been made with Kiersten.

Just a reminder our last day of One Planet is Tuesday, June 13th!



## [Newton Summer Camp Registration Form](#)

### ***PTA News***

Amy Donohue & Shannon Varley

Please join the PTA for the last meeting of the school year next Tuesday, June 6th at 6pm in the library.

We will be planning and seeking volunteers to help with the last day of school activities also known as **FIELD DAY** on June 16 as well as **FOURTH OF JULY** events on July 1. You may click on either of these links and sign up or let Amy Donohue know you'd like to help.

We are also in DESPERATE need of parents to volunteer as officers to keep the PTA running for next year!!!! Please reach out to Kate Reimanis, Laura Ogden, Amy Donohue or Shannon Varley if you are interested in helping in this capacity. It is a great organization that provides many enriching activities for all Newton students and the community and a great way to get involved with school events.

# **Announcements and Upcoming Events**

**[Morrill Memorial Library News](#)**

**[Baxter Memorial Library Book, Plant & Bake Sale](#)**

**[2017 Art Nature Camp Flyer Morrill Homestead](#)**

**[2017 Site Tours for School Morrill Homestead](#)**

**[Maker World Week, June 19-23 @ Seven Stars](#)**

**[Ravenswood Week Long Camp](#)**

**[Strafford One Planet Summer Camp](#)**

**[Horizons Summer Day Camp](#)**

**[Chelsea Summer Camp](#)**

**[2017 Summer Camps & Festivals](#)**

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

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

- Phil Jackson