

**Friday, June 9, 2017**

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

**Mr. Bagnato, Principal**

Another extremely busy, but a great week.

The rain stopped to allow fantastic field trips to that included a visit to a farm and snorkeling on the White River. The 3-5 put on a really fun variety show and 5th grade stepped "downstairs" to the middle school.

All staff seem to be putting together a really fun last couple of weeks.

Last night Newton School parents put on a memorable the 7/8 semi-formal, Under the Sea. Dinner was served followed by 2 and half hours of dancing. Onley, Arlo, and Knute's band Brexit played and Mary Gage put together a great dance mix. Over 40 students attended including almost every 7th and 8th grader. Huge thanks to coordinators, Ellen Bagnato, Hilary Linehan, Becky Lewandoski, Karen Minarik, the student planning committee, and all the parents that volunteered their time and food to make this annual tradition a success.

As we enter our final week of school we will be focussing on wrapping up the school year.

8th graders will lead the **Writing Celebration**, be the subjects of **Class Day**, and participate at their **Graduation**. It is important that all community members consider attending graduation. It is a remarkable, student centered event.

### **Upcoming Events:**

\***Tuesday, June 13th** - K-8 Writing Celebration

\***Wednesday, June 14th** - Silver Lake Field Trip (K-5)

\***Thursday, June 15th** - 8:30 a.m. Class Day. 7:00 pm 8th Grade Graduation (Townhouse).

\***Friday, June 16th** - 8:30 - End of the Year Assembly and Marshall Manning Citizenship Awards. 9:30 - Field Day.



Simone and Maddie "race" across the stage during the Variety Show.

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

## ***K News***

Ms. Kicza



The kindergarten planted their watermelon and cantaloupe seedlings in the upper garden that they grew from seeds in the classroom. They were good workers with weeding, rock collecting, and planting. We look forward to a big harvest of melons in the fall. Thank you, Cat, for all the fun, hard work in the garden!

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

Mrs. Longcore & Mrs. Robinson

First and second graders took a lovely field trip on this beautiful past Thursday to visit our pen pal, Jinny Cleland, at Four Springs Farm in South Royalton. All year she has written back and forth with the kids, patiently answering their many questions about her farm and her life, so it was very cool to visit and see all the things she'd written about. Among the favorite sights were her chickens, the greenhouses, the butternut trees, and fording the stream. Thanks to Christy, Laura, and Linda for joining us and helping students enjoy the trip in a safe way. Here's a great picture Laura took:



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

Ms. Cote, Mrs. Hill & Mr. Walker

The 3-5 cluster put on a variety show which they performed for their parents in the evening and some of the Newton School students during the day. The 3-5 cluster wrote their own skits and showcased some of their talents.

This week the 5th graders also had the opportunity to snorkel the White River. They looked at the health of the river and collected many types of aquatic life. They also observed several species of fish. This was program that was put on by the National Forest Service. [Here is a link to the WCAX story](#) about the program.



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## ***Middle School News***

Ms. Kanoff, Ms. Tieff and Mrs. White

### **Graduation Thursday, June 15th - 7pm at the Town House**

We Hope the whole school community can make it!

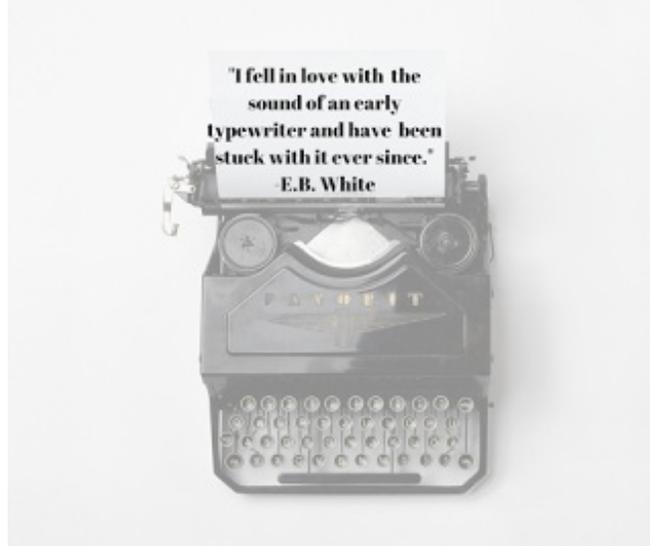
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## ***Library & Technology News***

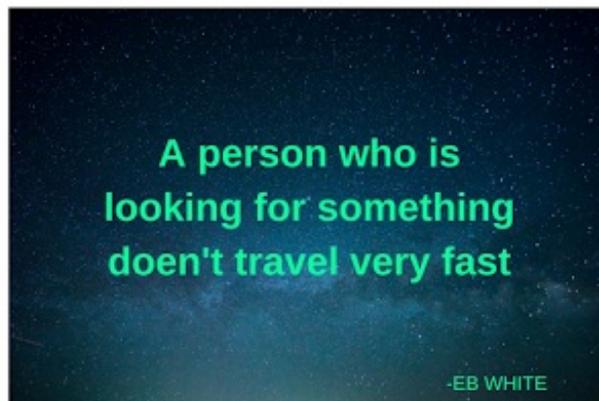
Ms. Simone Pyle

The third and fourth grade has been reading the Dorothy's List nominated-book *Some Writer! The Story of E. B. White* by Melissa Sweet. Inspired by White's quotes that appear throughout the book, third grade used [Canva](#) to make social media posts using graphics to represent White's words. Many more will be posted on [the library blog](#) when we wrap up with our last library class next week--I hope you'll come back to take a look!

While you're there, consider following the library blog by email to get updates on when new books lists and student work are posted!



Lucy's Quote



Kelci's Quote

## ***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.

## [Local Resource Information Sheet](#)

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

Gret Hewes

News from the Lunch Room

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

Cherries are a stone fruit. There are sweet cherry and sour cherry varieties. The kids enjoyed some delicious sweet cherries this week.

We had a basket at our fruit table in the cafeteria and they enjoyed them in a slice of pie on Tuesday for our Dessert for Breakfast.



Did you know that a cup of tart cherry juice at bedtime can help you to fall asleep? Cherries are full of beta carotene, vitamin C and potassium. This was the last week for our fruit of the week adventures. Next year we will begin again and hopefully be able to sample and explore some more exotic varieties of fruit.

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.

Reminder: with one more weeks of our school year left please be sure that all lunch balances have been paid in full no later then 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



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## ***One Planet***

Kiersten Harlow

There are a few spaces left...register now!

[Newton Summer Camp Registration Form](#)

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## ***PTA News***

Amy Donohue & Shannon Varley

We are still looking for volunteers for the last day of school [Field Day Events](#) if you are able to help. If you can't be there, we are looking for donations of bubbles and four dozen eggs for the egg toss.

And.....

Although we will all soon be enjoying summer and celebrating school being out, the PTA has already started organizing Fourth of July games and events on the town common on July 1. This is one of the best days of summer to be in Strafford, besides firetruck night on the common, and a fun day to jump in and get involved with the PTA.

It also happens to be one of our biggest fundraising events of the year where we call on at least 40 volunteers to make things come to life. [You can sign up in this document to help.](#)

Our principal, Greg Bagnato, and One Planet Director, Kiersten Harlow, will be taking the plunge in the \*NEW THIS YEAR\* dunk tank to help raise money for our school. Come show your support by either helping or making sure they take lots of dunks!!!

If you're not sure where to jump in and help from the spreadsheet link, just send an email to [Amy Donohue](#).

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## **Announcements and Upcoming Events**

[PTA Summer Arts Camp](#)

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

- Phil Jackson