

The Newton School Newsletter

Friday, May 12, 2017

School Notes and Athletics

Mr. Bagnato, Principal

I know it is mid-May when, I can hear the bobolinks chatter as I take a walk in the morning with my dog and a hot cup of coffee. I also know it is mid-May when I finish that walk and mentally make a list of the myriad of events that will occur at our fine school that day.

The highlight this week was the Middle School play. I was inspired at how each 6th-8th grader was able to push themselves outside their limit to take on challenges. Through this experience, students, consistently illustrated that they care for each other as they helped one another make this production as successful as possible.

Please read the section below carefully as it is hard to keep track of everything that is going on:

*Monday, May 15th the 6th Grade will be traveling to VINS to present their projects at the **VINS Science Symposium**.

*Wednesday, May 17th and Thursday, May 18th is the **Annual Art Show**. Parents, friends, and neighbors, please come to Barrett Hall from 4:30-7:00 on Wednesday 5/17.

*Thursday, May 18th is **Operation Day's Work**, where all 7th and 8th graders work in the community to raise money for a nonprofit. Interested in hosting student workers? Please e-mail odw@newtonschool.org

*Friday, May 19th is **BIKE TO SCHOOL** ...Everyone biking needs a helmet. Click on the link for more information.

and the following week...

*Wednesday, May 24th - **K-2 Play** - 9:00 am and 5:00 pm Barrett Hall

*Thursday, May 25th and Friday, May 26th the **Middle School is going to NYC!**

Also, all 3rd-8th graders will be taking the **SBAC** and 4th and 8th graders get to take the Science NECAPs. There is nothing for students to do to prepare except get plenty of sleep, exercise, and eat well.

Finally, please read this [wonderful article](#) written by our very own, Ms. Kano ff about having the right mind set to become a learner.

K-2 News

Ms. Kicza, Mrs. Longcore & Mrs. Robinson

The K-2 Cluster began our play practice this week. We will perform a traditional Swahili folktale, from Zanzibar, called "Rabbit Makes a Monkey Out of Lion." Every child in our cluster has a part to play, and the first practices went very well! Our show will be on Wednesday, May 24th, at 5:00, following a school performance at 9:00. We hope you can come!

3-5 News

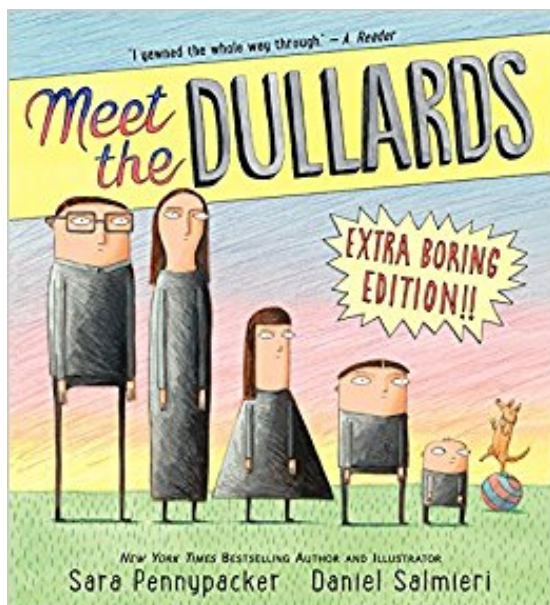
Ms. Cote, Mrs. Hill & Mr. Walker

This block is under construction :)

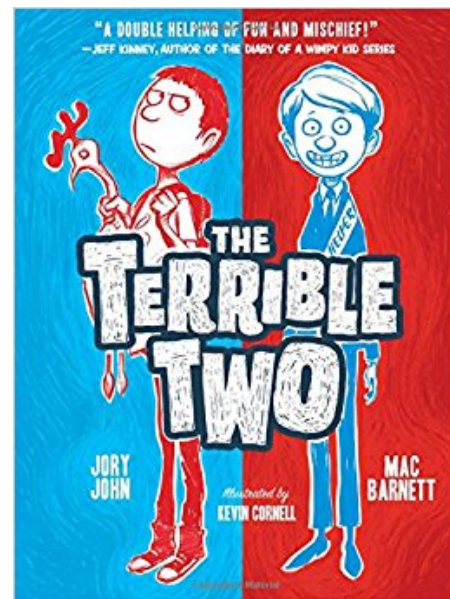
Library & Technology News

Ms. Simone Pyle

The winners of Vermont's children's book awards have been announced!



Red Clover Book Award Winner



Dorothy's List Award Winner

Health News

Nurse Ellen

Congratulations to Lucy Proulx, Grand Prize Winner for Passport to Winter Fun. She is an LL Bean Outdoor Discovery Course Winner! Well done Lucy!

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. They are \$10.00 a piece and Nurse Ellen can fit them at school.

The dental hygienist for the school clinic took a different position this winter. The dental hygienist will not be back at Newton until next fall to clean students' teeth. If your child has any dental needs, Nurse Ellen has a list of dentists who can help.

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.

Please see the attached nomination form.

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

[Local Resource Information Sheet](#)

Hot Lunch News

Ms. Gret Hewes

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



The most popular fruit in North America and a very popular sweet treat in the Newton Cafeteria too.

The cantaloupe originated in India and has become a commercial crop in the U.S.A. Cantaloupes are full of vitamins A & C and because of their high water content can even ward off dehydration. They are the perfect treat for a hike or day at the beach.

The kids really enjoyed them this week and next week we will showcase the Honeydew!



As we are in the home stretch of our school year please be sure that all lunch balances have been paid in full no later than June 23rd.

Billing will go out again for the 4/10/17 - 5/12/17 period and 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

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 17, 4:30 - 7 pm: K-8 Student Art Show at Barrett Hall. There will be 2D and 3D art, including photography, paintings, collages, drawings, and sculpture. Upstairs and downstairs, some interactive art, simple family art activities to do together, and a scavenger hunt!



One Planet

Kiersten Harlow

We are still looking for CIT's for our summer program.

Summer camp registration opens to out of town residents Monday.

Stay tuned for our next field trip...

[Newton Summer Camp Registration Form](#)

PTA News

Amy Donohue & Shannon Varley

PTA Officers needed!!

The PTA is looking for individuals to serve in the offices of Secretary and President for the 2017-2018 school year. Terms are for one year and run August 1-July 31. Offices are well organized for anyone looking to contribute to

the many programs that the PTA organizes can easily transition into. Please contact [Kate Reimanis](#), [Laura Ogden](#) or [Pat Kelly](#) if you are interested and would like to learn more about what the commitment involves. Elections will take place at the next general meeting

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We are looking for parents to walk and bike with kids, both from the upper village and from the recycling center and safety patrol. We are also looking for volunteers and donations for breakfast once kids arrive at school. [Please sign up to contribute something here.](#) Contact [Hilary Linehan](#) if you'd like to help.

PTA Plant Sale - May 20th - 9:00-12:00

We need volunteers to make phone calls to local gardeners asking for a donation of plants and local gardening businesses for a donation to our raffle. We also need parents to setup and cleanup. Please contact [Kate Reimanis](#), if you are able to help. [PTA Plant Sale](#)

Announcements and Upcoming Events

[PTA Plant Sale](#)

[2017 Summer Camps-Art, Nature & History](#)

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

[Creative Preschool Cow Bingo](#)

[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](#)

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

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Stay Connected



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

- Phil Jackson