

Friday, May 19, 2017

School Notes and Athletics

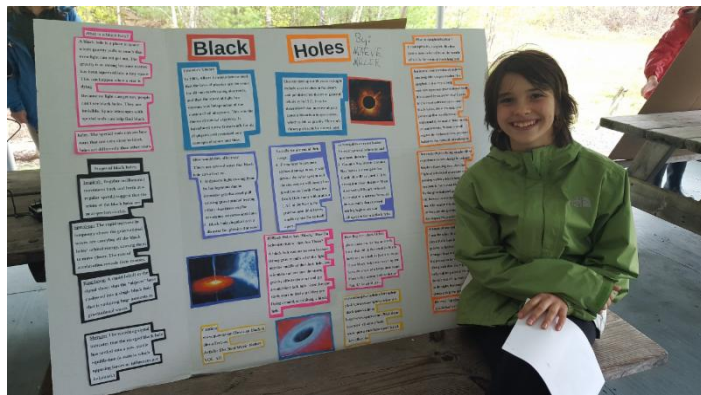
Mr. Bagnato, Principal

This past Thursday, the 7th and 8th Grade participated in Operation Day's Work. This tradition supports our school's mission of "enriching students education through community involvement". Furthermore, a core group of students became especially involved by researching organizations they wanted to support, communicating and organizing the work day, and giving short assemblies to all students in school. On May 18th, all students went out into the community to work for a minimal wage. This money plus donations totaled more then \$1700 that will benefit the Livelihoods P roject in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. This non profit assists children living with or impacted by AIDS.

The weather really cooled off for our Bike to School event today.

Huge thanks to the PTA, Ed Eastman, Mr. M, and all the parent and teacher volunteers who helped make this event a success. Biking, running, and walking to school gets our brains ready for learning

as increased oxygen and steady respiration help calm our emotions which control our thinking. I plan to bike to school a lot more often.



Maeve at the VINS Science Symposium

*Monday, May 22nd - **SBAC** (Math) for middle school

*Tuesday May 23rd - **SBAC** (Math) for middle school

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

*Thursday, May 25th - **Middle School is going to NYC**
- SBAC (ELA) for 3-5

*Friday, May 26th - **Middle School returning from NYC.**
- SBAC (ELA) for 3-5

K-2 News

Ms. Kicza, Mrs. Longcore & Mrs. Robinson

The K-2 students have been busy preparing for their play, working on lines and acting, and painting backgrounds. They're working hard and look forward

to presenting two shows of an African folktale, "Rabbit Makes a Monkey of Lion," Wednesday, May 24th at 9:00 and 5:00. Please join us!



3-5 News

Ms. Cote, Mrs. Hill & Mr. Walker

Middle School News

Ms. Kanoff, Ms. Tieff and Mrs. White

Summer Math Camp at Dartmouth College

All current 8th graders and possibly some 7th graders are eligible.

[Dartmouth Activities Exploring Mathematics](#)

The Mathematics Department at Dartmouth College and the Center for Mathematics Education at Dartmouth are pleased to announce two summer enrichment workshops for local high school students. Here is a chance for students to interact with mathematicians in a fun, non-graded environment. Topics covered will be outside of the usual high school syllabus. An exploratory approach will be emphasized. Each program will cover different mathematical topics and students are invited to attend one or both sessions.

Summer 2017 Workshops:

- Session 1: July 17-21
- Session 2: July 31-August 4

Workshops meet from 1:00 to 4:00 in Kemeny Hall on the Dartmouth Campus. Program cost for each workshop is \$20.00.


Contact Amy Potter, 603-646-2415 for more information or to apply Email: Amy.L.Potter@Dartmouth.edu


Library & Technology News

Ms. Simone Pyle


First graders spent the month of April–National Poetry Month–creating poems inspired by Emily Dickinson's "A narrow Fellow in the grass". You can read more about this project at the [library's blog!](#)


Grade 1 Poems


 It sways in the tall grass,
And the bees suck the nectar from its top.
It smells so sweet.
It comes in purple, pink or yellow.
It plays and sways with the grass and the trees;
It lives in the grass.
I see it in the afternoon.
It makes me very happy.
-by Elizabeth


 The flash of brown bucking;
It scampers, it protects.
You can see it running in the woods,
Or in a field.
It flashed like a lightning bolt.
It made me feel safe.
By Finn


 Empty as an abandoned house--
Pink, loud when it is blown up.
At a store, that you might buy it for a friend.
I see it a lot at my house.
When it makes a funny sound, I smile.
-by Will

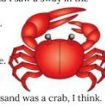
 I saw it in the very dark woods when my
Father was hunting.
In the woods.
He is brown, he moves like a stump,
A huge horned stump.
Happy!
-by Tate


 A cute guy in a cage.
Hoppy, run, move its nose.
A cage.
I saw it running around--
Happy.
-by Wyatt

 There was something big, and it had antlers.
It had a tail. It is not a deer;
It is way bigger than a deer.
It has brown fur that feels really fuzzy.
I would find it in the woods walking, and
standing, and lays, too.
I don't see it that much.
I see it at the Montshire; it's a statue.
You can actually feel its hair.
When I see my face in the mirror, it is happy.
-by Lyle

 They call to their neighbors
They peep in the woods
I can hear them
It's spotted
It jumps in the woods
It sounds like a dragon
It smells good, like the woods
It hears the leaves cracking; it touches the leaves
I would find it in the woods
I see it in the woods when they peep.
I feel good when I see it; it makes me get the shivers.
-by Lakewin

 On the ground, in the grass
It looks like a rock; it smells like a rock
It rolls to move
It feels bumpy sometimes
It's smooth sometimes
In the driveway, on the road
The other day I saw it after school
It makes me feel mad.
-by Ryker

 A very funky sway in the sand.
One day I was at the beach, and I saw a sway in the
sand,
And it was red; it smiled at me.
It made me feel good.
It smelled like the sea.
It was red; it smiled back at me.
Bumpy, like gravel in one way,
And smooth in another.
At the beach, that sway in the sand was a crab, I think.
It made me feel tingly inside my spine.
Yesterday, I saw it again.
-by Aaliyah

 A stripey thing in the driveway.
It has ears,
It is small and soft.
It has four legs, it has paws.
In the driveway.
I saw it in the driveway when I drove in the
driveway.
Good and warm.
-by Darby

Health News

Nurse Ellen

AND FOOT and MOUTH DISEASE - we had 2 cases in the K-2 cluster this week. This is a common, mild viral childhood illness. Kids may have fever, feel unwell, have a sore throat and may have blisters in their mouth, on hands and feet. The symptoms resolve after a few days. Ibuprofen/acetaminophen can help with discomfort, popsicles/ice cream is soothing for mouth blisters. Rinse after meals with warm water. Any questions call 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**](#)

Hot Lunch News

Ms. Gret Hewes

News from the Lunch Room

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

Honeydew melon was a big part of our lunch trays this week. Honeydew melons contain iron, B vitamins, vitamin C and essential nutrients. Honeydew has its origin in France and is part of the gourd family on the fruit side.



Honeydews taste best if left unrefrigerated for a few days. To find the ripest

honeydew choose the melon that is very heavy for its size.



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

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 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

One Planet

Kiersten Harlow

Another fun, but hot week at One Planet! Monday the kids made paper costumes in paper engineering. Tuesday a campfire with Paul where they made popcorn and smores. We had free choice Wednesday this week and Thursday in SmARTy some of them made joke books with Matt.

If you plan on having your child attend our GAP program June 5th - 13th please fill out the form and return by Wednesday, May 24th.

Summer Camp Forms and payment are due Friday, June 2nd!



[Newton Summer Camp Registration Form](#)

PTA News

Amy Donohue & Shannon Varley

PTA Officers needed!!

The PTA needs you!!!!

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

PTA Plant Sale is tomorrow with the middle school bake sale

May 20th - 9:00-12:00

Come support the PTA and middle school trip fund by purchasing plants for your garden and food for your tummy. More info here: [PTA Plant Sale](#)

Big thanks to everyone who made **Bike to School** day a safe and fun event!

Fourth of July Raffle:

The PTA is starting to plan for Fourth of July activities and will be auctioning off a raffle basket full of fun summer goodies. We're looking for items that go along with the theme "River Days". We have a quilt generously donated and made by Laura Pulaski that will be a part of the raffle. We have a nice picnic basket for four, tubes for the river, a pie from Stone Soup and various gift certificates. We're still looking for other items such as beach towels, sunscreen, sunglasses, water bottles, a bottle opener or compact games that are easy to pack for a day at the river. If you would like to contribute an item or a gift certificate to this raffle, please reach out to Amy Donohue.

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

- Phil Jackson