

The Newton School Newsletter

Last Newsletter of 2016-2017 School Year



1st Day of School 8-28-16 by Amy Donohue

School Notes and Athletics

Mr. Bagnato, Principal

As my grandmother used to say after I gave her a thank you card several months late, "Better late than never!"....so here is the final Newsletter of this past school year.

As I reflect on the end of the school year, it is simply amazing how many people and organizations help make so much happen for the students at the Newton School. From the end of the year events, to programs at the Hood, from Forest Day to assemblies throughout the Upper Valley. Hulbert and the trip to New York City could not happen without serious fundraising and involvement from parents, staff, and students. As Tim Briglin said at 8th Graduation, "Newton School students have already won the lottery".

On behalf of all the students and staff, thank you very much. Please click [HERE](#) to see the End of the Year Video that was shown on the last day of school.

New Hires for 2017-18:

Alyssa Catalano will be our new 3/4 teacher! Alyssa grew up on Cape Cod, but recently has moved to Hartford, VT. After getting her undergraduate degree at UVM, she worked as a teacher naturalist on Cape Cod. She received her Master's of Education from Lesley University. Alyssa will not only instruct her 3/4 students but also coordinate outdoor education initiatives such as work with VINS and Farm2School.

Emily Girdwood will be our new art teacher! Emily hails from the picturesque town of Strafford and has three children at Newton. She has been teaching art for 15 years and will continue working at the Lyme School while carving out time to teach at Newton. Emily has

a BA in Studio Arts and a Master of Science in teaching.

In addition to Mrs. Hill and Ms. Cathey moving on, I also am sad to report that Erin Masteller will not be back this coming school year. The students at Newton School will miss Mr. M for his kind words and huge heart.

Save the Date:

Start the Year Right Night is planned on **Monday, August 28th** (1st day of school is Wednesday, August 30th). We are looking at changing the format, so more information will be forthcoming.

All school events for the 2017-18 school year will be out on our [calendar](#) in the next several weeks.

Greg Bagnato, Principal

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is each individual member.
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member is the team."

- Phil Jackson