

**Friday, May 26, 2017**

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

Mr. Bagnato, Principal

The march toward June 16th continues. Please check the [calendar](#) often for school events.

Last week, the K-2 students put on their annual play about some lions that kept getting out smarted by other animals under a calabash tree. There were narrators, lions, bees, rabbits, turtles, and much more. The set was beautifully done. Congratulations to the students and staff for pulling off another end of the year tradition.

Middle school students spent Thursday and Friday visiting New York City. We changed the trip slightly to include a walking tour of Lower Manhattan that included Ground Zero, Wall Street, and several pre-revolutionary war colonial buildings. We also visited the United Nations, Ellis Island, and were treated by an unforgettable Broadway performance of *Wicked*. The students were patient, enthusiastic, and very well behaved. Thanks so much to the middle school teachers, chaperones, and all the volunteers that helped raise funds to make this happen.

### **Upcoming Events:**

\***Tuesday May 30th - Memorial Day Assembly** - 8:30 Barrett Hall.

\***Thursday, June 1st - Torch Run** for students involved in *Finding our Stride*.

\***Friday, June 2nd - Step Up Day** for students K-4.

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

## ***K-2 News***

Ms. Kicza, Mrs. Longcore & Mrs. Robinson

This week we began our "step-up" activities for the second graders. Half of the group had lunch with Ms. Cote this week, the other half will join her next week. As the year wraps up, they will have more opportunities to get to know the teachers and routines in the 3-5 cluster.

Kindergarten has already visited the 1-2 classrooms for morning meeting and reading class. The kindergarten class hosted the incoming kindergarteners for next year, heard and acted out a book, and planted sunflowers together in our garden.

Kindergarten successfully met a challenge to use all of the classroom blocks to build one structure with every student working together!



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

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

This week the 3-5 cluster has been enjoying the glimpse of summer that the warmer weather has brought. With the warmer temperatures also comes opportunities to work with our seeds and plants. Our garden coordinator, Cat Buxton, has come up with some exciting plans for our cluster's garden, and we will be working on that in the next couple of weeks. We've also finished up SBAC testing, and the students put forth a great effort.

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## ***Spanish News***

*Ms. Beatrice Pratt*

In Spanish class, 6th and 7th graders have been using the Spanish they learned this year to teach the class! One group taught us about Mexican food and we made menu's for our own restaurant. Another taught us the words to construction material and we had a competition to see who could build the tallest standing tower. Two students had us present our unique paper airplane designs to be judged and awarded first and second place. Yet another two students taught us the important words involved with fishing and we went fishing for vocabulary. I'm extremely proud of these groups and their classmates for providing and encouraging environment to challenge ourselves in!



## Art News

Ms. Janet Cathey

from the art room:

Thanks to all who attended the Newton School student art show at Barrett Hall last week. It was great to see students proudly enjoying their own creative progress and that of their peers.

K students continue to mix colors in new ways: they've squirted water onto coffee filters "flowers" that had been colored with markers, and squished paint puddles into symmetrical "blotter bugs".

1/2 students used imaginative and step-by-step styles to draw mixed media spring bird pictures.

3/4 students are ending the year with a wool felting project. This week they created solid color pieces of community felt from wool fleece. They'll all use these pieces to create their own individual felt rugs or wall hangings.

5-8th grade students are making face cups with 3D features.

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## ***Middle School News***

Ms. Kanoff, Ms. Tieff and Mrs. White

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE**

The 7th and 8th grade "Under The Sea" semi-formal will be held on Friday, June 9 at Barrett Hall in South Strafford from 7 - 10 pm.

7th and 8th grade students from Strafford and surrounding towns are encouraged to attend.

The event is FREE and will include fantastic raffle prizes.

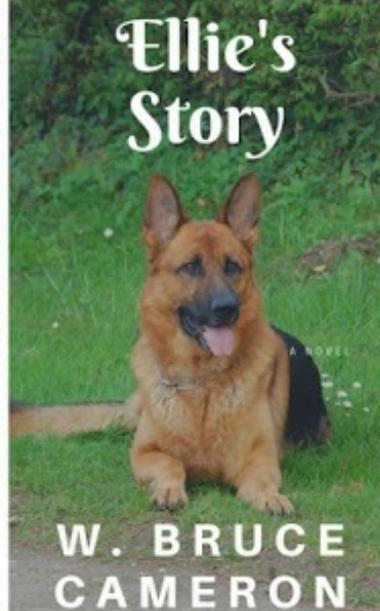
Permission slips with more information will be distributed after Memorial Day.

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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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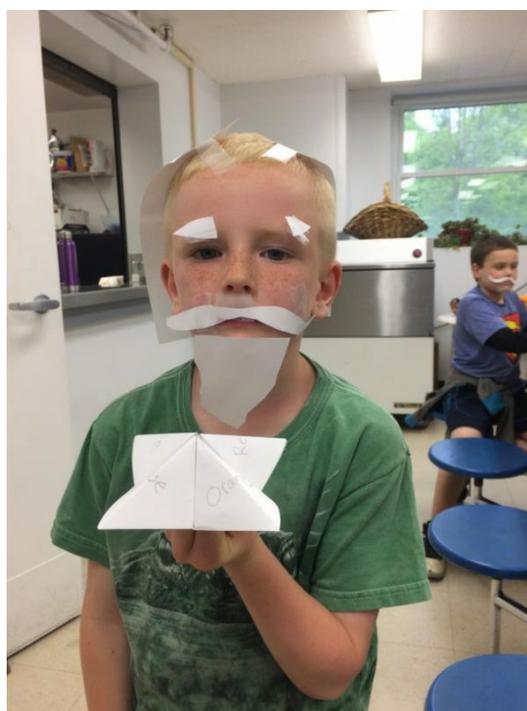
## ***One Planet***

**Kiersten Harlow**

Session 3 ends Friday, June 2nd. We will run a gap program June 5-June 13th. There will be no One Planet, June 14th, June 15th and June 16th.

Finding Out Stride will be attending the Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run on Thursday, June 1st. Thank you to our coaches.

Have a great Memorial Day Weekend!



Thursday, smARTY with Matt.

[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

A huge THANK YOU to all of the parents and community members who donated plants to the plant sale, volunteered time to sell raffle tickets and worked at the sale to make it such a huge success. We raised approximately \$1,100 that will help fund PTA art-related programs such as the artist in resident, two shows per student and the Hood Museum Program

Next Meeting is June 6th at 6pm in the Newton school library where we'll be planning the last day of school field events and Fourth of July events that require many volunteers. Mark your calendars and we hope to see you there!

Get your Newton School Tote Bag for \$10 in the office before school lets out. Proceeds support the PTA.

# **Announcements and Upcoming Events**

**[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