

Friday, September 1, 2017

## School Notes and Athletics

Mr. Bagnato, Principal

This year has started really well. Students have been working with their teachers to transition back to school. Developing relationships is the priority. This summer 15 Newton School staff attended a four day training on the



An example of getting to know students during Morning Meeting.

[Responsive Classroom](#) approach. We did this with the goal of creating better relationships with our students. A solid relationship with adults in school is one of the best ways to improve academic, social, and emotional achievement.

Sadly, this afternoon, we said goodbye to Nurse Ellen. Nurse Ellen has taken a position as a nurse practitioner at the VA. Carol Sheldon (RN) will be filling in for the month of September. If you know any registered nurses that may be interested in a position as a school nurse, please have them get in contact with me.

### Athletics and other Announcements:

1. This year we are doing all our registration and emergency card information [online](#). It is our plan to do all forms online next year. **If you have not completed this yet, please do.**
2. All forms, permission slips, athletic forms, etc can be found on the [website](#).
3. 3-8 Soccer Practice will start next week. K-2 will start the following week. Draft game schedule is [here](#).
  - 3/4 Soccer practice will be held 3:00-3:45 Tues./Thurs. at the Field of Dreams.
    - 1st game will be 5pm on 9/12 at Field of Dreams
  - 5/6 Soccer practice will be held 3:00-4:00 Mon./Wed. at Field of Dreams.
    - 1st game will be 5 pm on 9/11 at Field of Dreams
  - 7/8 Soccer Practice will be held 3:00-4:15 Mon.-Thurs. at Murray Field.
    - 1st Game will be 4:30 on 9/18 at Murray Field.

## ***K News***

Ms. Kicza

Kindergarten is off to a great start with a wonderful new class of children! They had a "chipmunk tour" of the school looking for a missing chipmunk stuffed animal. They found it, learned their way around school, and met some important people along the way. They have been observing two monarch caterpillars, now one chrysalis. They will keep an eye on them next week to see more of the butterfly life cycle.



1st day lunch...wow!

## ***3-4 News***

Ms. Cote & Ms. Catalano



significant, and successful.

We are so excited about learning as a community with the 3/4 students! We were up and moving throughout the week as we spent time creating a classroom community of learners. We shared about pets, ice cream flavors, colors, local attractions and family members. We designed boats for the ABC Company with the goal of creating a boat that could hold the maximum amount of cargo. We noticed that perseverance is still very important as a Habit and Attitude of Learning. We discovered that making mistakes helps us grow our brains. Many of us were happy to see our friends again and catch up. We look forward to next week when we continue to reflect and define what helps us as learners to feel like we belong, feel

## ***Middle School News***

Ms. Kanoff, Ms. Tieff and Mrs. White

On the first day of school, middle school students developed a set of cluster expectations that would be agreed upon by all students. They then created posters (see sample) for display around the school where the students go throughout the school day.



Teaching Growth Mindset

Just a reminder for 8th grade students: Hulbert forms and money need to be turned in to Mrs. White no later than Friday, September 8th. The trip is on September 13-15.

Please make sure you submit your child's Acceptable Use Form by Tuesday as we are getting ready to use technology in our classrooms. Recycling signups via Google docs will be available sometime next week. We expect that each child will work two times during the school year. There also needs to be a parent volunteer each week.

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

Ms. Simone Pyle

I was so happy to welcome students back to the school library! My goal is to get even more of our kids reading this year, and checking out books more regularly. To help families out, here's a reminder of what days each grade has library--please remember to send library books back to school on those days!

*Kindergarten - Mondays (may have 1 book checked out)*

*Grades 1 and 2 - Wednesdays (may have 2 books checked out)*

*Grades 3 and 4 - Wednesdays (may have 4 books checked out)*

*Grade 5 - Thursdays (may have 4 books checked out)*

Middle school does not have regular library time, but they may have up to 6 books checked out. Thank you for helping us use our budget wisely by returning library books!



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## ***Health News***

Nurse Ellen

[Local Resource Information Sheet](#)

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## ***Hot Lunch News***

Gret Hewes

It has been a great start to the school year. [Check out the lunch menu!](#)

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## ***One Planet***

Kiersten Harlow

Welcome Back! It's hard to believe we are back at school already...summer camp was amazing and went by so quickly. This summer we had over 25 kids some weeks from a variety of towns. We held our first carnival where kids created their own games out of mostly recycled materials and we invited families to join us for the fun. The kids did a wonderful job building, working together, problem solving, setting up and running their stations. We went on a variety of field trips with Twin City Fun Center and Killington Adventure Center being the most talked about.

This year we welcome some amazing staff. Jackie Jamieson will be our head teacher at the program 5 days a week. Nicolette Brown will be our teaching assistant Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Jolin Eastman will also be a teaching assistant on Wednesday's. I am really excited about our staff this year and looking forward to an amazing year.

Session One starts September 18th and we have a great list of program leaders. Stay tuned for details and paperwork...

Have a Great Weekend!

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## ***PTA News***

Christine Bailey-Kellogg & Shannon Varley

Please consider joining the PTA this year! Membership forms went home today, so fill one out and let us know how you can help. We are still looking for a few people to take the lead on several of our major events. Thank you!

The bulb fundraiser will be underway soon, so be on the lookout for the flyer. Please consider ordering some bulbs or other products and share with your family and friends. Shipments are sent directly to the purchaser, so it's a great way for non-Strafford folks to support Newton School as well.

The PTA meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the library. Our first meeting is this coming Tuesday, September 5th. Hope to see you there!

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## **Announcements and Upcoming Events**

- No School Monday, Sept. 4th
- 8th Grade Hulbert Trip Sept. 13-15th
- Tunbridge World Fair Sept. 14th

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

- Phil Jackson