

April 11, 2017



## *Bucketful of News...*



## **Francis T. Bresnahan School** *333 High Street Newburyport, MA 01950*

### *Important Dates:*

**Long Walk to Water Shoe Drive** continues. Please join us in continuing to support this amazing project by sending in lightly worn shoes with your child or you may drop off shoes to the PK/K Office or the 1-3 Office. Thank you kindly!

**April 14**  
**Good Friday, No School**

**Week of April 17**  
Spring Vacation, No School

**April 25**  
Class Picture Day PK/K

**April 26**  
Peace Prize Ceremony,  
6:00 PM at Newburyport  
City Hall

**April 27**  
STEM Expo - Please  
sign-up to volunteer, if you  
are available,

**April 28**  
Class Picture Day Gr. 1-3

**May 4**  
Early Release Day

**May 17 and May 18**  
Grade 3 Mathematics  
MCAS Test

### *Principally Speaking...*

Today's weather truly signifies that spring has arrived- better known to most parents and educators as the busy season or spring craziness! End of the year events, spring sports, and holidays are fast upon us. Keeping it all organized can take some planning and constant updates to your family calendar. With that said we want to make sure that all our families have access to the Bresnahan Google Calendar. This can be found on the Bresnahan homepage at [bresnahan.newburyport.k12.ma.us](http://bresnahan.newburyport.k12.ma.us). Better yet- if you would like to embed the Bresnahan Calendar into your own personal calendar, you can copy and paste the following link into your calendar settings: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/vnh0571od528656t6k4dgju00k%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics>.

We would like to wish you and yours a very happy spring vacation next week. Enjoy the calm before the storm!

*Amy B. Sullivan*  
*Principal of PK/K*

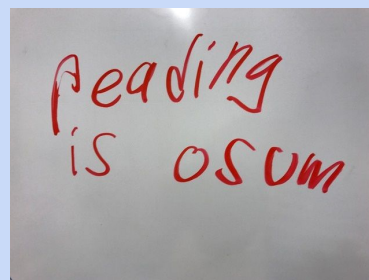
*Kristina Davis*  
*Principal of 1-3*

*Karina Mascia*  
*Assistant Principal*



### *A Lovely Sentiment:*

The following note was given by a student in Mrs. Dow's class to Tiffany Picano, a graduate student who is doing her fellowship at the Bresnahan School in Title One Literacy. She is working with one of our first grade teacher's class (Mrs. Dow). How sweet.



## LAST DAY OF SCHOOL AS FOLLOWS:

- **PreK & Kindergarten: Wednesday, June 14 - Full Day**
- **Grades 1-12: Wednesday, June 21 - Half Day**

Additionally, next year's calendar has also been voted on and approved by the school committee.


[http://www.newburyport.k12.ma.us/documents/Calendars/2017-2018\\_VOTED-FINAL\\_2-6-17.pdf](http://www.newburyport.k12.ma.us/documents/Calendars/2017-2018_VOTED-FINAL_2-6-17.pdf)

## 2017-2018 School Year Calendar

**NEWBURYPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**School Calendar**

**2017 - 2018**



Voted by  
School Committee  
2/6/17

August							September						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	T	FDS	31	(2)							NS	2

October							November							December						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	(21)										

January							February							March						
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April							May							June						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	(16)										

T = Teachers First Day; FDS = First Day for Students  
 H = Holiday; ER = Early Release  
 SD = Staff, Development Day V = Vacation;  
 PLD = Projected Last Day

Tuesday, August 29 - First Day of School for Teachers  
**Wed., Aug 30 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR GRADES 1-12**  
 Thursday, August 31, Sept. 5 - PreK-K, Soft Opening Days  
 Friday, Sept. 1, NO SCHOOL, 4-Day Labor Day Weekend  
 Monday, Sept. 4, NO SCHOOL, Labor Day Holiday Observed  
**\*\*Wed, Sept. 6 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - for all PK & K students**  
 Monday, Oct. 9 - NO SCHOOL, Columbus Day Observed  
 Nov. 7 - NO SCHOOL for Students; Staff Development Day  
 Nov. 22 - Early Release Day for Thanksgiving Break  
 Nov. 23 & 24 - NO SCHOOL; Thanksgiving Break  
 December 25 - January 1 - NO SCHOOL; Holiday Break  
 January 2 - SCHOOL RESUMES  
 January 15 - NO SCHOOL; MLK, Jr. Holiday Observed  
 February 19 thru 23 - NO SCHOOL; Winter Break  
 Mar. 16 - NO SCHOOL for Students; Staff Development Day  
 Friday, March 30, - NO SCHOOL; Good Friday Observed;  
 April 16 thru 20 - NO SCHOOL; Spring Break  
 May 28 - NO SCHOOL; Memorial Day Observed  
 \*\*June 8 - Projected Last Day for Preschool & Kindergarten  
 June 13 - Projected Last Day of School - Early Release Day  
 June 14; 15; 18; 19; 20 Snow Make-up Days if needed  
 \*G - June 3, Graduation Class of 2018  
**ER - Early Release Days (for staff development):**  
**Early Release Fridays:**  
 September 22; October 6; December 8; January 12; February 13; Thursday, March 13; April 13; May 11; June 8  
**OTHER EARLY RELEASE DAYS:**  
 Wednesday, November 22; and Wednesday, June 13

Reminder... Please Take Our Survey



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BresParentSurvey2017>

On behalf of the 2016-2017 Bresnahan School Improvement Council, we are excited to invite you to participate in our Parent Communication, Climate and Culture Survey.

We are interested in your feedback on how well we are communicating with you and how much you feel comfortable and a part of the Bresnahan School community.

Please take a few minutes to complete this anonymous survey.  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BresParentSurvey2017>

Please note that all answers to the survey questions, including the comment sections, are anonymous. Also, please do not list any names on your responses.

The deadline to submit this survey is April 13, 2017. We will use the data collected from the survey to help inform our planning, improvement and goals going forward.

We look forward to your feedback!

## *Important Note from Our Offices:*

Please contact the school office **whenever** your child will be **tardy** or **absent**. Even if you emailed the teacher, etc., a call to our Absent/Alert line (or to speak with a receptionist) **is required**:

Grade 1-3 Office 978-465-4431

PreK/Kindergarten 978-465-4435

### **Options to Press are:**

1 Health Office

2 PK/K Office

3 Grade 1-3 Office

### **Press \* To Report Absence or Tardiness**

Thank you very much for assisting us in ensuring that if your child is absent we are aware of it and the reason why.

**An important reminder to put your child's name in clothing and other items (lunchbox, etc.)** so, if found, we can return it to them and not deposit in the Lost & Found. THANK YOU!

## *Notes from the Cafeteria:*

Every day your child eats school lunch April 1<sup>st</sup> thru April 28<sup>th</sup>, they'll receive an entry into our raffle to win one a new bicycle with helmet! The winner will be announced May 1<sup>st</sup>. Take a break, and leave lunch to us!



Congratulations to our student participants! Pictured below are the top three Little Kids finishers and the top two Big Kids finishers. Congratulations to all who participated!



## *Special Note from Our Nurses:*

The School Nurses are in need of donations of sweatpants; these can accommodate many children. Boys and girls sizes 4 - 12 are greatly appreciated. Donations of sweatpants can be brought to the first floor health office or left outside the nurse's door. Thank you in advance for your help!

## *PTO Highlights*

**Check out all the latest happenings and information on our Facebook page - Newburyport Elementary PTO.**

1. Thank you to all the runners, volunteers, and attendees of the Spring Fever 5K! It was another fun and successful year!
2. PTO Family Day! Come see the Lowell Spinners face the Connecticut Tigers on Sunday, June 25th at 5:35!
3. Leary's fundraiser! Now through Saturday! A portion of sales will be donated to the PTO!
4. The last week of ASEP is this week for Thursday sessions. All Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday sessions will end the week AFTER Spring Break due to snow days and no school on April 14th.
5. We are looking for someone to take over the Original Works fundraiser!! Email [Amanda.bugli@gmail.com](mailto:Amanda.bugli@gmail.com). Thank you to Julie Padden for running this fundraiser the past few years!
6. Purchase the Newburyport VIP Card/App for \$25 and \$10 of your purchase will be donated to the PTO! <https://www.newburyport.com/newburyport-ptol/>