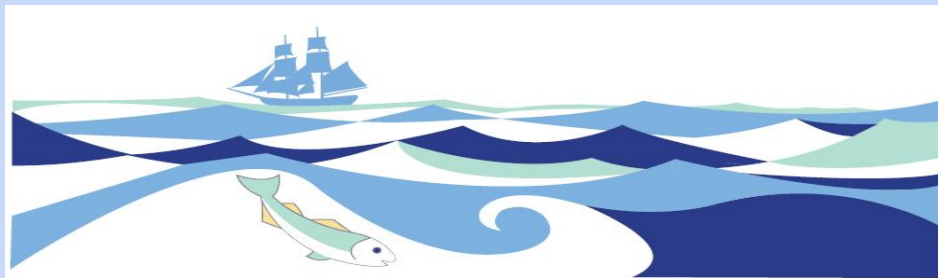


April 25, 2017



Bucketful of News...



Francis T. Bresnahan School

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Important Dates:

Long Walk to Water Shoe Drive

continues through **Tuesday, May 2nd**. 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 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 8

School Council, 3:15-4:15

May 17 and May 18

Grade 3 Mathematics MCAS Test, 8:30 AM

May 29

Memorial Day, No School

Principally Speaking...

Please join us in celebrating Bresnahan School teachers and staff next week in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week. We are very fortunate to have a professional team, such as ours, who is committed to the children in our school. This is reflected day in and out in classrooms, through meaningful parent conferences, student support before and after school, evening performances, *Meet and Greet* and so much more. The PTO is graciously hosting a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on Tuesday, May 2nd which is always a huge hit! We are forever grateful for the generous support of the PTO and parent volunteers. Thank you!

Please consider attending the upcoming Parent Speaker Series

The Parent Speaker Series Committee selected Vicki Hoefle, Educator and Author, in response to the parent survey last year when parents said 'fostering independence' was an area of interest for them. It ranked among the top 3 topics. Details include:

Vicki Hoefle, Educator and Author

"How to Grow a Grown-Up: A Less is More Approach"

This talk is about fostering independence, responsibility and resiliency in your

children and is for all ages K-12.

May 3rd, free, 7 - 9 pm at River Valley Charter School

Brought to you by:

Newburyport PTO

Newburyport Youth Services

River Valley Charter School Parents' Alliance

Massachusetts Walk to School Day

Please join us at Atkinson Common on Wednesday, May 3rd between 7:50 and 8:00 AM to walk to school to celebrate Massachusetts Walk to School Day. Mayor Donna Holaday will be joining us along with Director of Student Services, Christina Gentile, teachers, Cathy Hill, Sue Jasiak, and Kelly Garbarino and her family, and PTO Co-Presidents Amanda Bugli and Jane Dutcher and their families. We will leave the Common promptly at 8:00.

May 30

Mighty Minds, 7:00 PM

June 1

Early Release Day
Mighty Minds, 7:00 PM

June 5

Third Grade Students visit
the Molin School

June 6

Tall Tales, 6:30 PM

June 8

Tall Tales, 6:30 PM

June 14

Projected Last Day of
School for PreK/K

June 16

PTO Sponsored Third
Grade Celebration at
Action Cove, 11:30 - 2:30
Thank you, PTO!

June 19

Rain date for Third Grade
Celebration

June 21

Projected Last Day of
School for Gr 1-3

**Long Walk to Water Project -
Collection ends on Tuesday, May 2nd**

As an opportunity for students to become active citizens and take part in a service learning project, our sixth grade Nock students are once again embarking on a community-based shoe drive.

Several years ago, after pledging to donate 5,000 pairs, our students were able to gather and bind over 7,000 new and gently used shoes. These shoes were donated to the non-profit organization, The Shoeman Water Project, located in Missouri. This organization uses its funds to drill wells, repair pumps and install purification systems in needy areas. This community's donation helped to fund a well in Haiti that today provides water for thousands. Within this symbiotic interrelationship, shoes become water and excess meets need. Once again, our school community has pledged its commitment to ending the global water crisis and collecting 8,000 pairs of shoes.

Please consider collecting and donating your new or gently used shoes to our shoe drive by Tuesday, May 2nd. You can drop the shoes off in front of the school or at the Nock front office or lobby.
Thank you.

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Principal of PK/K

Kristina Davis
Principal of 1-3

Karina Mascia
Assistant Principal

***Spotlight on...Jump Rope for Heart
"Dance Party"***

As part of our ongoing cardio-respiratory lessons in Physical Education we are focusing on jump rope as a means to do so while increasing stamina and endurance.

During the first week of May our second and third grade students will have the opportunity to participate in the **American Heart Association's** program called "**Jump Rope for Heart**". A flyer and also a collection envelope was sent home with all second and third grade students the week before spring vacation. Anyone is welcome to donate to this worthy cause, if they wish to do so.

Our focus during the lessons are to learn how to jump rope and that jumping rope is a fabulous lifetime cardio fitness activity. The fundraising aspect is to be able to participate in a community event that raises money to support the American Heart Association (<http://www.heart.org>).

We are raising money, not for prizes, but for the simple fact of doing something good for others who may not be as fortunate as we might be.

We will conclude our lessons and collections by having a "**Jump Rope Party**". Everyone will be involved in the jump rope "party" whether they bring in an envelope with donations or not.

The "**Jump Rope Party**" will be held during the second and third grade student's regular Physical Education class and it will be a variety of stations using short jump ropes,

long jump ropes, Chinese jump ropes, Jump Bands, other jump games along with fun music and group and/or individual jump rope challenges along the way.

Below is a list of the dates of the class events:

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Third Grade —Mrs. Whitney and Mrs. Olson
Second Grade —Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. Foster-White and Mrs. Hoiseth

Thursday, May 4, 2017

Third Grade—Mrs. Barrows and Mrs. Sheehan
Second Grade—Mrs. Westgate, and Mrs. Crowley

Friday, May 5, 2017

Third Grade --Mrs. Ames, Mrs. Cahill, Mrs. Beaudoin (Tomasz) and Mrs. Farrell,
Second Grade classes—Mr. Gangemi and Mrs. Andrade

Thank you in advance for the support of this program. We would appreciate it if the envelopes could be turned in the day of your child's "Jump Rope Party".

Bresnahan Elementary School Physical Education Department
Mrs. Hill, Mr. Craddock, and Mrs. Schack

Spotlight on Art...

Third grade students study the work of Pablo Picasso in Art, in a unit titled "Picassohead". Pictured below are the 1st place and 2nd place Picassohead contest winners.

1st Place



2nd Place



PTO Highlights

1. **Bresnahan STEM Expo - Thursday, April 27 - Volunteers Needed! *CORI required*** Grade 1: 9:45 to 11:30; Grade 2: 8:15 to 10:00; Grade 3: 12:00 to 2:00. Sign up with the following link:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0945a5aa2baafb6-stem1>
2. Bresnahan Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Tuesday, May 2nd. **Volunteers/donations needed.** Sign up with the following link:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4ea8ac2eaaaf85-staff>
3. **PTO Family Day!** Come see the Lowell Spinners face the Connecticut Tigers on Sunday, June 25th at 5:35 PM.
4. **Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (except Karate) ASEP sessions will end** this week due to snow days and no school on April 14th.

5. We are looking for someone to take over next year's **Original Works** fundraiser!! Please email Amanda.bugli@gmail.com.
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-pto/>