

April 4, 2017



Bucketful of News...



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

Important Dates:

March 6-April 10th
PTO ASEP

April 6
Early Release Day
K - Gr. 3 11:40
Preschool 11:15

April 4, 5 and 7
Revised Dates for Grade
Three Literacy MCAS, 8:30
AM

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 10
School Council 3:15 p.m.
Bresnahan Library

April 14
Good Friday, No School

Week of April 17
Spring Vacation, No
School

April 27
STEM Expo

Principally Speaking...

It is hard to believe that we are now entering into the homestretch of the school year. Speaking of baseball we had a fun Red Sox Spirit Day yesterday.

We wanted to take a moment to make sure you have the new projected last days of school on your calendars for June. Due to the snow days we have accrued this year our projected last days are as follows:

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

2017-2018 School Year Calendar

NEWBURYPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS School Calendar 2017-2018. Includes monthly calendars for August through June with school holidays, early release days, and staff development days noted.

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!

Amy B. Sullivan
Principal of PK/K

Kristina Davis
Principal of 1-3

Karina Mascia
Assistant Principal

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!

Spotlight On: The NEF

NEF Award Nominations Now Open!

Online nominations are now open for the prestigious Ed Award, Cindy Johnson Volunteer Award and Business Partner Award. Go to www.newburyportef.org/nef-awards to learn more about each award and to complete an online nomination today! Nominations will be open until Friday, April 7, 2017.

Cafeteria "Food Recovery Program" is underway at Newburyport Schools

The program is run by Nourishing the North Shore:

Food Recovery - We rescue wholesome foods from our local schools that would otherwise enter the waste stream (milk, yogurt, apples, oranges etc.) throughout the school year & redistribute to seniors and families in need in the Greater Newburyport

community. For more information please click here
<http://www.nourishingthenorthshore.org>

Below left, our Food Services Mgr., Sharon Seale. To the right, experienced staff are showing and explaining what Food Recovery is and its importance.



PTO Highlights

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

1. Spring Fever 5K is April 9th! Want to volunteer with the organizing committee or on Race Day? <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949aeab2aa7f94-spring>.
2. Register for the Spring Fever 5K at newburyportpto.com/sf5k/.
3. PTO Family Day! Come see the Lowell Spinners face the Connecticut Tigers on Sunday, June 25th at 5:35!
4. ASEP is now entering it's fifth week. **Thursday sessions are still held on Early Release Day this week.** Dismissal time will be 12:50pm. The last week of ASEP is next 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 and we can connect you with this year's coordinator.
6. Calling all **THIRD GRADE PARENTS**. We are looking for a group of parents to design this year's yearbook! If interested email janieb27@yahoo.com.
7. 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/>