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December 4, 2018

#BresDates

12/6-12/14:
Scholastic Book Fair

12/13:
Tanglewood
Marionettes
perform for PreK/K

12/19:
PTO Meeting 7:00
PM, Bresnahan
Cafeteria

12/21:
Early Release,
Dismissal at 11:15
AM. for PK,
Dismissal at 11:40
AM for K-3

3/8/19:
Child Find Screening

Breakfast Program Daily

8:05-8:20 AM

Cost: \$1.75

Reduced \$.30

Breakfast purchases
can be made
through an existing
lunch account or by
sending in cash or a
check payment.

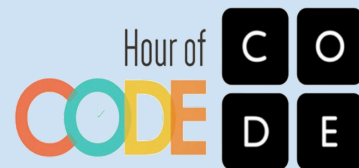
Breakfast will be
included as part of
the Free and
Reduced lunch
program.

It's Computer Science Education Week at the Bres!

Computer Science
Education Week DECEMBER 3-9, 2018

The google dictionary defines coding /^l kōdɪŋg/:
noun

1. the process of assigning a code to something for the purposes of classification or identification.
 - o a code assigned for the purpose of classification or identification.



This week students in grades 1- 3 will be participating in Computer Science Education week that also includes the worldwide "Hour of Code" event. Students will be introduced to computer programming and algorithms and then have the opportunity to explore coding with the Bee Bots. After this week, students can continue coding using the link to "Hour of Code" on the breshub symboloo in the classroom on the Chromebooks or in the lab during their computer time. Check out the Breshub site for additional items to do at home <https://www.breshub.com/technology>.

Don't Let the Stomach Bug Catch YOU!

It is that time of year! We are officially seeing an increase in the number of students have unfortunately become victim to the stomach bug. Please remember that there are a few ways to decrease the spread of this illness and all illnesses.

1. Have children wash hands frequently, especially when going to consume food.
2. Try not to have your child touch his/her face. This can be hard and is often involuntary but try to be aware.



Youth Services
News

SPEAKER SERIES:
December 5th at
7pm. Hear Dr. Peter
Gray at the Nock.
**REMINDER that
Dr. Peter Gray
is speaking....
Fostering
Independence
at the Rupert A.
Nock School
from 7:00-8:30**

3. If you do find your child ill, please consult your physician.

Your child must stay home from school until fever free, vomiting and diarrhea free for at least 24 hours.

These simple practices can help decrease the spread of any illness. It is the beginning of the cold winter season. This is the favorite time of year for viruses and why we see an increase on activity.

Wishing you all good health as we push through to our winter break!

Getting Ready for a Staycation? Check out the Newburyport Public Library

Children, who are residents of Newburyport, ages 5 and up can access our public library with their very own library card! On the website, details about the Children's Room are included:

"The Newburyport Public Library Children's Room provides materials and programs for children and families from birth through sixth grade. We also provide assistance to teachers, caregivers, and others working with children. Services that we offer include: story times for various ages, school vacation programs, and Summer Reading programs.



The Children's Room collection contains picture books, board books, beginning readers, early chapter books, fiction books, non-fiction books, audio books in CD and Playaway formats, magazines, and DVDs. The Children's Room also provides three public computers with Internet access and word processing software."

In addition to being able to borrow books, the library also offers discounted library passes, homework help, and special events. Check out the website and reserve a book now https://www.newburyportpl.org/childrens_room/.

Teams of Tomorrow

Open to **ONLY** 3rd Grade Bresnahan School students this is a chance for students to perform in front of an audience showing off basketball skills set to music.



Information also in Weekly Tuesday notices on the Bresnahan School website and on our Bresnahan Physical Education webpage <https://sites.google.com/a/newburyport.k12.ma.us/physical-education-at-bresnahan-elementary-school/> This year's registration will be done online with appreciation and thanks to our Newburyport Elementary PTO <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B4DA4AD29A5F58-teams>

We will open the link to register on-line for this year's TOT team on Wednesday, December 5, 2018.

The cost of the program \$30 which will cover the cost of a TOT team tee shirt and a TOT basketball. There are 75 available spots. You will need to fill out the form and submit \$30 payment **on-line** in order for your child to be included in one of the available 75 spots.

If there is any problem with not being able to use the form and payment on-line, you will need to contact Mrs. Hill
(chill@newburyport.k12.ma.us) **BEFORE** December 5, 2018 Parents are responsible for ALL transportation.

Practices: Tuesday and Thursday mornings in Jan & Feb from 7-8 am.

1st Practice: Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Performances:

1. We will be performing in TWO half time shows for Newburyport Varsity High School basketball teams. **Girls' game 2/5/19 and Boys' game 2/11/19**
2. We will be performing in **Harlem Globetrotters halftime** show at Lowell Tsongas Arena **Sunday, February 17, 2019 at 2 PM**

Spotlight

The preschool friendship quilt was a collaboration with all preschool classes as part of the thematic unit on Friends and Family for the month of November.

