

June 13, 2017



Bucketful of News...



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

Important Dates:

June 14

Last Day of School for PreK/K- Full Day, Regular Schedule

June 15

Author Share Hosted by Mrs. Ahern's Class, 12:30 - 1:30 on playground

June 16

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

Incoming Preschool and Kindergarten Screening

June 19

Rain date for Third Grade Celebration

June 21

Last Day of School for Grades 1-3
Half Day!
Dismissal at 11:40 a.m.

Dear Bresnahan Families,

We hope this end of the year letter finds you well and looking forward to summer. It doesn't seem possible that we are completing the 2016-2017 school year. We look forward to a summer of reflection in order to continue to grow as a progressive PK-3 Elementary School.

Professional development and summer

curriculum work will be offered for teachers in many areas. Although we had snow days which added additional days of school to the calendar, this month has gone by ever so quickly and we're still experiencing the end of the year rush. There must be a way to avoid it! Students, teachers and staff are engaging in many special end of the year activities which have been a pleasure to attend including all the preschool and kindergarten end of year ceremonies and the many field trips to destinations such as the Seacoast Science Center, Spencer Pierce Little Farm, the Newburyport Custom House, and Wolf Hollow to name a few! Additionally, parent attendance has been incredible! Your participation means so much to you child and of course to us here at school. It is wonderful for us to see that education is highly valued here in our community.



We wish you a fun-filled summer ahead! Enjoy time with your children, the warm sunshine, strolls along the Rail Trail, beaches and the BoardWalk, collecting seashells, reading summer reading books with your child, vacationing near and far, and simple, routine free summer days.

We will miss our third graders as they venture off to the Molin School! Yet, we look forward to welcoming our incoming preschool and kindergarten students beginning this Friday with preschool and kindergarten screening.

Amy B. Sullivan
Principal of PK/K

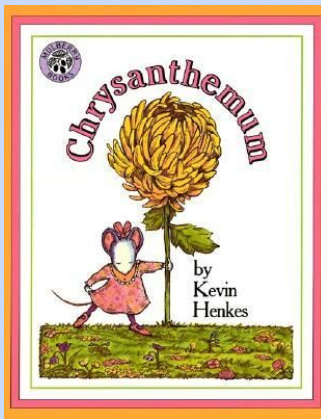
Kristina Davis
Principal of 1-3

Karina Mascia
Assistant Principal

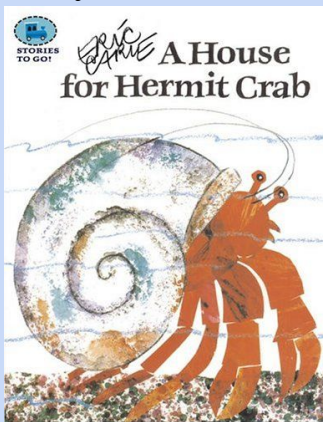


<https://www.breshub.com/summer-reading>

**Entering Grade 1:
Chrysanthemum
by Kevin Henkes**



**Entering Grade 2:
A House for
Hermit Crab
by Eric Carle**



Tomorrow, Wednesday, June 14

**Preschool & Kindergarten
Full Day of School, Regular Schedule**

Wednesday, June 21

**Grades 1-3
Early Dismissal at 11:40 a.m.**

Third Grade Paints a Wave Goodbye

Third Grade students study a wood block print “The Great Wave Off Kanagawa” by Japanese artist Hokusai. Under our Art teacher, Pam Standley-Jamison, third grade students create their own wave good-bye.



Later Start Time Survey

<https://nbptschoolvolunteers.org/ssl/>

The Later Start Subcommittee, comprised of parents, community members, staff and administrators of the Newburyport School District, and School Committee members, has spent many hours in meetings exploring options and is making a recommendation to the School Committee for starting classes later in Newburyport.

The Subcommittee has been reviewing the scientific literature supporting the change, looking at the fiscal costs, and exploring the logistics of a later start time. The Subcommittee is recommending a revenue-neutral change that will affect all Newburyport Schools, contingent on resolving some issues that may impact the community. The School Committee voted to move this proposal forward on June 5th, and has authorized the District to resolve any outstanding issues that might impact implementation in the Fall of 2018.

Kindly take a moment to click on the link above to share your thoughts about beginning school a 1/2 hour later for all Newburyport Public Schools beginning in Fall 2018 (not next year!).

