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November 20, 2018

#BresDates

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

11/21 No YWCA
After school
programming

11/22 - 11/23
No School- Happy
Thanksgiving

11/28: PTO Meeting
7:00 PM, Bresnahan
Cafeteria

12/3: Gr. 1-3
Progress Reports

12/6-12/14:
Scholastic Book Fair

12/13 Tanglewood
Marionettes
perform for PreK/K

12/19: PTO Meeting
7:00 PM, Bresnahan
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Holiday Celebrations

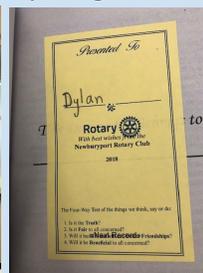
With this first snowfall, we are reminded that many families will celebrate holidays and share traditions this winter season. We also recognize that some families enjoy sharing foods and treats with their child's classroom during the winter and holiday season. We'd like to offer a gentle reminder that we readily encourage healthy foods when requested to share. Should your child's classroom include any allergies, please double check the labels of any packaged foods as some allergens are present in the facility where a given item is prepared. Please discuss any foods donations for events with your child's teacher ahead of time.



The month of December can also bring well wishes to recognize classroom teachers. Please remember that gifts of \$50 or more cannot be accepted by any school employee for their personal use. However, should families come together to gift items for a classroom's use then, the \$50 guideline does not apply.

Thank you to the Rotary Club

Third graders were given the gift of new dictionaries on Tuesday by various members of the Rotary Club. This valuable resource allows our students quick access language as well as includes various other facts that our students find so interesting. We want to sincerely thank the Rotarians who visited on Tuesday and gave this special gift to third graders.



Rotarian, Susan Viccaro, Newburyport's retired Superintendent delivered dictionaries.

**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.

Youth Services

News

[Newburyport Young Artist Holiday Art Fair](#)

COMING November 28th 6-9pm

SPEAKER SERIES:

December 5th at 7pm

Hear Dr. Peter Gray at the Nock.
(see body for more info)

Preschool and Kindergarten Information Night

Preschool and Kindergarten Information Night for the 2019-2020 school year will be held on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 in the Bresnahan School Gymnasium. SNOWDATE will be Thursday, January 31, 2019. Preschool will be at 6:00pm and Kindergarten will be at 7:00pm. If you currently have a child enrolled in the preschool program who will be returning to our preschool program again next year, you do not need to attend the information evening to register your child. You are certainly welcome to attend should you wish to hear information about the programs.

Priority Registration for Siblings

Priority registration is open to siblings of students who have attended the Newburyport Public Schools Integrated Preschool Program (whether it was located at the Bresnahan or former Brown Schools). Priority registration will be between Monday, January 7th - Friday, January 18th only. Current students will be given priority over siblings. After January 19th all registrations will be subject to the lottery system. Siblings of current/former students must fill out completed registration packet, which can be found online on our website on January 7th.

The Newburyport Public Schools Integrated Preschool program does not include Kindergarten. The preschool program is run by the Department of Early Childhood and Care and Kindergarten falls under the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; the two departments have different rules and regulations. Siblings of students who did not attend the Newburyport Public Schools Integrated Preschool program are not eligible for priority registration. These students should apply as new students and will be entered into the lottery.

All Other Registrations

All registrations will take place at the Bresnahan School Pre-K/K Office located at 333 High Street from: February 1st – February 28th (school days only) between 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Newburyport's Speaker Series

[The Parenting Years Speaker Series](#)

Hear Dr. Peter Gray Talk on 'Fostering Independence: Free to Learn. How Free Play Promotes Children's Self-Regulation, Independence, and Emotional Resilience.'

In the United States and in other Western nations there has been a well-documented, dramatic decline, over the last several decades, in children's freedom to play with other children, in their own chosen ways, without adult direction. Over this same period there has been a dramatic increase in childhood depression and anxiety and decline in young people's sense of being in control of their own lives. In this talk Dr Peter Gray will present the logic and evidence behind his claim that the decline in free play is a, if not the, major cause of these deleterious effects on children's psychological wellbeing. Dr. Gray will explain how play provides practice, for children, in the most important skills required for successful adulthood. Finally, he will describe some ways to bring real play back to children's lives in our time.

Dr. Peter Gray is an American researcher and scholar who is a research professor of psychology at Boston College. He is the author of a widely used introductory psychology textbook, Psychology (Worth Publishers, with co-author David Bjorklund beginning with the 7th edition), [1] now in its seventh edition. The book broke new ground when the first edition was published (in 1991) as the first general introductory psychology textbook that brought a Darwinian perspective to the entire field. He is also author of Free to Learn: Why Unleashing the Instinct to Play Will Make Our Children Happier, More Self-Reliant, and Better Students for Life (Basic Books, 2013), and he writes a popular blog for Psychology Today magazine entitled "Freedom to Learn". - Taken from *The Parenting Years Speaker Series Facebook Page*

What is Child Find Screening?

Child Find is a funny term and thankfully it does not mean that we are looking for lost children. What it refers to is the Newburyport Public School's legal responsibility to identify any child who is a resident of Newburyport, who may have a disability, regardless of the severity of the disability. It is also the responsibility of Newburyport Public Schools to evaluate those students to determine if they are eligible for special education or related services under IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) or 603 CMR 28 (Massachusetts Special Education Regulations).



The Newburyport Public Schools provides Child Find screenings throughout the school year at no cost to families. The purpose of this screening is to identify preschool age children birth to five who are at risk for developmental delays and may require special education services.

Does my child need to be screened?

You may want to consider the following questions:

Does your child..

1. Have a vision or hearing problem?
2. Have difficulty speaking or expressing him/herself?
3. Do things more slowly or much later than other children the same age?
4. Appear excessively active or have other behavioral difficulties?
5. Have any other problem which may interfere with learning?

The Newburyport Public Schools District is committed to identifying children before their (3rd) third birthday in order to provide early intervention services for three and four Year-olds.

If you have questions or concerns regarding your child's development or you answered yes to any of these questions, you should consider having your child screened please call: **Lori Morasse at Francis T. Bresnahan Elementary School for an appointment at (978) 465-4435 ext. 3125 for more information.**

This school year we will be offering screenings on:

Friday, March 8, 2019

Spotlights

- Mrs. Ames and Mrs. Larnard's students worked to put together a video to educate other Bresnahan students about what should and should not be put into the recycling bins at school this week.
- Mr. R-M worked with third graders to present songs to an audience at the Newburyport Senior Center last week.
- Mrs. O'Malley's and Mrs. Carroll's students presented *The First Thanksgiving* to families on Tuesday.

