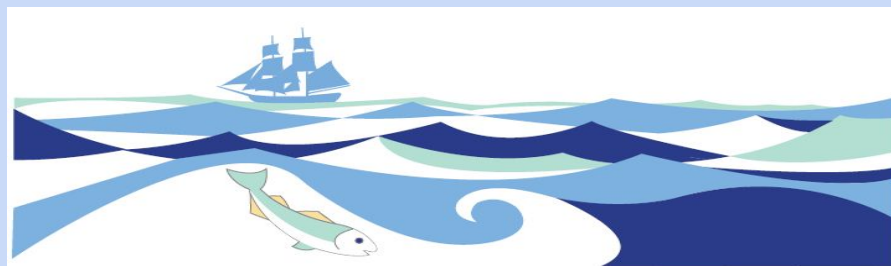




A Bucketful of News...



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

Important Dates:

October 11

Yom Kippur

PreK field trip to Spencer Pierce Farm make-up (Fahey, Sullivan/Morse)

October 17

Coffee with the Principals, Immediately following arrival, Cafeteria

October 18

School Spirit Day-Bresnahan Pride

Wear Blue and White, Bresnahan School Spirit Wear or Newburyport attire

October 19

Grade Three - *read the flyer in this issue*
Parent Speaker Series

“Navigating the Parenting Years”
Screenagers 7-9 pm

Principally Speaking...

We are pleased to introduce the Newburyport Public School’s newly developed “Clipper Values”, also known as Core Values. The leadership team developed questions for each “Clipper Value” as another component of the Strategic Plan. The questions are in place for members of the school community; adults and students alike. Students are being introduced to a Clipper Value at our “Community Meetings” including the posed questions. We will introduce **Innovation** and **Perseverance** in upcoming meetings later in the school year. Please consider reinforcing these values at home as well. Together, as a partnership, we are able to instill life-long values in our children.

Respect, Kindness, Innovation, Perseverance, Responsibility, Reflection

Innovation

*Does my work stretch my understanding?
Am I approaching problems in new and different ways?
Are we advancing innovation in all areas?*

*Do I foster and celebrate creativity in all of its different forms?
Do I understand the purpose of innovative practice?
Is the innovative practice rigorous as well as creative?*

Perseverance

*Do I know how to approach a problem without a clear answer?
Am I willing to take risks?
Do I recognize what is holding me back? Do I set goals for myself?
Am I able to use strategies to overcome challenges?
Am I doing my personal best?*

Stay tuned for our next newsletter in which we will share the final two Clipper Values.

Amy B. Sullivan
Principal of PK/K

Kristina Davis
Principal of 1-3

Karina Mascia
Assistant Principal of 1-3

Molin/Nock Auditorium

October 24

School Council Meeting, 3:15 PM

October 26

Title One Informational Coffee, 8:30 - 9:30, Cafeteria

PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM Bresnahan Cafeteria

October 28

PK/K Halloween Family Boo Bash, 6:00 - 7:30 PM



October 31

Halloween Parade and Sing-Along



Mark your calendars: This year's Lighthouse Auction will be held on Saturday, November 12th!

The Lighthouse Auction is the NEF's largest fundraiser of the year and a social favorite of many. The proceeds support the NEF's current campaigns. "This has turned into a fantastic and relevant night on the town where the faculty, parents and businesses come together to make things happen for our schools," shared Dorene Olson, of the 2015 NEF Auction planning committee.

With the help of more than one hundred volunteers and hundreds of donors and sponsors, the 2015 Auction exceeded our goal of raising 100,000!

The proceeds will support the NEF's three current campaigns:

- adding additional technology and seating to complete the renovation of Nock-Molin Library & Media Center,
- making upgrades to the lighting and sound technology at the High School Auditorium, and
- deploying additional 'STEM & The Arts' initiatives across the district.

"The community is incredibly generous in support of this event," said Rosemary Turgeon, the NEF volunteer coordinating the 2015 donations. "All of items for the auction have been given to us by businesses, families, students, teachers and staff. The winning bids for these donations will translate into much needed funds for Newburyport Public Schools.

Over 300 people attended the 2015 event at Nicholson Hall to enjoy food donated by some of the finest restaurants in the city while bidding on a terrific variety of donated items. Many others who couldn't attend were able to participate by bidding on-line prior to the event.

Online Auction Opens Sunday, Nov 6th 12noon

Silent & Live Auction opens Saturday, Nov 12th, 2016 6pm

at The Senior + Community Center, 333 High St. Nbpt

NEF AUCTION CLASSROOM GIFT COORDINATORS

where you create/collaborate with the class students + teacher to make classroom gifts that are funded through parent support and featured at the Auction in November!

Sign up for being a coordinator of a classroom gift for the NEF Auction

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4eaca729a5ff2-2016>

School Specific Classroom Gift Coordinators Needed are:

PK - Ms. Tanasi Fahey and Mrs. Linda Dodge

Kindergarten - Mrs. Dianna Ouellette, Mrs. Kathleen Leahy, Mrs. Linda Gershuny,
and Mrs. Melissa Duguie

Grade One - Mrs. Julie Doyle, Mrs. Kim Dow and Mrs. Stacey Boucher
Second Grade is all set!

Grade Three - Mrs. Laurie Barrows/Mrs. Arna Beaudoin, Mrs. Nonie Olson, Mrs.
Joan Sheehan, and Mrs. Janey Tomasz

Please know how much we appreciate your support in this effort as it makes a
difference in your child's education each and everyday at Bresnahan School.
Thank you!



**PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN
FAMILY BOO BASH**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28 TH
6:00-7:30 P.M.**

IN THE BRESNAHAN GYM & CAFETERIA

Please join us for our annual Early Childhood Boo Bash for
Preschoolers, kindergartners and their parents and siblings. Activities will include:
Halloween Games, a Scavenger Hunt, a Jack-O-Lantern Contest, Cookie Decorating,
and much more!

Children and adults may dress in costume for this fun event. Pizza and water will be
served.

Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more information!

Walk to School Day

Students, staff and families all enjoyed last Wednesday's Walk to School Day. In the
morning families met at Atkinson Common and walked to school with Principals
Sullivan and Davis, Superintendent Vicarro, Assistant Superintendent Bik and
others. In the afternoon, the entire school enjoyed the beautiful fall day field trip to
Atkinson Common. [Please click to view the Powerpoint Slide Show highlighting our
walk to school events.](#)

PTO Highlights

The Next PTO Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26th. Please note that this meeting is scheduled for the fourth Wednesday night of the month due to the Parent Speaker Series Navigating the Parent Years; Screenagers on October 19th.

Please join us for our annual Early Childhood **Boo Bash** for preschoolers, kindergartners and their parents and siblings.

Activities will include:

Ghost Bowling, Spider-web Toss, Photo Booth, Witch Pitch

Face Paint, Halloween Tattoos,

Family Jack-O-Lantern Carving Contest

Cookie Decorating

Children and adults may dress in costume for this fun event. Pizza and water will be served. There will be a \$10 admission per family, payable at the door.

Reading Buddies at Work:

Mrs. O'Malley's kindergarten class and Mrs. Whitney's third graders teamed up as reading buddies to work on practicing sight words. After the work was done, they enjoyed lunch together in the Bresnahan cafeteria. Photographs courtesy of Mrs. O'Malley.

