



A Bucketful of News...



Francis T. Bresnahan School

333 High Street Newburyport, MA 01950

Important Dates:

October 18

School Spirit
Day-Bresnahan Pride

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

October 19

Parent Speaker Series

“Navigating the
Parenting Years”
Screenagers 7-9 pm

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

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 **Responsibility** and **Reflection** 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

Responsibility

Do I accept responsibility for my actions and my words?

Do I accept responsibility for contributing to my class or group?

Do I accept responsibility for my personal growth?

Do I accept responsibility for making ethical choices?

Do I accept responsibility for contributing to my local or global community?

Do I take ownership of my responsibilities?

Reflection

Do I think before I act?

Do I give sufficient time for reflection before I take action?

Am I willing and able to make change and act based on the feedback I receive?

Do I value my own work and that of others?

Do I have an understanding of my learning style, strengths and weaknesses?

Do I define success in a variety of ways?

Idle Free Zone

This is a gentle reminder about the idle-free zone. Your attention to the posted signs is very important as our school has been recognized by the state as a *Green School*. We continue to observe folks sitting in their cars in the arrival and dismissal lines

October 28

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



Halloween Parade and
Sing-Along, **1:30 on
Friday, October 28**

Please note this is a
date change.



with engines running well before the line is moving, and also in the parking spots on the side of the entrance drive. Please turn your cars off while in line. Thank you!

Amy B. Sullivan
Principal of PK/K

Kristina Davis
Principal of 1-3

Karina Mascia
Assistant Principal of 1-3

Lost & Found

Please check our Lost & Found table in the 1st Floor Lobby across from the Gym for your lost items! Unclaimed items will be donated on Thursday, November 10th.

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

Part of the success of the NEF Lighthouse Auction will be in making sure the restaurant deliveries are well managed.

We have identified a lead person needed to pick up the restaurant food donations and bring to the Senior Center by 5:30pm. This person would be given a list of locations, contact info and what they are picking up for the event & need partners/friends to help make pick ups.

Once delivered, food will be managed by Nadine Holoran and her team who will be serving the food at the event's buffet.

Are you able to help us find someone to fill this role for Pick Ups?

Thanks for your help in identifying this key role person - it will add to this year's success!

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/2ofof4eaca729a5ff2-2016>

School Specific Classroom Gift Coordinators Remaining are:
Kindergarten - Mrs. Dianna Ouellette and Mrs. Linda Gershuny

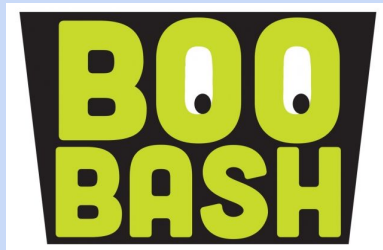
Grade One - Mrs. Kim Dow

Second Grade is all set!

Third Grade is all set!

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!

PTO Highlights

Last week the PTO funded a wonderful assembly from Jim Jordan of reportbullying.com. All students in grades K, 1, 2 & 3 heard his message about doing the right thing, being a friend and caring for each other. We hope your child enjoyed it! He really made it a fun event, and used magic tricks, video and interactive role play to get his message across.

GIFTWRAP ONLINE SALES EXTENDED!! Due to fantastic support from you all, Meadow Farms has extended the deadline for online sales (only) until October 21st. All orders will be shipped direct to your home and the PTO receives 40% of all sales. If you have any paper order forms still at home, then send into school ASAP. Thank you so much. We couldn't do what we do without your support.

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,
Cookie Decorating

****Don't forget to bring a carved pumpkin for the pumpkin carving contest.***

Special prize for the winner!!