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## #BresDates

9/27: K Field Trip to Applecrest Farm (Beeler, Carroll, Gershuny, O'Malley)

9/28: K Field Trip to Applecrest Farm (Bouchard, Duguie, Herzig, Ouellette)

10/1: PK/K Tuition Due

10/2: Family Flu Clinic, 5:00 - 6:45 @ Nock/Molin Schools

10/3: Parent Speaker Series, "Angst"- 6:30-8:30 p.m. Nock/Molin Auditorium

10/4: Open House – PK/K



## Open House Preschool & Kindergarten October 4th, 6:00 p.m.

Please join us for our Preschool and Kindergarten Open House next Thursday, October 4th at 6:00 p.m. This informative evening is designed for parents to gain a comprehensive understanding of your child's year ahead. The evening will include a general assembly, a visit to the classrooms to meet the teachers, and an opportunity to learn about school and community resources- such as the Newburyport Education Foundation (NEF), Newburyport Youth Services (NYS), YWCA After School Program, and the PTO. Additionally, we will have many materials available for parents to help support your child in preschool and kindergarten this year. You may want to check out some of these guides that are available online:

- PK Standards: [English](#) [Brazilian Portuguese](#) [Spanish](#)
- K Standards: [English](#) [Brazilian Portuguese](#) [Spanish](#)
- A Child Becomes A Reader: [Birth- Preschool](#) [Kindergarten - Grade 3](#)

Lastly, we are excited to announce the return of our FREE Farmer's Market with fresh produce for all families! We hope you will plan on joining us!



6:00-6:45	General Assembly ~ Gymnasium ~ Preschool & Kindergarten
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Welcome ~ Amy Sullivan, Kristina Davis &amp; Anne Doble</li> <li>● Remarks ~ Superintendent Sean Gallagher</li> <li>● PBIS Initiative</li> <li>● Reading and Math Interventions</li> <li>● Overview of Special Subjects</li> <li>● Special Education Supports ~ Gina Anderson</li> </ul>

10/5: Early Release

10/8: No School Columbus Day Holiday

10/10: International Walk to School Day

10/11: Open House - Grades 1-3, 6:00 p.m.

10/22: First 2018-2019 School Council Meeting

10/24: Title One Informational Coffee - 8:30 - 9:30

10/26: PK/K Halloween Boo Bash, 6:00 p.n.

10/31: K-3 Halloween Parade and Sing-A-Long

**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 a cash or check payment.

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

6:50-7:20	<b>Kindergarten Classroom Visits</b> Beeler- Rm. 152 Bouchard-Rm. 155 Carroll- Rm. 158 Duguie-Rm. 153 Gershuny- Rm. 154 Herzig-Rm. 151 O'Malley- Rm. 156 Ouellette-Rm. 155	<b>Preschool Families Cafeteria and Lobby</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit the Free Farmer's Market</li> <li>• Meet with community organizations- NEF, NYS, YWCA After School Program</li> <li>• School Council Elections</li> <li>• PTO</li> <li>• Meet with Specialists</li> </ul>
7:25-7:55	<b>Preschool Classroom Visits</b> Tanasi Fahey- Rm. 127 Giovanna Foster- Rm. 135 Sam Maguire-Rm. 138 Jessica Morse-Rm. 140 Sue Simon-Rm. 136 Karen Sullivan-Rm.139	<b>Kindergarten Families Cafeteria and Lobby</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit the Free Farmer's Market</li> <li>• Meet with community organizations- NEF, NYS, YWCA After School Program</li> <li>• School Council Elections</li> <li>• PTO</li> <li>• Meet with Specialists</li> </ul>

## School Council Nominations and Elections



The Bresnahan School is looking for three parent volunteers who would like to serve in the role of a parent representative on our School Advisory Council. The Bresnahan Council meets monthly on a Wednesday afternoon with the principal, teachers, and other parents to set goals for the school.

### What is a School Council?

A school council is a representative, school building-based committee composed of the principals, parents, teachers, and community members that work together to establish goals, shape the policies and programs of the school, and improve student achievement. School councils are an integral feature of Education Reform and work towards ensuring that school's efforts are successful in meeting statewide standards. In addition, the council assists the principals in preparing the school improvement plan, defining professional development, and improving parent involvement. School councils also serve as a voice and sounding board for the school community. Each member of the council is available to hear concerns and suggestions from parents, teachers, students, and the community at large.

The Bresnahan School Advisory Council consists of six parent representatives, four teacher representatives, two administrative representatives and one community representative. The mission of the School Advisory Council is to develop the school improvement plan through monthly meetings with input from all different representatives involved in the school: parents, teachers, administration and community members.

### Interested?

If you are interested in running as a parent representative of the school council, please complete the [entry ballot](#) return it to school with your child by Monday, October 1, 2018. The PTO will be responsible for running the elections and collecting the ballots at the Open Houses on October 4th and October 11th. Please know that any information provided on your entry form will be made public to the Bresnahan School community. Thank you!

The first meeting of the 2018-2019 Bresnahan School Council will be Monday, October 22nd at 3:45 p.m in the Bresnahan Library.