



Newfields Elementary School Newsletter

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Kate Segal, NES Principal

Have fun! Challenge Yourself!

Be Responsible. Be Respectful.

Take Care of Each Other.

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THANKS

Thanks to Ms. Murphy and our NES students for a lovely winter concert Tuesday evening!

Thank you NES families for your kind notes and holiday gifts from you and your children.

This week's NES PBL spotlight unit is from our 2nd grade teachers Beth Roy & Kirsten Maglin, with the collaboration of our Technology Teacher, Charisse Thompson using our 3D printer for their Woodland Animal and Habitat Projects. The children were engaged and enthusiastic as they investigated, researched, wrote drafts of their oral presentations, recorded their findings, created their animals in 3 dimensions and used our new technology to place each in an appropriate habitat. We hope you enjoy their final presentations at:

<https://voicethread.com/share/8475122/>

<https://voicethread.com/share/8439131/>

NES Calendar

December

26-30 Holiday Break

29 2-7 Blood Drive

January

2 No School

3 Back to School

5 7:00 NPTO Meeting

11 6:00 NES Budget Meeting;

Board to follow

12 11:45 NES K. Research Committee

16 MLK, Jr. Day; No School

20 Grades close

27 Report Cards go home

February

2 7:00 NPTO Meeting

7 6:00 NES Deliberative Session;

Board to follow

9 11:45 NES K. Research Committee

NES Vision is to empower our students to become compassionate, confident, and critical learners of tomorrow with an inner resiliency to serve others.

NES Faculty June 7, 2016 with NPTO input

Holiday Wish from Mrs. Segal, NES Principal

One of my favorite holiday children's book, later turned into a movie, is The Polar Express, by Chris Van Allsburg. I have heartwarming memories of reading this book, both books, the original and the movie, watching the movie, and sharing hot chocolate with Bobby, my now fourteen year old son. At home, we often talk about the power of belief that in this classic story "resonates across generations and cultures." Recently a friend gave me a lovely explanation of the word believe. "It is truly a gift to preserve a sense of wonderment throughout life. 'Believe' is a powerful word. When you believe in something, you are giving that something the power to be real. When you believe, you remind yourself that anything is possible. When you believe in the good of life, all is merry and bright." I wish all of you, and of course the children of Newfields, the power to believe this holiday season and during the New Year.

Be well!

First & Second Grade Targeted Instruction Using 90 minute Common Literacy Block

The first and second grade will be transitioning to a 90 minute common literacy block January 3rd. During the first thirty minutes, children will learn phonics using a researched based program, Foundations. Following that they will run skill based literacy centers based on The Daily Five model. The centers will include read to self, read to someone, word work, listen to reading and work on writing (second grade). The groups will be flexible and will be created according to the reading skills that children need at the time. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Maglin, Mrs. Roy (or Mrs. Giddings), and Mrs. Hamilton.