



**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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Full Day Kindergarten Committee Update

At our third monthly committee meeting, we reviewed surveys from teachers and parents of current and future kindergarten students, discussed implications for the schedule and reflected on the importance of ensuring that all of our kindergarten students are provided with a developmentally and individually appropriate learning environment, nurturing the “whole child.” The committee will make a recommendation to the school board at the March meeting. We have found little research comparing extended day to full day. If you have current research that you would like to share, please come to our next meeting on February 9, 2017 at 11:45 or e-mail your info, comments and suggestions to ksegal@sau16.org or dkettlewood@sau16.org. Thank you.

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

Dear Newfields students

Thank You for celebrating my 100th Birthday with me and all the cards. I always wanted to be 100 years old. Newfields kids you can do anything if you try really hard. I eat sardines on cinnamon raisin bread with relish every day at 12:00. I'm sure your all saying, yucky. I'm 100 years old. Trust me. Eating healthy works!

Olive Rugg

**2017-2022 SAU 16 Strategic Plan
Health and Community
Encourage Civic-mindedness**

The 6th recommendation under Health and Community of the 2017-2022 SAU 16 Strategic Plan is to promote and encourage civic-mindedness in order to empower all students to have a positive impact on the community at large. At Newfields Elementary School, citizenship and taking care of others is a routine part of our school day and every Friday Community Meeting. Each morning we start our day with 5th graders leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance and reminding us of our school wide expectations. If you ask any of our children, they will say: Have Fun! Challenge Yourself! Be Responsible. Be Respectful! Take Care of Each Other. Many of our students k-5 and all of our 5th grade students are able to tell you that our vision is “to be compassionate, confident, and critical learners of tomorrow with an inner resiliency to serve others.” This school year, with the help of our community, the NPTO and our faculty, we have raised money for UNICEF and for Haiti. We have collected food items for End 68 hours of Hunger. Our Girl Scouts have collected toys for children in need during the holidays and our NPTO collected warm clothing for those in need. Earlier in the year the NPTO with the help of Newfields children, donated Halloween sweets to those serving our country, while first and second graders thanked our Veteran neighbors for their service during a Veteran’s Day Tribute. NES students are proud to have a positive impact on their community and are thankful for the town’s community support.

We are collecting pudding cups for the month of January for End **68 Hours of Hunger**. If we reach 50 packs then we will have “Hat Day,” on Tuesday, January 31, 2017.

Thanks to Children’s Author Linda Lee Ward, author of Alphabet World Series who after Community Meeting, read to our k-3 grade students in their classrooms! For more information on this Enrichment Activity visit www.Adventuresinprintbooks.com

NES Calendar

January

- 16 MLK, Jr. Day; No School
- 20 Grades close
- 20 Spelling Bee at 8:45 in MPR**
- 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
- 20-24 **Read Across America Week**

- Mon. Feb. 20 Red & White Day: Cat in the Hat
- Tues. Feb. 21 Crazy Hair Day
- Wed. Feb. 22 McGrew's Zoo Day and Green Eggs Luncheon provided by NPTO
- Thurs. Feb. 23 500 Hats Day
- Friday Feb. 24 Literary Character Day/parade

Please note that all schools in SAU 16 have the plans for the CMS proposed additions and renovations in their front hallway or lobby.