



**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 our 4th grade class for raising \$300.00 which has been donated to Haiti.

Thanks to our NES children for raising \$110.55 for UNICEF!

Thanks to Newfields Girl Scout Troop 10598 for their 2016 Holiday Toy Drive. Please drop off unwrapped toys to the giant wrapped box outside NES office.

This week's NES PBL Spotlight is the 5th grade interdisciplinary historical play writing and production planned and coordinated by Mr. Bennett, Ms. Rosenbleeth, & Ms. Buswell.

NES Calendar

December

- 2 3-8 NPTO Christmas Tree Fundraiser for NES Enrichment at Hilton Field
- 3 9 am – 8 pm NPTO Christmas Tree Fundraiser
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4 -7 Town Holiday Celebration
- 8 11:45-12:45 Parent/Principal Check & Connect;
Full Day Kindergarten Investigation Committee
6:30 School Board Meeting
- 15 **Haven All School Enrichment** (Formally known as Safe and Strong Students)
- 20 6:30 Winter Concert
- 21 Winter Begins
- 22 **Haven All School Enrichment**
- 26-30 Holiday Break
- 29 2-7 Blood Drive

January

- 2 No School
- 3 Back to School
- 16 MLK, Jr. Day; No School

End 68 Hours of Hunger

We hope everyone had a thoughtful and reflective Thanksgiving. Thank you for the many donated boxes of granola for End 68 Hours of Hunger. We are hoping to raise 50 boxes of Triscuits before the December Holidays.

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

NES 5th Grade Celebration

It has been recommended that each year families are given information on the NES 5th grade Celebration. The date for the celebration is picked after Exeter High School has announced its graduation, usually after February vacation. The goal of this event is to celebrate each 5th grade elementary school student along with their unique experiences with and contributions to a small town neighborhood school as they begin their transition to 6th grade at the middle school, while also honoring Newfields Elementary School Traditions, Staff & Faculty.

This year's celebration will include shorter 5th grade student narratives, character driven, presented by NES teachers to each student along with NES Certificates of Completion. 5th grade students, in class meetings with Mr. Bennett, will choose and invite a guest speaker. For many years, Hutchinson Sealing System has presented Dictionaries to each graduate. Class videos will again be integrated into the celebration, including just 2-3 pictures from home for each child. The children and Mr. Bennett create the videos.

While celebrating the entire class, we do have two academic awards and one citizenship award. The Outstanding Scholar Award is earned by the student with the highest 4th and 5th grade point averages and for decades, this student has received an engraved Cross Pen and certificate. The Academic Presidential Awards will again be based on the top 7% of 5th grade students based on their GPA and/or 7% of 5th grade fall, winter, spring NWEA Measures of Academic Progress in both reading & math. In addition two NES Hawk citizenship awards will be presented to two 5th grade students who best meet the Newfields Elementary School wide expectations. These students are chosen by the faculty. It is possible for a student to earn both an academic award and a citizenship award, as the criteria is different.

Finally, the celebration is concluded with desserts, cakes, and pictures with families. It is the tradition for 4th grade parents to decorate and prepare for this part of the festivities. If you have any questions regarding our celebration, please contact either Kate Segal or Matt Bennett.