



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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NES Calendar

March

- 25 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm Youth Art Show
Old Town Hall Gallery
31 Grades Close

April

- 3 4R Wax Museum
4 4D Wax Museum
7 Report Cards go home
10-14 Sargent Camp
13,20 Early Release; parent conferences
17 CMS band visits NES
24-28 Spring Vacation
17 Blood Drive 2:00-7:00

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

Thanks to the Maureen Hackett Shakespeare Trust for sponsoring Shakespeare & Company at NES on Monday, March 20, 2017. We were entertained with a 90 minute performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, followed by an interactive post-show for all students. 3-5 grade students then participated in a workshop rehearsing and performing short Shakespeare scenes.

Instructional Rounds at NES

We were pleased to welcome SAU16 Instructional Rounds Committee made up of central-office to building level administrators and staff. 12 educators visited our classrooms on Thursday, March 9, 2017 to observe and take notes around a particular problem of practice. They collected, analyzed and reflected on their evidence, looked for meaningful instructional patterns and then brainstormed suggestions for improvement. Information collected during this Instructional Round was shared with teachers at our March 15th Faculty Meeting and will be used to improve our teacher skills and knowledge, while encouraging further SAU collaboration.

First Grade Inquiry and Investigation Casey Hamilton, First Grade Teacher

The first graders have been busy this winter learning about winter here and in Alaska! They began the second quarter by graphing the weather in Newfields. They read books about this season which they referred to in their writing. They read the book Sally's Snowman. It is about a little girl who built a snowman and didn't want it to melt. She moved the snowman under the porch to prevent it from melting. This is when one of the children said, "I know it will last longer in the shade!" We then decided to investigate this question. Could we build a structure that would help prevent a snowman from melting? The children completed their STEM lesson by working in small groups where they planned out structures that would block the sun from melting an ice-cube snowman. They did an amazing job collaborating and creating the structures. They had a great time doing it as well!

The first graders then moved on to learning about Alaska's weather in the winter and compared it to NH's. They studied the geography and animals of this region. They took notes from different texts and created their first factual report. They chose an Arctic animal and then created a diorama that reflected the knowledge they learned about this region and the specific habitat of the animal. They displayed these dioramas for the second graders to see. They were very proud of their work!

Second Grade Exploration Kirsten Maglin and Beth Roy

In second grade we have been exploring the question, "What qualities does a hero have?" We have been learning the story of Balto and we have been following the Iditarod. Each student picked a musher to follow during the Iditarod and we moved their mushers and sled dogs through checkpoints on the wall. The students also learned about the Iditarod in technology and watched some videos of the actual race and sled dog teams. Ms. Clemons had the kids pretend they were the sled dogs and they worked as a team to pull a musher around the gym and use commands to direct them. We will be having a ceremony to award the top musher in class and present the musher that came in last with the red lantern award.