



## 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.*

[NewfieldsHawks.wordpress.com](http://NewfieldsHawks.wordpress.com)



## NES Calendar

### March

31 Grades Close

### April

3 4R Wax Museum  
4 4D Wax Museum  
6 NPTO Meeting 7:00 pm  
7 Report Cards go home  
10-14 Sargent Camp  
10 6:30 School Board Meeting  
13,20 12:40 Early Release;  
parent conferences  
17 CMS band visits NES  
24-28 Spring Vacation  
27 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

### Why Project Based Learning? (con't)

When asked *how* students learn these qualities of an ideal graduate, teachers and administrators say that it sometimes happens in traditionally taught classrooms, but they acknowledge that it's inconsistent at best. Our workshop participants then go on to learn how project based learning (PBL) provides opportunities for students to build these qualities, as well as more deeply learn traditional academic content and understand how it applies to the real world.

We can confidently state that project based learning is a powerful teaching method that does the following:

Motivates students.

Prepares students for college, careers, and citizenship.

Helps students meet standards and do well on tests that ask students to demonstrate in-depth knowledge and thinking skills.

Allows teachers to teach in a more satisfying way.

Provides schools and districts with new ways to communicate and to connect with parents, communities, and the wider world.

### Why Project Based Learning?

Buck Institute for Learning

*by John Larmer, John Mergendoller and Suzie Boss*

In the hundreds of "PBL 101" workshops conducted each year by the Buck Institute for Education across the United States and in other nations, we ask teachers and administrators to describe an "ideal graduate" from the K-12 system. Our school and district partners sometimes do the same exercise in their communities with parents, people from local businesses and civic organizations, and other stakeholders. Every time, everywhere, the lists generated are remarkably similar, with items such as these:

- Problem solver
- Responsible
- Works well with others
- Can work independently
- Critical thinker
- Confident
- Manages time and work effectively
- Communicates well with a variety of people

### NES Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Project Based Learning

The Kindergarten, first and second grade will collaborate on a project to make baskets for the soldiers. The driving question will be, "How do my actions affect people around me?" The children will be earning change at home by doing chores. The money will be used to purchase items that are needed for the care packages.

### Activities at the Paul Memorial Library from Pam Birch

Saturday Story Time on April 1st at 10:00

Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 8th from 8-11 am at NES;  
\$20/family or \$5/person

LEGO CLUB will be held on Thursday, April 13 from 1:00-3:30 pm (NES Early Release Day)

LEGO CLUB will be held on Thursday, April 20 from 1:00-3:30 pm (NES Early Release Day)

Family Movie Night on Friday, April 21 at 7:00 pm - we are showing Sing (rated PG)