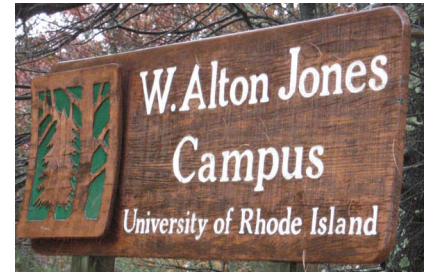


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Newbury Elementary School Newsletter

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Dear NES Community,

We are so proud of our 6th Grade Campers who returned from Environmental Camp in Rhode Island last Friday. Both the NES teachers/chaperones and the W. Alton Jones Camp Staff were raving about how polite, respectful, and engaged the students were for the whole week. Great job 6th Graders!

Thank you to the PTA for hosting a fabulous and very well attended Halloween Party last month!

The first **NES School Council** Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17th at 3:30 in the NES Library. Future meeting dates and times will be discussed at that meeting. Thank you to the PTA for running the election process and congratulations to the elected parent members and thank you to our community volunteer:

NES Staff members include:

Michael Tracy-Co-Chair, Principal
Mary Jo Lagana-Pre K Teacher
Sarah Byrnes-Grade 3 Teacher
Robin Harper-Grade 1 Teacher
Nancy MacKinney-Kindergarten Teacher
Kristin Mollineaux-Grade 1 Teacher
Andrea True-Language Based Program Teacher
Laura Paige-Math Specialist
Margot Ryan-Reading Specialist

Parent & Community Members Include:

Curtis Brown
Troy Carr
Ellie Davis
Danielle Kingsbury
Tom Strickler
Dave Taylor
Mary-Rita Visconti
Michael Volpone
Steve Zukowski

The Book Fair will be held in the small gym all of next week with more detail provided by the PTA later in the Newsletter.

All Grade 3 students will be screened for Talented and Gifted Services using the OLSAT test on Wednesday, November 17th.

Friday, November 19th is an early release day for Staff Professional development. P.M. Kindergarten will come in the morning and there is no morning Kindergarten class that day.

Our first trimester report cards will be sent home Wednesday, December 1st and parent Conferences are Thursday and Friday December 2nd and 3rd which are both early release days. P.M. Kindergarten will come in the morning on December 2nd, and there is no PM Kindergarten on the 3rd.



Save the Date: The NES Winter Concert is Tuesday, December 7th at 7:00 P.M.

Michael Tracy, Principal

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News from our Classrooms

Mary Jo's Preschool

The preschoolers have been busy learning about deciduous trees. At the art center we had fun painting maple leaf-shaped cutouts made out of coffee filters. We used eyedroppers to squeeze food coloring onto the leaves to make colorful creations. We are also doing a little math at the math center (using large dice) for a take away the leaves from the deciduous tree game. Next up...we will be learning about coniferous trees and comparing them to deciduous trees.



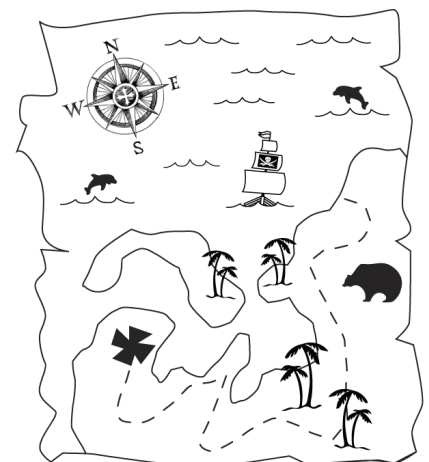
Third Grade in Olde York!



The third graders at NES are heading back in time to Olde York, Maine this week. The Living History program has been a tradition for our third graders as these experience-based activities support Massachusetts curriculum standards for social studies. Students will be introduced to life in the eighteenth century through a series of hands-on activities. Students try their hand at spinning and weaving wool. They'll play colonial games such as hoop and stick, tops, ball and cup and Nine Men's Morris. Children participate in hearth cooking either a dessert or a full noon meal. The visit also includes a lesson taught by the schoolmaster or mistress in the museum's eighteenth century schoolhouse. We want to especially thank the Newbury Elementary PTA which has generously donated \$625 to fund our buses to York.

First Grade

First grade is a very busy place, filled with wonderful writers. The first graders are working on their culminating project, a paper bag book. **A Pirate's Journey** is an exciting adventure that incorporates the comprehension strategy of **retelling** (a summary with a beginning, middle and end) with a focus on the 6+1 Writing Traits, **Conventions** and **Organization**. Our first graders have hidden a map with the points of the compass in the secret pocket of the book. Follow the map and you may find the buried treasure, X marks the spot!



News from our Classrooms

Thankful in Ms. Smith's Preschool



We have introduced our unit on "Being Thankful." Our class has talked about what it means to appreciate special people or events. We are talking about how we can help out others in need and explaining why they are bringing in one can of frosting and \$1.00. The children seem very eager to help.

Library News

Visit the library website and click on links for access to some terrific databases!

You'll Tumble for Tumble Books: "e-books for e-kids!"

This online collection of high-interest children's books has got kids talking...and, most importantly, *reading!* With animation, music, and narration, students can access Tumble Books from any computer with Internet connection, simply following a direct link on the school library website. Students can choose to read / be read storybooks, non-fiction books, and chapter books, and then play puzzles and that "reinforce concepts from the books, allowing for a fun and educational experience" (TumbleBooks). *Book Fair profits were used to fund this database.*



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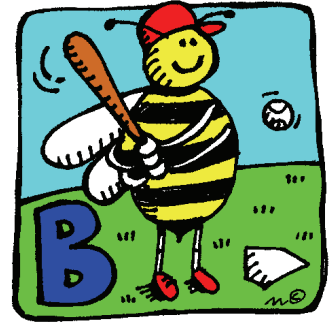
Fact Monster is a kids' reference website for kids ages 8 - 14 that provides entertainment and educational resources—the perfect way to avoid information overload and be sure that kids are perusing through a safe search engine. Students can find oodles and oodles of facts on science, geography, math, and language arts, and also partake in educational games and quizzes. Click on "Homework Center" for some helpful tools for school! Check out "Cool Stuff" for information on the movies, holidays, and more!

Enjoy! Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Valentine

News from our Classrooms

Kindergarten Happenings

Kindergarten students have made the adjustment to NES and are learning many new things every day. In Foundations, we are learning how to retell stories about Echo the owl and her baby. We are learning the letter, keyword and sound for letters of the alphabet and have learned 17 letters so far. Our word play lessons have been focusing on starting sentences and names with a capital letter and remembering to put a period at the end of a telling sentence. Frequent writing activities have led to improvement in everybody's handwriting. We are learning to read with one-to-one correspondence and left to right progression using our sight word booklets. In math our focus has been on patterning. Kindergartners are finding patterns all around in their world. Halloween provided many opportunities to make arts and crafts which helps to develop our fine motor skills. In science we are talking about the changing seasons, sorting objects by observable properties and how animals are getting ready for winter.





PTA News

Don't forget!!! November is our school's designated month for the Coins For a CAUSE program (Coins Add Up to Support Education) at the Institute for Savings Bank! Bring your coins into the Institute for Savings Bank and every time you use their coin counting machines, the 5% usage fee is donated to our school. The bank donates 100% of these fees collected during November to our school. Last year this program raised over \$1000 for the NES PTA. So save your coins and be sure to stop in to count your coins during the month of November!



Save the date! The annual Holiday Express and Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday December 4th from 8am to 11:30am. In addition to breakfast there will be a holiday raffle, vendors, crafts and fun for the whole family. The PTA needs volunteers to help at this event. If you are interested in helping please contact Belen Wieler at bwieler.bwc@verizon.net.

We are looking for additional vendors/crafters to be a part of this event. If you have a product or craft you would like to sell at one of our tables during the Holiday Express or you are interested in donating items to be included in the raffle, please contact Maureen Heffernan at maureen.heffernan@comcast.net.

NES PTA Coupon Books are here! There are over \$200 worth of coupons – **ALL** from local shops and businesses. The NES PTA coupon book is a win / win – supporting our local shops, business and our students. 100% of proceeds directly support NES students. You can purchase your coupon book by filling out the order form attached to the newsletter, the Holiday Express on 12/4th or at JL Coombs, MK Winston Jewelers, or The Book Rack, all located on State Street in Newburyport. With the holidays around the corner, this makes a great gift for neighbors and friends! Order form is attached at the end of the newsletter for your convenience.





PTA News

Look for your raffle tickets to be coming home soon with your child. **1st prize:** 4 loft seat tickets at Boston's TD Garden January 26th, Bruins vs Florida. Parking pass and dinner included. **2nd prize:** Apple iPad and **3rd prize:** \$100 gift certificate to the Newburyport Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are \$1 each and will also be on sale at the Holiday Express, Dec 4th and at all performances of *The Woodbridge Carol*, Dec 10 -12. Drawing to be held on December 21st.



THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped make the Halloween Party a huge success. We couldn't have done it without you!



**DON'T MISS OUT
WREATH & KISSING BALLS**

Wreaths \$8.50

Bows \$3.00

Kissing balls \$25.00

Order Form

_____ **Wreaths @ \$8.50=** _____

_____ **Bows @ \$3.00=** _____ *Specify color: red/gold, burgundy/gold, ivory/gold*

_____ **Kissing Balls @ \$25.00=** _____ *Specify color: red/gold, burgundy/gold, ivory/gold*

TOTAL _____

Child's Name _____ **Teacher** _____
Phone # _____

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 11/30/10
Pick-up @ Holiday Express
Saturday, December 4, 2010
Between 8:00-11:00AM

Make checks payable to NES-PTA
Contact Patti Lojek with questions @ 978-462-5244





PTA News

PTA Volunteer Corner:

Below is a summary of upcoming opportunities to volunteer, support your children, and have fun within the NES Community.

School Store Volunteers Needed: (Every Thursday during Lunch Hours)



We're looking for someone to take over managing and ordering supplies for the school store as well as 1-2 volunteers to staff the school store every Thursday between now and year end. This is a great opportunity to get a feel for your child's lunch experience and get connected to other NES Parents.

NES PTA Genevieve's Fundraiser Gift-wrap Distribution, Monday November 22nd between 11-1

We need 3 volunteers to help distribute the Genevieve's orders to the children's' classrooms during school hours 11-1

NES PTA Holiday Express Breakfast Volunteers Needed: (Saturday December 4th 8-11:30am):

We need lots of volunteers on Saturday, December 4th to help us host our annual Holiday Express. We'll need folks to:

- serve pancake breakfast
- sell tickets (raffle and food)
- face paint
- staff our ornament, reindeer food, and craft making stations)
- bake goodies and man the baked good table
- Setup and cleanup



Please contact **Belen Wieler-Hawes**, NES PTA Volunteer Chair at bwieler.bwc@verizon.net or at 978.504.9250 to discuss or sign up for any of these upcoming events.



As always, thanks for your help and support. We couldn't do it without you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NES Book Fair

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR HOURS:

Monday, November 15 - Thursday, November 18 from 8:10 am - 4 pm

Friday, November 19 from 8:10 am - 11 am

Evening hours: Wednesday, November 17 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Students will attend the fair during their weekly library times. Parents are welcome to visit the fair at any time during the week but must remember to sign in at the NES office. Teacher Wish List board contains suggestions for classroom purchases. These make great teacher gifts for the holidays! Cash, check or credit card. Checks should be made payable to NES PTA. Fair will be held in the Little Gym (in the round part of the school).

PROCEEDS PROVIDE BOOKS AND RESOURCES FOR OUR LIBRARY AND CLASSROOMS.



NES SKI & SNOWBOARD PROGRAM NEWS



Forms and payment are due for this year's SKI & SNOWBOARD PROGRAM at Bradford Ski Area. The program begins on January 7 and runs afterschool for 6 consecutive Fridays. It is open to any student in grade 4, 5 or 6. Lessons are available for beginners through advanced levels. Rental skis, snowboards and helmets are also available. Transportation is provided to and from Bradford Ski Area.



Website of the Week

<http://spaceplace.nasa.gov/en/kids/rocket.pdf>

BUILD A BUBBLE POWERED ROCKET

They really do work - and your children will love this experiment! You'll need to ditch the digital camera and find some film canisters for good old fashioned film. A template is included for the rocket nosecone and fin. Follow the steps here and prepare for lift-off!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yearbook Custom Cover Contest



We are holding a contest to design the cover of the NES Yearbook. All students are encouraged to submit a drawing that would represent Newbury Elementary. Students— put your creativity to work. (6th graders: make this a year to remember!) Parents, please encourage your child to participate.

All designs must be submitted on an **8x11 sheet of white paper** (for the front and back yearbook covers.) Please make sure that the **art work is dark**. (can be in color or black and white.)

One design will be chosen for the 2010-2011 yearbook.

All entries must be submitted to the main office **NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 19, 2010**

Please include your name, age, grade and teacher on the back of drawing

Winner will be announced by November 23rd.

WE ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING ALL PHOTO'S OF CLASS ACTIVITIES AND SCHOOL FUNCTIONS. Please send digital prints to esyearbook@yahoo.com to the attention of the **YEARBOOK.**

Thank You

Card Drive



Dear Families,

In the next few weeks, we will be coordinating the fourth annual holiday greeting card drive to benefit the senior citizens in the Newbury-Byfield area. There are 1,100 senior citizens in this community, a large portion of which are considered “shut-ins” or are in assisted living situations. As a community service, it is an honor to delight these “seniors” with some holiday cheer from Newbury’s younger population. **We are requesting that as a part of this effort, each family donate two 44 cent stamps to use on the Christmas and Valentine’s**

Day card drives. We appreciate your generosity and thanks in advance!

Helping Hands of Newbury Elementary School

We are inviting you to become a sponsor in an advocacy project entitled “Helping Hands.”

The collaborative will be an on-going tradition of Newbury Elementary School to reach out into the area community. We would like to present our advocacy project as an opportunity for you to extend your goodwill, by helping families in need attending Newbury Elementary School.

We are starting the program off by accepting gift cards from local merchants. Local area stores that are encouraged include; Market Basket, Shaws, CVS, K-Mart, Marshalls, TJ Max, Walmart, and Target as well as gasoline stations such as Mobil, Sunoco and Shell. The gift cards will be distributed by the school to those families in need. Gift cards can be dropped off or mailed to the main office of Newbury Elementary School

Should you express interest in making this vision a reality, please do not hesitate to email Louisa Simboli at LSimboli@comcast.net



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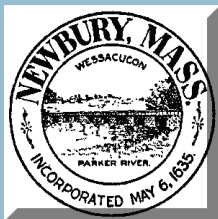
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Upcoming Events

November

11/15-11/19—Book Fair
11/16—SE PAC mtg. 6:30 P.M., library
11/17—NES School Council, 3:30 P.M.
11/18—School picture re-takes
11/19—1/2 DAY
11/24—1/2 DAY
11/25 & 11/26—NO SCHOOL

December

12/1—Report Cards go home
12/2 & 12/3—1/2 DAY, parent confer-
ences
12/4—PTA Holiday Express, 8:00-11:30
A.M.
12/6—PTA mtg., 6:30 P.M.
12/7—Winter Concert, 7:00 P.M.
12/10-12/12—TWS Performances



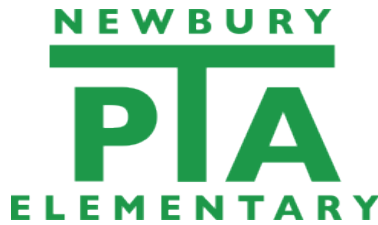
School Community

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BUY YOUR NEWBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUPON BOOK TODAY!

Filled with great coupons for local shops you love and patronize – this book has been custom designed to save you hundreds of dollars – all while helping the children at NES! - Books cost \$25 and all proceeds go directly to the NES PTA

\$5.00 off purchase of \$50 at Valentines

Free large thin crust Pizza when you buy a large thin crust pizza at Rowley House of Pizza

\$10 off a purchase of \$30 or more at A SHORE THING

\$10 off a \$35 oil change at state street MOBIL

\$40 off a \$139.95 car detailing at FRASER AUTOMOTIVE

20% off TAMARA handbags

Free \$3.00 cupcake when you buy one cupcake at EAT CAKE

Save \$2.00 on a \$20.00 purchase at GRAND TRUNK

Save \$5,00 on any \$20 order from UPPER CRUST

15% off any catered party from 2 – 100 people GOT THYME PERSONAL CHEF

Half price beverage at SOUFFLES

Plus Coupons for:10% off at :

DRAGONS NEST, MODERN MILLIE, PINK HEARTS/BLUE SOLES, JUST DOGS, LORETTA RESTAURANT, LIVELY KIDS, MK WINSTON JEWELERS, FLIPPIN OUT, DENISE'S FLOWER SHOP, & THE CUCKOOS NEST

20% off CHILDRENS ORCHARD, BOOK RACK, & KATWALK

15% off PARTIDGE IN A BEAR TREE, VALERIE'S GALLERY, & JL COOMBS

PLEASE FILL OUT THE ORDER FORM BELOW AND RETURN TO SCHOOL

Please give me _____ coupon book(s) at \$25 each to be sent home with my child

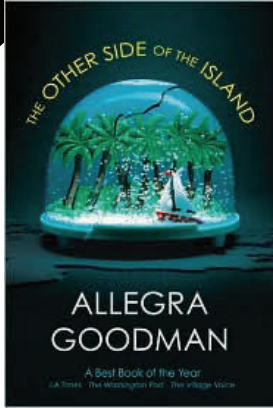
in their TAKE HOME folder. I have enclosed a check/cash for \$ _____
(PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NES PTA)

STUDENT NAME: _____ GRADE/TEACHER: _____

2010-2011

JOIN US!

Parent & Student Book Club



In the eighteenth glorious year of Enclosure, long after The Flood, a girl named Honor moves with her parents to island 365 in the Tranquil Sea. Life on the tropical island is peaceful-there is no sadness and no visible violence in this world. Earth mother and her Corporation have created New Weather. Sky color is regulated and it almost never rains. Every family fits into its rightful, orderly, and predictable place... Except Honor's. Her family does not follow the rules. They ignore curfew and do not pray to Earth Mother. Honor doesn't fit in with the other children at the Old Colony School. Then she meets Helix, a boy who slowly helps her uncover a terrible secret about the island: sooner or later, those who do not fit *disappear*, and they don't ever come back.

The NES Parent/ Student Book Club is for any child in **4th, 5th or 6th grade** *accompanied by a parent or any other adult*. The student and adult will read the book together or separately and then meet with Mrs. Valentine (NES Library Assistant) to have a lively discussion about the monthly book selection. Refreshments will be served!

← Our selection for December

When: Wednesday December 1, 2010

Where: NES Library

Time: 6:30-7:30 pm

Who: NES Students in 4th, 5th or 6th grade

Participation Fee: \$5.00 per family

Questions? See Mrs. Valentine in the Library or you can e-mail me at

Please return this form to the library by November 12, 2010 to register.

Student's Name: _____ **Homeroom:** _____

Parent/Adult Name: _____ **e-mail address:** _____

Please order the book for me at the additional fee of \$5.00.

I will supply my own book.

Please make checks payable to: NES PIS Book Club and return to Mrs. Valentine in the library.

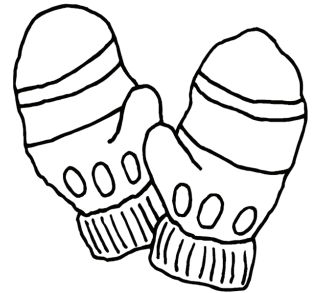
Our goal of the NES Parent/Student Book Club is to involve parents and students together in developing the importance of reading in our school culture.

Newbury Elementary School Fourteenth Annual Clothing Collection

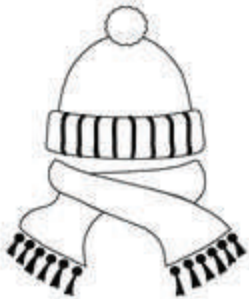
November 15 -30, 2010

Coordinated by the NES Student Council and the Senior Center

Your generous donations over the years have helped many programs and families in the area. You may have already contributed to other recent collections for worthy programs. If you missed those opportunities and have fall or winter items your children have outgrown, the programs we help would be grateful for your support.



The programs we contribute to appreciate receiving items that are clean and in good condition with no holes or stains. It would be helpful if you would bag and label each of the following categories separately:



Children's fall and winter clothes (short sleeve shirts okay)

Children's hats, scarves, mittens, boots

Men's clothes, hats, scarves, gloves

Women's winter clothes, hats, scarves, gloves

**Donations may be left in the lobby.
Thank you for your generosity and support!**

Please call Kathleen de Stadler at 978-465-5353 with any questions.



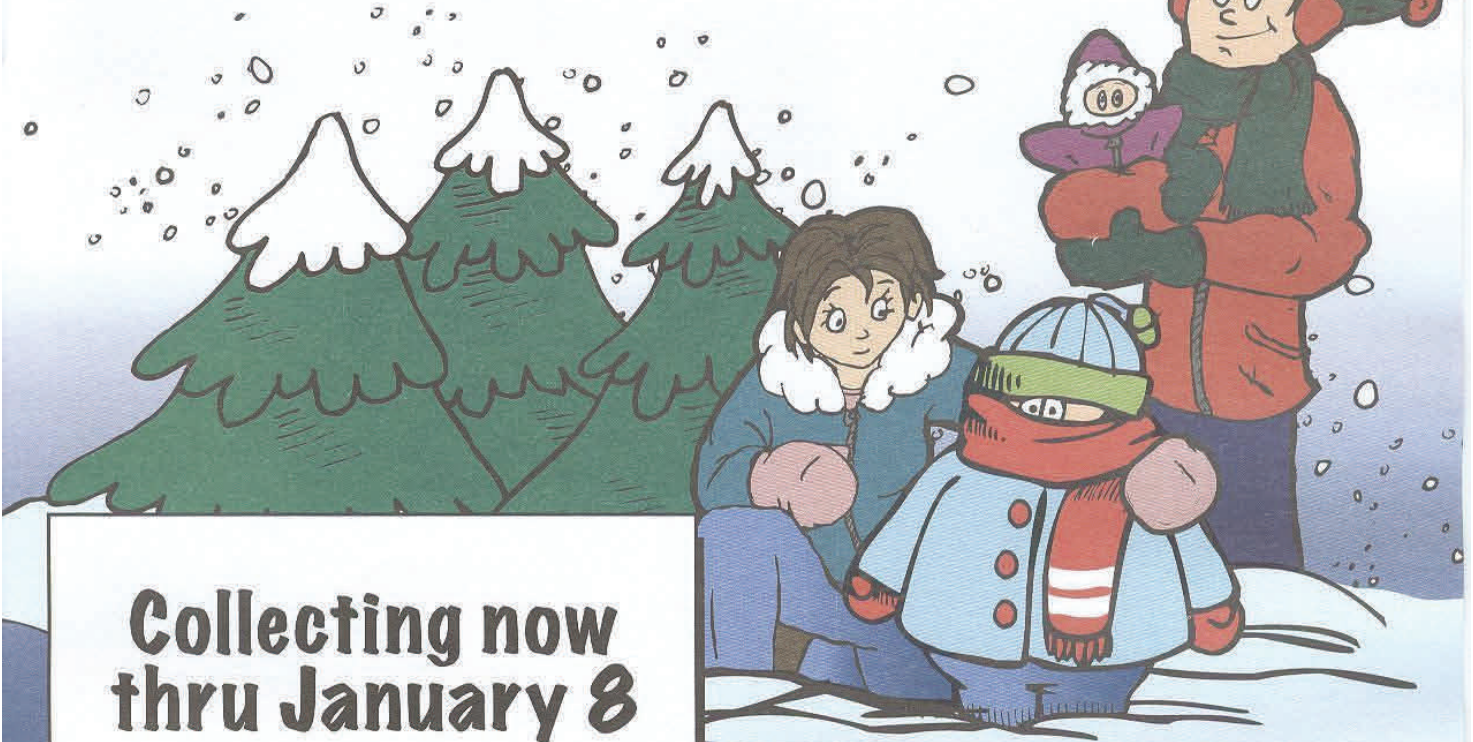


The NES Student Council in cooperation with Anton's Cleaners is sponsoring

COATS for KIDS. The drive will Start October 25th and carry right through January 9th, 2011

Drop off point will be in the front Lobby.

All contributions will go to worthy causes.



Collecting now thru January 8

Accepted

Warm, winter jackets
Gently used
Good quality
Coats that you'd give a friend
Ski jackets
All sizes needed

Not accepted

Rips, holes and/or tears
Broken zippers
Permanent stains
Sweatshirts
Vests
Spring coats

Coats distributed by community agencies to those in need

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Massachusetts Association for Community Action
Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless
Massachusetts Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children
Mental Health Association of Greater Lowell
Middlesex Human Service Agency
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All Aboard!

THE POLAR EXPRESS

Inspired by the Warner Bros. film and award winning book by Chris Van Allsburg, the magic of THE POLAR EXPRESS comes to life. Read along with the story as the train makes its magical round-trip journey to the North Pole. Meet Santa and enjoy caroling, hot cocoa, a treat and a special gift for each child. Kids are encouraged to wear their pajamas!

COME JOIN THE TRITON MUSIC PARENTS ORGANIZATION ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 27, 2010 FOR A 60 MINUTE EXPRESS RIDE TO THE NORTH POLE

Departure: MBTA Newburyport, MA
Departure Times: 11:35am, 1:15pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm
Tickets: \$25.00 Children 1 and under are free & must sit on a parent's lap.



Tickets may be purchased online or contact us at www.tritonarts.com

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