

# JOHN ELIOT SCHOOL

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## UPCOMING EVENTS: APRIL & MAY

DATE	EVENT	TIME & LOCATION
4/13/17	School closes at 2:45 for spring break	<b>Eliot School Loves</b>   <b>Needham</b>
4/14/17	NO SCHOOL -GOOD FRIDAY	
4/24/17	School opens after spring break	
4/28/17	<b>GREEN Day Assembly</b>	Perf. Center at 2 p.m.
5/4/17	Early Release Day - Dismissal at 12:15 p.m.	No PM Kindergarten & No PM KASE
5/12/17	Dress Rehearsal for Talent Show	Perf. Center at 6-8:30 p.m. (start time may be earlier, depending on the number of acts, more info to follow, see page 4)
5/13/17	PTC Talent Show  link for sign up form: <a href="http://johneliotptc.org/wp-content/uploads/talentsignup2017.pdf">http://johneliotptc.org/wp-content/uploads/talentsignup2017.pdf</a>	Perf. Center at 6-8:30 p.m.
5/29/17	NO SCHOOL -Memorial Day Holiday	

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2016-2017**  
**Tuesday, June 20th at 12:15 p.m.**

**From our Principal, Mr. MacNeal**

*Eliot fosters a love of learning in a community where everybody matters.*

Hello Eliot Parent/Guardian,

A note to wish you and your children a fun-filled and relaxing spring break!

It is hard to believe, but when we come back to school on Monday, April 24th, we will have less than two months before the end of the 2016-2017 school year. We have a lot planned. So rest up.

Also, I want to remind you that our last day of school is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20th at 12:15 p.m.

Please see page 3 of this bulletin for the most recent edition of the 2017-2018 school calendar.

Sincerely,  
Roderick MacNeal, Jr.

**SPRING 2017 MCAS Schedule for Eliot**

Times	Dates				
	Mon, April 24	Tues., April 25	Weds, April 26	Thurs, April 27	Fri, 4/28/2016
9:00-11:00 AM	No testing Day	4th Grade ELA (Session 1)	4th Grade ELA (Session 2)	4th Grade ELA (Session 3)	3rd-5th Grade ELA Make-up Day
	Mon, May 1	Tues., May 2	Weds, May 3	Thurs, May 4	Fri, 5/5/2016
9:00-11:00 AM	3rd-5th Grade ELA Make-up Day	5th Grade Math (Session 1)	5th Grade Math (Session 2)	Early Release (Director Day)	4th Grade Math (Session 1)
	Mon, May 8	Tues., May 9	Weds, May 10	Thurs, May 11	Fri, 5/12/2016
9:00-11:00 AM	4th Grade Math (Session 2)	3rd Grade Math (Session 1)	3rd Grade Math (Session 2)	3rd-5th Math Make-up Day	3rd-5th Math Make-up Day
	Mon, May 15	Tues, May 16	Weds, May 17	Thurs, May 18	Fri, 5/19/2016
9:00-11:00 AM	5th Grade STE (Session 1)	5th Grade STE (Session 2)	5th Grade STE Make-up Day	5th Grade STE Make-up Day	
	Mon, May 22	Tues, May 23	Weds, May 24	Thurs, May 25	Fri, 5/26/2016
9:00-11:00 AM					
	Mon May 29	Tues, May 30	Weds, May 31		
	Memorial Day (No School)				

# Needham Public Schools School Calendar

## 2017-2018

September				
M	T	W	Th	F
28	29	30	31	1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

February				
M	T	W	Th	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28		

AUGUST 2017	
8/28	General Staff meeting/Prof. Dev
8/29	Professional Development Day
8/30	All Schools Open
8/31	First Day of Kindergarten
8/31	Preschool Orientation

October				
M	T	W	Th	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

March				
M	T	W	Th	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

SEPTEMBER 2017	
9/1	First Day of Preschool & KASE
9/4	Labor Day - No School
9/21	Rosh Hashanah
9/26	PreK-8 Early Release

November				
M	T	W	Th	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

April				
M	T	W	Th	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

OCTOBER 2017	
10/9	Columbus Day
10/26	PreK-12 Early Release

NOVEMBER 2017	
11/10	Veterans' Day Observed No School
11/22	No School- Prof Development
11/23-24	Thanksgiving Recess

December				
M	T	W	Th	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

May				
M	T	W	Th	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

DECEMBER 2017	
12/6	PreK-8 Delayed Opening
12/25-1/1	Winter break

JANUARY 2018	
1/2	Classes Resume
1/15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
1/16	PreK-8 Delayed Opening
1/31	PreK-12 Early Release

January				
M	T	W	Th	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

June				
M	T	W	Th	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

FEBRUARY 2018	
2/13	PreK-8 Early Release
2/19-23	February Recess
2/26	Classes Resume

MARCH 2018	
3/7	PreK-12 Early Release
3/29	PreK-8 Early Release
3/30	Good Friday

	Holiday/Recess
	PreK-8 Early Release (ER)
	PreK-12 Early Release (ER)
	PreK-8 Delayed Opening- 2 hrs
	Professional Day

**NOTE: Classes at the high school (grades 9-12) begin at 8:35 on Friday**

APRIL 2018	
4/10	PreK-8 Delayed Opening
4/16-4/20	April Recess
4/23	Classes Resume

MAY 2018	
5/24	PreK-12 Early Release
5/28	Memorial Day

JUNE 2018	
6/4	Graduation
6/5	PreK-8 Early Release
6/13	Last day if no snow days-ER
6/20	Last day 5 snow days-ER

*Approved by School Committee October 18, 2016*

# FROM OUR PTC

## TALENT SHOW INFORMATION

Dear Parents,

Your children recently brought home a sign-up sheet for the Eliot Talent Show which will take place on May 13th, from 6-8:30 p.m.. If you need to obtain another one, [click here](#) to print.

Let me answer a few general questions which you've posed:

1. **Who should I contact if I need more information?** [megan@johneliotptc.org](mailto:megan@johneliotptc.org)
2. **Can kindergarteners be in the talent show?** Yes they can. In previous years, the kindergarten has had their own private talent show, but this year, they will not be doing that. Kindergarteners are welcome to sign up for the school wide talent show. Kindergarten parents, keep in mind that at this age, children often don't have a sense of how they'll feel performing in front of a large group. Be ready to offer support from the side of the stage if your child gets stage fright.
3. **When is the mandatory dress rehearsal?** May 12th, from 6-8:30 p.m. **Please note, the start time may be earlier. We will inform you of any changes, which we will not know until we have a final list of the number of acts.** We'll try to only make you have to stay for 30 minutes or so, staging the times for the dress rehearsal in smaller increments. This is the only time you'll get to practice on the stage, the only time we'll get your music from your thumb drive onto the computer, and the only time our stage hands will have to try to learn how to get your group and microphones and props on and off the stage.
4. **What if I cannot make the mandatory dress rehearsal?** Hopefully you'll be able to participate next school year. We really can't make exceptions.
5. **When are the forms due?** Friday, April 28th
6. **How long can my child's act be?** No longer than 2 minutes! We welcome even shorter acts!
7. **How do I get you my music?** We'd like it on a thumb drive on May 12th. We'll give it back to you the same night, as soon as we put it on the computer.
8. **I have a dance troupe with mostly kids from our school, but also 1-2 kids from another school. Can they dance with us in the talent show?** Of course. Yes!
9. **How will you organize the acts for that night?** Youngest to oldest, as much as possible.
10. **Appropriateness questions:** No swearing in the songs. Keep the dance moves clean. If in doubt, leave it out.

**FROM OUR PTC**  
**TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!**  
**MAY 7-13, 2016**



It's time to show our wonderful teachers at Eliot how much we appreciate ALL they do!

Please help us to put on a wonderful lunch for teachers, sponsored and served by parents on Early Release day, May 4.

In order to make it easy to contribute, we are asking for donations of gift cards to Roche Bros./ Sudbury Farms.

In addition if you prefer, we are asking for homemade desserts for those who really want to contribute something homemade.

*\*Gift cards should be delivered via backpack mail to the Main Office, by May 2.*

*\*Desserts should be delivered at drop off on May 4. There will be a cart by the front door.*

PLEASE click here to go to the SIGN UP for the teacher luncheon:

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E054BA9AA2FA64-eliot](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E054BA9AA2FA64-eliot)

Thank you for supporting our teachers!

**Walk to School Day, Friday, April 7th**



**After the walk, students met in the playground.**

Photo by M. McQuivey

### Tickets on sale for NHS a cappella fundraising concert

Help NHS a cappella singing groups — Fermata Nowhere, Subway Dwarves and Treble Rebels — raise money for refugees rebuilding their lives in Greater Boston. Get tickets for Vocal Support 2017, an a cappella concert to benefit the Boston Center for Refugee Health & Human Rights at Boston Medical Center. The 9th annual fundraiser kicks off at 7:30pm on Saturday, April 29 in the Needham High School auditorium, 609 Webster St.

Sponsored by Needham High School Friends of Music (FOM), Vocal Support 2017 is hosted and performed by Needham High a cappella singing groups — Fermata Nowhere, Subway Dwarves and Treble Rebels. Sharing the stage are guest high school performers — Newton South Newtones, Lexington Guacamole and Ursuline Bearitones.

To purchase tickets, visit [www.nhsfriendsofmusic.org](http://www.nhsfriendsofmusic.org). Ticket prices are \$12 in advance through April 27; \$15 at door. Doors open 7pm. General admission.

**Calling all 1st-5th grade girls! Needham Junior Cheer registration is open!** Join one of our amazing teams, cheer on your grade level Needham Jr. Football teams each week, have fun tumbling, stunting, jumping and dancing your way through a 2 minute routine for our local competition! Interested? Check out our website [Needhamfootball.net](http://Needhamfootball.net) or contact Cheer Coordinator, Lesley Sugarman ([lsugarman@comcast.net](mailto:lsugarman@comcast.net)) with any questions you may have.

### SAVE THE DATE: Big Carnival Coming to Needham

The Rotary Club of Needham is bringing a good old fashion carnival to town July 7,8,9. There will be many of the thrill rides, family rides, and kiddie rides that you remember from your youth. The carnival will be set up in the high school parking lot at the top of the hill. Since this is the first year for the carnival, be sure to mark your calendars early and watch the [Needham Rotary Club web site and facebook page](#) for more info to come.

**The Plugged In Band Program** is happy to present the 2nd British Invasion of Needham on April 29th at Powers Hall, which will support Plugged In Band Program's Capital Campaign. The 21+ event features amazing music by Beatlejuice, Boston's #1 Beatles cover band, dancing, drinks and the best fish & chips around (served by Captain Marden's Cod Squad). For more information, please visit [www.pluggedinband.org](http://www.pluggedinband.org).

**Starting on Monday, May 1st, Needham Youth Services** will be accepting registrations for all of their Summer and early Fall programs. There are many programs being offered for youth, all registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Most of the services/programs are offered free of charge to Needham residents, and most regularly sell out. Hard copies of the Summer Brochures are available at our office in Town Hall, or online at: [www.needhamma.gov/youth/summer2017brochure](http://www.needhamma.gov/youth/summer2017brochure)

Don't forget to visit our website for more information for parents and youth at [www.needhamma.gov/youth](http://www.needhamma.gov/youth). For additional information please contact Maria Papantoniou at [mpapantoniou@needhamma.gov](mailto:mpapantoniou@needhamma.gov).

### Needham Open Studios, Saturday, May 6, 10:00-4:00, Sunday, May 7, 12:00-4:00

Artists in 13 locations around town open their doors to demonstrate their work. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet artists, see how they work, and learn about their inspirations and methods. This year there will be special demonstrations and hands-on activities at select locations throughout the weekend, and you can visit our web site to see the list of participating artists, the map of locations, and the schedule of special activities at [needhamopenstudios.com](http://needhamopenstudios.com).

**The next school bulletin will be published on April 28th.**