

JOHN ELIOT SCHOOL

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

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DATE	JUNE 2019	TIME & LOCATION
6/11/18	Early Release Day No P.M. Kindergarten & KASE	Dismissal at 12:15 p.m.
6/19/18	<i>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</i> <i>No P.M. Kindergarten & KASE</i>	Dismissal at 12:15 p.m.

SAVE THESE DATES for school year

2019-2020:

First day of school - Tuesday, September 3

**Curriculum Night for Parents/Guardians of Eliot
students in grades K-5 - Thursday, September 12 6-8 p.m.**

School Photo Dat - Tuesday, September 17, 2019



Final Community Service Drive

The Eliot School would like to help the Needham Community Council Food Pantry to load up for the summer months!

**MAY 28 -
JUNE 19**

Boxes will be set up in the front lobby for drop off.

From our Principal, Mrs. Bourn

STAFFING UPDATE

On Tuesday, the 11th, Eliot students in Kindergarten to fourth grade will “jump up” to the next grade to meet the classroom teachers. As we all look forward to next year, I wanted you to be aware of a few staff changes for next year here at Eliot school.

We have the following changes in assignment:

Mary Sullivan (Grade 1) is moving to the second grade. Mary was a 2nd grade teacher for many years before moving to first grade a few years ago. We were fortunate to add another section for this group which will allow us to have classes of 18 and 19 students in 4 classes.

Maria Wythe (Grade 4) is moving to third grade. The third grade team is thrilled to welcome Maria.

Allison Weeks (Guidance Counselor) will work at Broadmeadow in a full time capacity. We are currently sharing her with Broadmeadow now.

Juliet Slotnick (3rd grade) will teach Kindergarten next year. Last year, Juliet was a literacy specialist working with the lower elementary grades.

Owen Chalmers (Grade 4) has been hired as a long term sub for Stephanie Calvo who is expecting her first child in July. Stephanie will return in November.

As difficult as it is, we have to say goodbye to....

Kathy Martell (Technology specialist) is retiring after 16 years at Eliot and 21 years in the Needham Public Schools.

Trish Flueckiger (School Nurse) is retiring after 20 years at Eliot school.

Nancy Milliken (Cafeteria Manager) is retiring after 23 years in the Needham Public schools

Heidi Gomez (School Psychologist) is taking a leave of absence and moving to Pittsburg, PA

Cindy Swartz (Kindergarten PE teacher and district wide APE teacher) is also retiring.

Laura Hechtman (Guidance) has completed her BC internship.

Sam Wells (3rd grade Teaching Assistant) is moving to China to start a new career.

Renee LaFleur (1st Grade Teaching Assistant) moving to Madrid to attend classes.

We are fortunate to welcome...

Barbara Tennyson (Instructional Technology Coach) – Mrs. Tennyson comes to us from the Broadmeadow School where she has served as the instructional technology coach for the past several years.

Mrs. Tennyson brings years of classroom and technology teaching experience and we are excited to have her join the Eliot team.

Heather Kozin (4th grade) has been a 4th grade classroom teacher at Lilja School in Natick for the past 6 years. She is currently the 4th grade instructional leader in the district.

Meghan Westphalen (4th grade) is currently a teaching assistant at Broadmeadow School. She has served as a Long Term sub in third grade classrooms.

Laura Altschuler (1st grade) was recently in the Concord public schools as a 5th grade teacher. Prior to that, Laura worked as a 4th grade teacher for 4 years in the Hartford Public schools. Laura also has experience as an ELL teacher and has licensure as a literacy specialist.

Ben Aaronson (School Psychologist) is coming to us from Needham High where is completing his school psych internship. Aaron is a counselor in the Needham Youth Services and will work at Eliot as he complete his doctoral work.

Tonya Grace (Cafeteria Manager) has worked in the Needham High cafeteria for the past 5 years. She is an Eliot parent and we are thrilled to have her on the team.

Titi Westover (Nurse) is currently working as a school nurse in the Boston Public schools. She is working on her Masters degree as a nurse practitioner at Simmons College.

Erin Quinn (Teaching Assistant) is a recent graduate from BU with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Special Ed.

Still to come:

We are in the process of hiring a .4 guidance counselor. We will send more details about our new hires in the fall.

SPOTLIGHT ON 4TH GRADE

In 4th grade, students have learned all about insects. This month-long study began with a look at how entomologists (insect scientists) classify a creature as an insect. Entomologists must look for a specific set of physical characteristics. Then, using materials found at home, 4th graders constructed a 3D model of their invented insect and wrote a report all about their creation. They were asked to take on the role of an entomologist making a new discovery. Fourth graders are excited to share their insects with the school community in Eliot's upcoming insect fair on June 17th.

FUN RUN UPDATE

Here is our schedule for the fun run on June 12th. We would be happy to have parent spectators and volunteers:

Fun Run Schedule June 12		
Grades 2 and 3	Grades K and 1	Grades 4 and 5 (pm K)
8:45 - 9:45	9:45 - 10:45	12:30 - 1:30

Visit funrun.com to enter your pledges (or send cash or checks to the office) and be sure to watch the MIND SPARK videos with your child too. Thank you for your support. We appreciate all you do!

Eliot News

Last week our third grade students visited Needham's *Little Red School House*, located at the Historical Center on Central Avenue. Each class had their own day, where they left their 2019 classroom and went back in time to an 1850 classroom.

Below are photos of the classes of Mrs. Badger, Mrs. Hession and Mrs. Slotnick.



Photos by Mrs. Rains

FRANKLIN PARK ZOO

Grade 1 students took a field trip to The Franklin Park Zoo, on Tuesday, June 4. The children in Mrs. Munkenbecks's class, take time from visiting the animals, to pose for a few photos.

Photos by Eliot mom, Stacey Nathanson





May 17, 2019

Dear Needham Elementary Music Parents,

In an effort to provide a more advanced and challenging music experience for upper elementary students, the Needham Fine and Performing Arts Department conducts auditions for Elementary Honors Chorus, Elementary Honors Strings and Elementary Honors Band. You will receive more details closer to the auditions about these groups, however we wanted to share the scheduling now to assist you in planning for the next school year. Due to early releases all taking place on Wednesdays in 2019-2020, some changes needed to be made.

- The Honors Band under the direction of Mrs. Allison Penn (allison_penn@needham.k12.ma.us) will meet on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 at Newman.
- Honors Strings conducted by Mr. Mark Smith (mark_smith@needham.k12.ma.us) will meet on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 at High Rock.
- The Honors Chorus led by Ms. Heather Tryon (heather_tryon@needham.k12.ma.us) will meet on Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 at Broadmeadow.

If you have any questions about these groups, please contact the music teacher at your child's school or one of the leaders listed above.

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Town of Needham & NPS News

Needham Community Council Family Fun Night

**Rosemary Pool Complex
Friday, June 28th
5:30-8:30 p.m.
Free admission to first 100 people
Free Richie's slush**

Summer Track Club Sign Up

All boys and girls age 3.5 - 14 are invited to sign up for the Needham Youth Track Club's Summer Program. Spend summer evenings running, throwing, and jumping! The program provides instruction, practice, meets, ribbons, trophies, and lots of fun. More information: www.needhamtrack.org (select Summer Program) or e-mail needhamtrackclub@gmail.com or call 781-856-4088. Online registration: www.needhamsummerprogram.org

Honor Educators with NEF Gift for Education Cards

Recognize a special teacher or VIP in your child's life by making a donation in his or her name to the Needham Education Foundation (NEF). NEF Gift for Education Cards make it simple to show your gratitude, while supporting innovation and excellence in Needham Public Schools. If you order online, NEF can send the cards back to you so you can personalize and hand deliver, or we can mail the cards for you. Cards are \$10 each.

To purchase online (by June 12th), visit nefneedham.org. You may also buy cards in person at Proud Mary, Roche Bros., Sudbury Farms, or Volante Farms through June 21st. Questions? Contact Maureen Callahan at mcallahan@nefneedham.org.

The **Child Assault Prevention Program (CAP)** is now accepting applications for volunteers for the 2019-2020 school year. Please join our dynamic and dedicated team of volunteer Prevention Specialists who go into the Needham Elementary Schools in teams of three and teach the children that they have the right to be Safe, Strong and Free with their friends and peers, when they meet adult strangers, and with those who are trusted to take care of them. No prior experience required as training is provided. The next training begins on October 20th. For more information please contact Caren Nemtzow, Director, at 781-444-2415 or cnemtzow@needhamcommunitycouncil.org or visit our website at www.Needhamcommunitycouncil.org.

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