

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
6/19/18	<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



THE ELIOT SCHOOL

**SUMMER
FOOD
DRIVE**

benefitting the
**NEEDHAM COMMUNITY
COUNCIL FOOD PANTRY**

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

MOVE UP DAY

Earlier this week, students in grades K-4 met their potential teachers for next year. Our new staff, Mrs. Altschuler (grade 1), Ms. Kozin (Grade 4) and Ms. Westphalen (Grade 4) were here as well to meet the kids. Teachers got the chance to preview basic expectations and events to their incoming students and students asked lots of questions. Please see the pictures below.

CLASS LISTS

Class placement letters will be mailed in early July. Please remember that you will receive the list for your child's class, not the whole grade. Please be sure we have your correct home address on file. If your address has changed, please take a minute to verify your child's PowerSchool account information to make sure it is accurate. To change your address, you must contact Corine Burke, (corine_burke@needham.k12.ma.us or 781-455-0400 x11245) the NPS registrar to initiate an address change. Please also include Mrs. Rains (susan_rains@needham.k12.ma.us) in your communications so that she can track the progress of your update.

BOOSTERTHON FUN RUN

Thank you so very much for all of your support for the fun run earlier this week. The kids really loved the event and managed to raise over \$15,000! It was wonderful to have families there to encourage our kids. As a reward for meeting our fundraising goal, teachers will participate in a pie face game on Tuesday afternoon in front of the kids. (Yikes!) It should be a memorable experience everyone.

Grade 1



Grade 3



Grade 2



Grade 4



Eliot Move
Up day
2019



Grade 5



ALL THINGS BOOKS

ELIOT LIBRARY BOOKS

All library books checked out to students are now overdue. Please locate any books and return them to the library as soon as possible. If a book is lost, please purchase a new copy of the book in the same format and send it in to the library as a replacement. If the book is not available to purchase, please send in a check payable to "Needham Public Schools" for the replacement cost.

Please email Mrs. Mullin at molly_mullin@needham.k12.ma.us with any questions.

SUMMER READING

All students are encouraged to read over the summer. We are focusing on borrowing from the public library over the summer, but if you would like your child to borrow books from the school library for the summer, please email Mrs. Mullin giving your permission.

Elementary Librarians Suggestions for grades K-4 -

If you are looking for some ideas of things for students to read over the summer check out the lists on the Eliot library website at <http://eliot.needham.k12.ma.us/classrooms/library>

Required Summer Reading for rising 6th graders to High Rock -

The rising sixth graders are required to read two books this summer from the High Rock Summer List. All of our fifth grade students have received a paper copy of the list and the parent letter. An annotated copy of the list and PDFs of the parent letter and sign off sheet can be found at the High Rock Library web site at <https://highrocklibrary.weebly.com/>

Needham Free Library Summer Reading Program -

All the public libraries in Massachusetts have a summer reading program called "A Universe of Stories" this summer. Fliers and calendars have gone home with all students kindergarten through grade 4. You can register for the program at the Children's desk of the library or online at <https://needhamma.beanstack.org>. (Note: The web site address printed on the library flier is incorrect, this is the correct address)

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An Interview with:

Mr. Brenhiser Eliot's PE Teacher

Reported by: Eliot Third Grade Students: Louisa Krauss, Molly Spear,

Abby Taylor and Iris Zhang & Editor: Mrs. Rains

Q: *What was your favorite sport as a kid and is it still your favorite? If not, what is?*

A: When I was a kid, my father was a college football coach and my favorite sport was football. Now my favorite sport is baseball.

Q: *Did you ever want to be a professional sports player, if so what sport did you want to play?*

A: Yes, I wanted to be a baseball player for the Red Sox. Even though I lived in New York, I was a Red Sox fan.

Q: *Why did you want to be a PE teacher and how many years have you been a teacher at Eliot?*

A: My favorite subject in school was PE. I wanted to be a PE teacher so I could help kids learn to play different sports and activities. And, I've been at Eliot since 2005, fourteen years.

Q: *What do you like best about your job and what is your favorite unit and game to teach?*

A: I like seeing how my students' confidence grows from Kindergarten to fifth grade in the different activities we play. My favorite games and unit are throwing and catching and gymnastics.

Q: *Do you coach sports during the school year or teach summer camps?*

A: Yes, during the school year I coach NHS boys lacrosse and help with boys basketball. In the summer I teach lacrosse and basketball at summer camp.

Q: *Do you play sports at home with your family? If so, what outdoor games do your daughters like to play with you?*

A: Yes, we like to play soccer, tag and we throw frisbees.

Q: *Because you wear PE clothes at school, do you get like getting dressed up and going to fancy parties?*

A: Yes, I like getting dressed up. Whenever I do, my daughters tell me that I look very handsome.

Q: *Since summer school vacation is almost here, do you like playing water sports in the summer, if so which ones?*

A: Yes, I like to swim, ride boogie boards, slip and slide and throw water balloons.



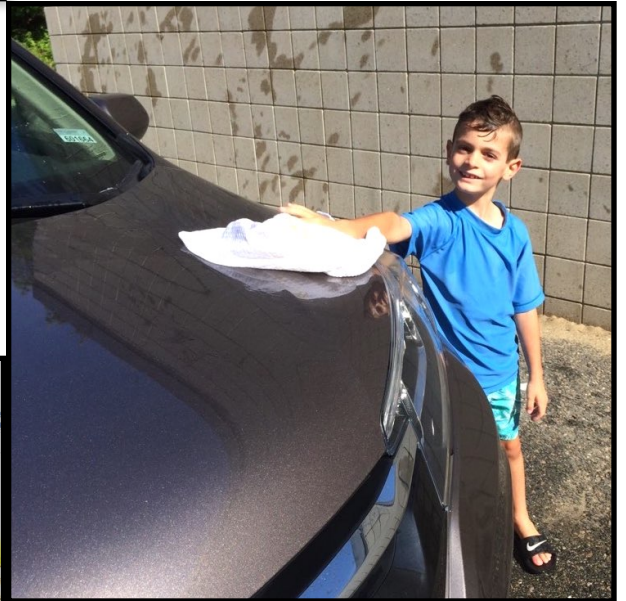
Mr. Brenhiser and reporters

THE CAR WASH



Photo by Eliot mom Nathalie Blitz

While students in grades 1 -5 participated in Eliot's annual field day, led by Mr. Brenhiser, students in Mrs. Cohen's Kindergarten class, held a car wash.



Photos by Mrs. Rains

Town of Needham & NPS News

SAVE THE DATE! The Rotary Club of Needham's Needham Carnival is coming up July 11-14 at Needham High School. For details, go to www.NeedhamCarnival.com. On that page if you click "going," you will be entered to win a free day for your family at the carnival. This is a good old fashion carnival with rides for kids of all ages, midway games, and carnival food like fried dough and cotton candy. This is a wonderful opportunity to make memories for your family that will last a lifetime.

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

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

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.