



# John Eliot School

## Bulletin

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### Principal's News

*Dear Eliot Families,*

*It was wonderful to see you at curriculum night last night. I hope you got an opportunity to meet all of the educators working with your children and received information to support your child academically at home. I have attached last night's presentation to the email.*

*([https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1TVhGyVBdmK7O4Ka08m\\_jsb9JX5DGqUHQXLtVJFWoJA4/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1TVhGyVBdmK7O4Ka08m_jsb9JX5DGqUHQXLtVJFWoJA4/edit?usp=sharing)) We look forward to continuing to partner with you and please be sure to reach out to us during the school year.*

### MCAS DATES

Parents for kids in grades 3-5, please make a note of the following MCAS dates. This year, students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will take the MCAS test online. 3rd, 4th and 5th grader will take English Language Arts and Math tests. 5th graders will also take the Science and Technology tests. Please see the schedule below:

Grade 3 -	April 6	Monday	ELA session 1
	April 7	Tuesday	ELA session 2
	May 7	Thurs	Math session 1
	May 8	Friday	Math session 2
Grade 4 -	April 14	Tuesday	ELA session 1
	April 15	Wed	ELA session 2
	May 12	Tues	Math session 1
	May 13	Wed	Math session 2
Grade 5-	April 2	Thurs	ELA session 1

April 3	Friday	ELA session 2
April 28	Tuesday	Math session 1
April 29	Wed	Math session 2
May 18	Monday	Science/ Tech/ Engineering session 1
May 19	Tuesday	Science/ Tech/ Engineering session 2

### **Breakfast**

A "Grab and Go" breakfast is available for purchase by all students every morning from 8:00 - 8:20 am. Students can grab a breakfast in the cafeteria and bring it to their classrooms to eat prior to starting their day.

### **Morning Drop off**

As a reminder, students may enter the building at 8:05 am and the morning bell rings at 8:20 to begin the school day. If there is traffic in the car line, we will not mark your child tardy. We strongly encourage families to stay in their cars during the morning drop off and not use the crosswalk in front of the building unless necessary. This will help us keep the traffic flowing and help all students enter the building on time. If parents would like to drive to Eliot and walk students to the building, Ardmore and Taylor Streets are good places to park. We ask that you not drop your child off prior to 8:05 unless they are enrolled in the NEDP program. Students left outside prior to 8:05 are unsupervised. Thank you!

### ***Photo Day***

*Our school Photo Day will take place on **Tuesday, September 17.***

***Your child will have an individual photo taken and a class photo.***

***In addition, Fifth graders will also have a photo taken with the entire fifth grade population, on the Eliot rock.***

*Please check your child's backpack today, Friday, 9/13, for a detailed flyer from Lifetouch on the type of photo packages that are available and how you can order photos.*

*If your child will be paying for the photos by check, please have him/her place the check in the envelope included in the flyer and bring it to school on Tuesday, the 17th. If you are making an on-line payment, please go to: [Mylifetouch.com](http://Mylifetouch.com) and enter the Eliot School picture ID #MV039175Q0.*

*Please direct your photo questions to the photo experts at, Lifetouch, by calling: 508-946-0363*

### ***COMMUNITY EVENTS***

***Storytime Crafts, a non profit in Needham*** is collecting new and gently used children's books for grades PreK-8. All books collected are hand delivered to Boston area schools. Books most requested by schools are culturally diverse books. If you would like to donate books please drop off at 21 Greenwood Ave or contact Lisa Vergara at [lvstorytime@gmail.com](mailto:lvstorytime@gmail.com)

***The Fall Sale of the Friends of the Needham Public Library*** will be held on Friday, September 27 from 12:30-4:30, Saturday, September 28 from 9:00-4:00, and Sunday, September 29 from 1:00-4:00. Sunday is bargain day with all books half-price and a brown bag of books \$8.00. For further information, visit the Friends' website <http://friendsneedhamlibrary.org> or call 781-455-7559.

### **Charles River Center 5K Run/1 Mile Walk**

Run local for a great cause on Sunday, September 22nd at 11:00 am. [www.charlesrivercenterroadrace.com](http://www.charlesrivercenterroadrace.com) . All proceeds from the road race will go to the Charles River Center in Needham. The Charles River Center supports more than 950 children and adults with developmental disabilities including autism and Down syndrome.



The poster for Nourishing Needham Healthy Eating Week features a light yellow background with the title in green and orange text. Below the title, a dark wood-grain background contains descriptive text, a QR code, and the Needham logo.

**Nourishing**  
**Needham**  
**Healthy Eating Week**  
**September 21st - 29th**

Nourishing Needham is a week-long, community based initiative designed to raise awareness about the connection between food intake and human and environmental health. This pilot program partners with local food establishments to highlight healthy menu options that meet specific dietitian-approved nutrition criteria.

For more information, scan the QR code below or go to the following website: <https://stephaniemcculloch.wixsite.com/nourishingneedham>.



**Needham Farmers Market and Harvest Fair**  
**Sunday , October 6**  
**12:00-4:00pm**  
**Town Common**

Experience fall fun for the whole family!  
Enjoy the returning Touch the Trucks and Bouncy House  
Grab a free pumpkin and scope out the many children friendly activities  
Bring home fresh seasonal produce and local artisan crafts  
Sample fare from Needham restaurants in our Food Court  
Stop by our local business and organization booths.

For more information about the event, please go to [www.nnchamber.com](http://www.nnchamber.com)

## Needham Basketball Association (NBA) Sign-Ups 2020

Applications for the 29th Needham Basketball Association (NBA) season are now downloadable from [www.needhambasketball.com](http://www.needhambasketball.com) and should be submitted via US mail beginning October 1st and concluding November 1st, 2019. The program is for boys and girls in grades 1-4. Season runs from January 4, 2020 to March 18, 2020 and the cost is \$170. If questions, leave message on website and you'll be quickly responded to.

## Bring Your ideas! NEF Accepting Fall '19 Grant Applications

The Needham Education Foundation (NEF) is now accepting applications for both small and large grants. All applications are due by **Tuesday, October 22, 2019**. Any Needham Public School educator, administrator or community member — including students and parents — is eligible to apply. There will be two more opportunities to submit applications this year: January 21 and April 14, 2020.

- Small grants fund projects up to \$5,000
- Large grants fund projects up to \$15,000

Within small grants, the NEF offers two additional options:

- Express grants allow applicants to apply for a program already funded by the NEF at another school
- Multi-School grants allow schools to apply together without the constraints of the small grant funding limit (up to \$3,000 per school)

Contact us at [nef@nefneedham.org](mailto:nef@nefneedham.org) or talk to you NEF school rep (found on our website) if you have any questions or would like guidance. To see what the NEF has funded in the past and to apply online, please visit: [www.nefneedham.org/grants/](http://www.nefneedham.org/grants/).

## Needham Public Library Happenings

### Mr. DJ's Hollywood Game Show

For Children in Grades 1-5  
Saturday, September 14th  
2:30 PM

Children will be chosen from the audience to answer questions for points and prizes in a game show, just like on TV. Contestants will use stations with microphones, lights and digital scoring. The game is easy and fun and every child receives a prize. Can a team of children win against a team of parents, proving once and for all who is really smarter?

### Read To Annie the Dog

Monday, September 16 3:30-5:00 PM  
Saturday September 21 2:30-4:00 PM  
For Children in Grades 1-5

Children who are learning to read, building confidence, want to practice reading aloud or just want to read to an adorable dog are invited to sign up for a 15 min time slot. Annie, a sweet golden doodle, is a trained therapy dog and a good listener. To schedule an appointment, stop by the Children's Desk at the Needham Free Public Library or call 781-455-7559 x 204.

### Free Movie Showing

How to Train Your Dragon (PG)  
Friday, September 20th 3:30 PM

Children of all ages are invited to see the original movie before the sequel opens in theaters. Hiccup is a Norse teenager from the island of Berk, where fighting dragons is a way of life. When he must attend dragon-fighting school, he tries to prove that he can do it, even though he often bungles it. When he meets an injured dragon, he has the chance to change the future of his village.

**Family Activity Game Day**

All Ages

Saturday, September 21st at 10:00-11:30 AM

Families with children of all ages are invited to drop in to play a game or two. Learn a new game or play an old favorite.

**Space Bingo**

For children in Grades 1-5

Thursday, September 26th 3:30 PM

Another opportunity for fun and games along with prizes!

**Bookventurers Book Club**

For children in Grades 3-5

Saturday, September 28th 3:00 PM

Children read the book then come to discuss it while sharing snacks and fun activities.

This month's book is *Almost Super*. Two brothers in a family of superheroes must find a way to be heroic, even though their super powers are total duds. Imagine waiting to find out what your super power will be and finding out it's striking matches on polyester or turning an innie belly button into an outie! A fun, humorous book that is, well, super! Copies available at the Children's Desk. Registration required. To register, stop by the Children's Desk or 781-455-7559 x 204.

**Other Important Dates**

9/17/2019	School Photo Day	
9/18/2019	PTC Meeting - 9-10 a.m.	Performance Center
9/25/2019	First Early Release Day	Dismissal at 12:15 p.m.
9/30/2019	No School - Rosh Hashanah	
10/26/2019	Pumpkin Run	Playground - 10 a.m.
10/9/2019	No School - Yom Kippur	
10/14/2019	No School - Columbus Day	
10/4/19	Fairy Tale Fitness	6:30 p.m.
10/23/19	Early Release Day	Dismissal at 12:15 p.m.



The Solarize Mass Plus Needham program is a cooperative effort between the state, local officials, volunteers, residents and small business owners coming together to spread the word on the environmental and economic benefits of having a Solar PV system on their home and other clean energy technologies. Solarize Mass Plus Needham allows you the opportunity to adopt clean energy technologies together with your friends and neighbors, working with local installers offering special limited-time discounts vetted by representatives from your community.

Solarize Mass Plus is a community grassroots program that is supported at the state level by the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) and the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER). The Solarize Mass Plus Needham program will run through the spring of 2020 and home and business owners will have until April 30, 2020 to sign contracts in order to lock in the savings the program offers.



#### What is Solarize "Plus"? Rooftop Solar, Air Source Heat pumps, and EVs

Solarize Mass Plus is a program that pairs the standard Solarize Mass model with complementary clean energy technologies. Solarize Mass Plus Needham has elected to pair **Rooftop Solar** with **Air Source Heat Pumps** and **Electric Vehicles**.

Solarize Needham participants will have the opportunity to learn about a Solar PV system for their home, as well as air source heat pumps, through Solarize Mass outreach activities. They will also be able to purchase either or both technologies at the Solarize Mass discounted price.



#### Air Source Heat Pumps and EV's

Air source heat pumps offer high-efficiency heating and cooling in one system. Since heat pumps are powered by electricity, installing Solar PV and a heat pump can allow you to take advantage of lower-cost, clean electricity.

Electric vehicles (EVs) use battery-powered electric motors for propulsion. Since these batteries are charged by electricity, installing Solar PV can allow you to fuel your electric vehicle with cheaper, clean electricity, saving you even more on an annual basis relative to gasoline-powered cars while further reducing your carbon emissions.



#### Who is involved from the local community?

The town of Needham has designated a municipal representative, **Tatiana Swanson**, who will offer municipal support for the program.

There will be two community solar coaches, **Donna Vello & Paul Dellaripa** who will coordinate the community outreach process, answer your questions, and be the main point of contact for the community.



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- Lower monthly electric bills
- Education to expand your energy choice
- Protect the environment





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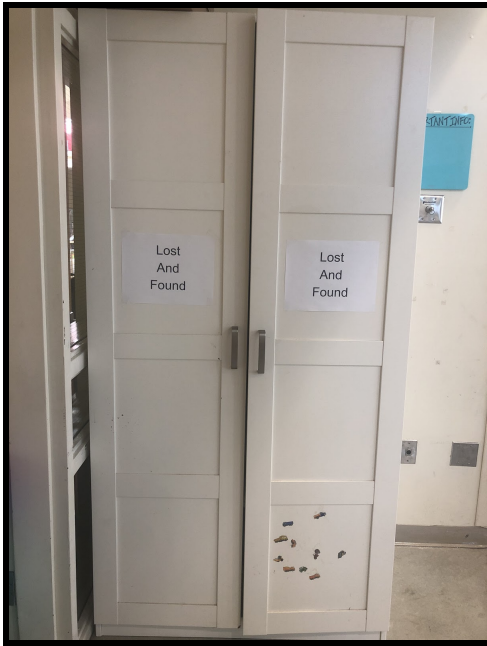
## New Lost and Found Area at Eliot

Still in the Cafeteria

But now we have a closet at the entrance to the cafeteria, on the left.

All clothing items will be placed here.

We have started to collect some items, please check to see if anything belongs to your child.



See you next week!

