



John Eliot School

Bulletin

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Principal's News

Eagles Nest Lessons

The Guidance Counselors and Speech Pathologist will once again be providing Eagles Nest lessons across all grade levels. "Eagles Nest" lessons concentrate on character education, social emotional skills and social pragmatic skills. These lessons will focus on **E**xpected Behaviors, **A**cceptance, **G**rowth mindset, **L**iving in the moment (mindfulness), and **E**mpathy. The goal of these lessons is to encourage positive character traits to help students excel both in and out of the classroom. These lessons are meant to complement the Second Step curriculum and will begin in early October. Students will be able to bring home some examples of what they are learning during these lessons!

ST MATH

Last year, Eliot school was selected as a recipient of the ST Math Grant. ST Math is a visual instructional program that builds a deep conceptual understanding of math through rigorous learning and creative problem solving. Students will use the ST (Spatial Temporal) Math App at school and at home to solve puzzles that become increasingly complex, moving from the visual to the symbolic representations as students complete them.

As a school, we have been working towards developing mathematicians who have deep conceptual understanding, are problem solvers, and actively engaged in the mathematical learning process. The Eliot School Improvement Plan states that our goal is to "Create confident mathematicians who possess a curiosity of how math is embedded in the world around us." To meet that goal, our professional development for math has focused on how we can develop problem solving behaviors in students, provide students with tasks that promote productive struggle, and open up our curriculum so that students make their own meaning, form connections, and independently apply mathematical concepts. Additionally, there has been a focus on equity. The staff has been working on providing all students with deep, accessible mathematical experiences in order to meet our goal for student learning, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, language, or

special education designation. The program provides tasks that are accessible to all students and moves students towards application of their understanding.

This year K-2 will implement the program as well as the 4th and 5th grade Language Based special education classroom. Next year, Grades 3-5 will participate.

This Afternoon, I had the pleasure of watching students use the online program in 2 Wolfe. The students used their innate problem solving skills and persevered through the challenging puzzles. As I sat with kids, I could see the pride on their face as they figured out challenging mathematical concepts. Thank you Mrs. Heins (the math coach) for introducing this fantastic program to our students at Eliot school!



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



FROM Our Spanish Teacher, Señorita Jodrie



September: Welcome back! For those of you who are new this year, I am Señorita Jodrie, the Spanish teacher. I get to teach kindergarten this year for the first time. I teach kindergarten, first and second graders once a week, and third, fourth and fifth graders twice a week. Each class lasts forty minutes.

Kindergarteners are getting to know me, and are working on some greetings and introducing themselves in Spanish, so ask them to tell you how to say what their name is in Spanish!

First graders are also getting to know me as I did not have them last year, and I gave them all a Spanish name. They are also working on how to introduce themselves, so ask them to tell you their name in Spanish!

Second graders are remembering their Spanish names. We have talked a little about introducing ourselves, and greetings, so have your second grader introduce themselves to you in Spanish!

Third, fourth and fifth graders are reviewing their names in Spanish, and remembering the Spanish names of their peers as well. They wrote a poem called "I Am From" giving everyone some ideas about their background and culture. Ask them what they included in their poem! They are all starting to work on a beginning of the year conversation, in order to help review what they have already learned.

I try to put something in the bulletin at least once a month about what we are doing in Spanish class. This year I am also trying to send out the same information through classroom teachers so there is more than one place to access the information.

I will add the link to our Spanish website in case students want to practice at home

<http://bespanish.weebly.com/> and I am also on twitter where I share pictures and videos about what we are doing in class. Follow me at @EliotelemSpan

Save the Date!

Child Assault Prevention Program (CAP)

Parent Information meeting for parents from the Eliot, Newman and Sunita Williams Schools

Thursday October 10th, 2019 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at: Eliot School Media Center

During the upcoming school year, the CAP program will be presenting children's workshops in grades 1, 3 and 5. Please plan to attend the to learn about this prevention program, which teaches children how to be Safe, Strong and Free in situations that involve bullying, strangers, and uncomfortable touch by known persons. Next week, parents of students in Gr 1, 3 and 5 will receive an email about CAP. In addition parents of students in Grade 1 will receive a brochure, that your child will take home to you. Also, you will receive a permission slip for you to sign, allowing your child permission to attend the program.

A note from the school office:

When your child is going to be out sick, please be sure to call our Absent line, which is the school's main number: 781-455-0452, then wait for the prompt to record the absence.

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Community Events

Needham Youth & Family Services presents "Family Fun Makers", come join us for creativity, collaboration, and wholesome "unplugged" family fun. Geared toward having families engage in positive communication to make a special project together and share the provided dinner. Scheduled for October 17th, November 13th, and December 12th from 5:30 – 7:00, to sign up please contact Carolyn Tracey at ctracey@needhamma.gov or find our flyer at www.needhamma.gov/youth

Hello Jr. Celtic's Fans!

We are very excited to bring back our Jr. Celtics Youth Development League! In collaboration with the Boston Celtics, participants will receive a Jr. Celtic's YMCA reversible game jersey, opportunity to attend a Jr. Celtic's clinic at the Red Auerbach Center and much more! Registration Began September 23rd!

Runs November 2nd – December 21st

Saturday 9:10am-2:00pm (grades 1-2)

Saturday 9:10am-1:00pm (grades 3-4)

ALL GIRLS Saturday 2:10pm-6:00pm (grades 1-2)

ALL GIRLS Saturday 1:10pm-4:00pm (grades 3-4)

Contact Marcus Nelson for more information- mnelson@ymcaboston.org

The Family Dinner Project: November 7, 6:00-7:45 pm, Open to all families!

We all know how important it is to have dinner as a family, but with busy schedules and tired kids and parents, it isn't always easy! Come enjoy a family dinner where you will:

- *Share experiences and insights around the benefits of family dinners*
- *Spend hands-on time making an appetizer as a family*
- *Enjoy fun games and activities*
- *Learn about tools to improve the frequency and quality of family meals*

November 7 from 6:00-7:45 pm

The Center at the Heights

300 Hillside Avenue, Needham

Appetizer, dinner & dessert included

\$5 per family

In the Girl Scouts G.I.R.L stands for Go-Getter, Innovator, Risk-Taker, and Leader. Come join and see what all the fun is about! A new Brownie troop for 2nd grade girls is forming for girls not already in a troop. Please email Betsy Deitte at betsyab@gmail.com for more information.

METCO Needham Parent Council

Supporting families Boston- Needham-



METCO Needham Parent Council (MNPC) is comprised of parent volunteers who have come together to create a organized support for METCO Needham families throughout the district. Our meetings are every third Thursday; Sept-May, at Twelve Baptist Church Roxbury, MA.

OUR MISSION:

MNPC mission is to facilitate understanding, respect, and support for all children in our METCO Needham community by promoting a network of parents/guardians with concerns and to provide an opportunity to share information. To accomplish this, MNPC will provide informational workshops, resource fairs and meetings with parents/guardians, educators, students, and professionals.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT WE DO, PLEASE SEND US AN EMAIL AT
NEEDHAMMPC@GMAIL.COM

SEPAC Parent Coffee

Join us for an informal coffee and conversation with SPED Eliot families

An opportunity to meet and reconnect with new and familiar SPED families at Eliot.

All are welcome!

Monday, 11/18 7:30PM

at Panera on Highland Ave.

For more information, please contact Nathalie Blitz, Raven Register and Jenn Scheck-Kahn at:
eliot@needhamsepac.org

Other Important Dates

9/30/2019	No School - Rosh Hashanah	
10/4/2019	Fairy Tale Fitness	Eliot gym 6:30 p.m.
10/9/2019	No School - Yom Kippur	
10/10/2019	Parent Info Night - Child Assault Prevention Program (CAP)	Eliot media center 7-8 p.m.
10/14/2019	No School - Columbus Day	
10/23/2019	Early Release Day	Dismissal at 12:15 p.m.
10/26/2019	Pumpkin Run	Eliot Playground - 10 a.m.



See you next week!