



John Eliot School

Bulletin

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Principal's News

Needham teachers are provided many opportunities to grow as educators and keep up with current practices. At the district level, Professional Development options are provided to teachers during early release days in all subject areas such as Math, Literacy, Science and Mindfulness to name a few. Teachers choose a focus for the year and have the opportunity to learn in one specific area.

As an Eliot staff, the bulk of our time together is focused on equity and access to a high quality education for all students. In the Spring, Eliot staff were given copies of Zaretta Hammond's book, Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain to read and review over the summer. Several staff meetings have been set aside to unpack this book. Last week at our faculty meeting, we focused on the relationship between a student's sense of belonging and comfort while at school to their overall performance. The discussion led to the inevitable conclusion that in order to teach our students, we need to know them, not just as how they perform academically, but who they are as people. We will continue to work to understand who they are, how they learn, and adapt our environments to meet their needs.

As a school, we look for ways to connect with our families in formal and informal ways. This summer, we were thrilled to meet new Kindergarten families at the Eliot Pop-Ups in the community. We talked to parents and kids over lemonade and cookies with the purpose of building rapport, trust and just having fun together. We hope to expand the pop ups to even more families next summer. In the meantime, Eliot Teachers will continue to find ways to get to know our families with parent conferences, feedback forms, and frequent communication. As always, please reach out to us if you would like to share anything about your child.

As a staff, we are committed to do the work and learn best practices as we proceed with our journey to provide an equitable and culturally relevant education for all kids. Thank you for your partnership and we look forward to strengthening our relationship with all of our Eliot families and students.

2019 MCAS dates:

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

ELIOT SCHOOL PHOTO RE-TAKE DAY

For those who were absent on our September photo day and if you weren't happy with your photo we have schedule a photo retake day, with Lifetouch for:

Wednesday, October 30th

FROM Mrs. Mullin, Eliot School Librarian

The following books were donated to the John Eliot School Library during June 2019.

Whatever After: Spill the Beans was donated by Zufash Khan.

Whatever After: Abby in Wonderland was donated by Emily M.

Super-Brain Science Book of Why was donated by Wesley Gibbons.

Sleepover at the Museum was donated by Shirsho Sarkar.

King & Kayla and the Case of the Missing Dog Treats was donated by Ashely Heeger.

Minecraft let's Build: Theme Park Adventure was donated by Lucas Brau.

Ninja Camp was donated by Jacob Sherman.

Arrr, Mustache Baby! Was donated by Liam Levin.

Hilo: Then Everything Went Wrong was donated by Harrison Gatha.

Dog Diaries: A Middle School Story was donated by Eli Turgel.

Moon's First Friends: One Giant Leap for Friendship was donated by Ayrton Astheimer.

Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid was donated by Peter Moore-Ede.

Theodore Boone: The Accomplice was donated by Chelsea Heeger.

Hats off To Mr. Pockles! Was donated by Matthew Liao.

The Boy, The Boat, and the Beast was donated by Lincoln Pollack.

Wolfie & Fly: Band on the Run was donated by Molly Levine.

Circus Mirandus was donated by Emma Brau.

High Five was donated by Peter Shin.

Emily Windsnap and the Falls of Forgotten Island was donated by Mia Moreschi.

Annie B. Made for TV was donated by Mia Steinh.

Chukfi Rabbit's Big, Bad Bellyache was donated by Cody B. Levine.

A Big Mooncake for Little Star was donated by Nathan Margulis.

5 Minute Peppa Stories was donated by Lola Men.

Sticker Girl Rules the School was donated by Reagan Shavor.

Katt vs. Dogg was donated by Micah Gladstone.

All You Need is Love was donated by Katie Lim.

Dog Breath: The Trouble with Haley Tosis was donated by Jake Mason Oriel.

The Princess in Black and the Science Fair Scare was donated by Erinora Arkilo.

Fancy Nancy 5 Minute Stories was donated by Annie Popkin.

The Day You Begin was donated by Stella Popkin.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE OPEN HOUSE AT SUNITA L. WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Needham School Committee will hold an Open House on Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at the Sunita L. Williams Elementary School, 585 Central Avenue. The School Committee looks forward to welcoming the community to meet informally and tour the school.

**Reminder: Spirit Wear School is going on now! The sale has been extended -
orders will now be due OCTOBER 25th.**

Here's what you need to know:

- Order online here: <https://www.headsupapparel.com/collections/Eliot-2019> This is the easiest option.
- OR Can order using paper form included in backpack flyer (*pay with cash or check made out to Eliot PTC)
- **Look for flyer/order form in your child's backpack next week (week of 10/14)**
- Orders will be delivered 4 weeks from close date of sale (late Nov)
- Be careful with accuracy (size, color) when making selections: *orders cannot be changed once submitted online!*

GO EAGLES

Don't miss out or wait until the last minute! Questions? Email brookemreilly@gmail.com

Calling All Eliot 5th Grade Artists!!!!

2019-2020 Yearbook Cover Design Contest

How would you or a group of friends like to design the cover of this year's Eliot yearbook? The yearbook committee needs your help! Use your creativity to come up with the next cover that everyone will remember!



Submission Requirements:

- Paper size: 8 1/2 x 11 inches
- Must be designed in magic marker or paint (no crayons or colored pencils)
- Must include the following text: *Eliot School 2019-2020*
- Please make sure to put your name(s) on the bottom right corner of your design.

Deadline for submission: Please pass in all submissions to the front office no later than *Wednesday, October 16.*

All designs will be submitted to a panel of judges and the most creative design will be chosen.

Questions? Email: suzanne.stein@comcast.net

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION



Needham Special Education
Parent Advisory Council

Needham's Special Education Services and Programs

Please join us for an overview of what Needham has to offer students with all types of needs at all of our schools, from preschool through age 22.

This is an opportunity to meet all of the Special Education Administrators, and to learn about what will be new this year.

Wednesday, October 16

7:00 pm – Refreshments

7:30 pm – Program begins

Broadmeadow School Media Center

120 Broadmeadow Road, Needham

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NHS EVENTS

NHS Friends of Music (FOM) is excited to bring back our sticker drive this fall; NHS Fine & Performing Art students will walk Needham's neighborhoods on Sunday, October 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. asking residents for a contribution to help support FOM and NHS Fine and Performing Arts. FOM is a not-for-profit organization committed to promoting performing arts at NHS. For more information about FOM, or to donate, visit www.nhsfriendsofmusic.org.

Students Acting to Make a Difference (SAMD) proudly presents "Mamma Mia!". Performances on Friday and Saturday, October 25 and 26 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 27 at 2:00 p.m. at Newman Elementary School with proceeds from all performances benefiting the Women's Business Development Center. For tickets: email betsey_pratt@needham.k12.ma.us.

TRICK or TREAT at NHS

Needham High School's junior student council is holding their annual Trick or Treat Event:
October 26, 2018 from 3-5pm
at Needham High School.
Admission is \$5.00 per child.
For more information and to receive a flyer please email nhsstuco21@gmail.com.

Gymnastics Varsity Workshop For Elementary Students

Register for the Gymnastics Varsity Workshop! Fun, pressure free gymnastics classes for boys and girls from preschool (age 4) through 6th grade. The classes are taught on Saturday mornings in December and January for only \$70 by the gymnasts of the Needham High School Girls Varsity Gymnastics team. Registration opens Friday, November 1st! Register Early, classes fill quickly. Learn more and register on-line at www.needhamgymnastics.com

A musical performance - "Women's Journey Through History"

"We Did It For You! Women's Journey Through History" is an educational, fun, and powerful musical that tells of the struggles and triumphs women have undergone to get their basic rights in America. The League of Women Voters of Needham is bringing the play to Needham Town Hall for a special performance on November 3 at 3 pm, and it is appropriate for students of all ages. Advance tickets (\$15/adult and \$10/student) are available at www.lwv-needham.org, contact League@lwv-needham.org with questions.

EXECUTIVE FUNCTION 101 Workshop

Needham Youth and Family Services will present a parent workshop titled "Executive Function 101" on Thursday, October 24 at 6:30p at Powers Hall located at Needham Town Hall (1471 Highland Ave, Needham).

More information is available at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/engaging-minds-executive-function-101-tickets-75904579641?aff=ebdssbeac> or by contacting Needham Youth Services at 781.455.7500 x267 or needhamyouth@needhamma.gov.

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! Each Sunday the teams will participate for 1 hour within the time block given below!

Registration Begins October 14th!

Runs on Sunday's January 5th - March 1st

ALL BOYS Sunday 8:10am-2:00pm (grades 1-2)

ALL BOYS Sunday 9:10am-2:00pm (grades 3-4)

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

ALL GIRLS Sunday 2:10pm-5:00pm (grades 3-4)

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

Other Important Dates

10/14/2019	No School - Columbus Day	
10/13/2019	PTC Eliot Family Hike	Caryl Park in Dover @ 1:30pm
10/15/2019	Sandwich Tuesday	
10/23/2019	Early Release Day	Dismissal at 12:15 p.m.
10/26/2019	Pumpkin Run	Eliot Playground 9:30-11:30 a.m.
11/6/2019	Early Release Day	Dismissal at 12:15 p.m.
11/11/2019	No School - Veteran's Day	
11/27/2019	No School - Professional Development Day	
11/28-29/2019	THANKSGIVING RECESS	
12/11/2019	Early Release Day	Dismissal at 12:15 p.m.
12/17/2019	Winter Chorus Assembly for students	Performance Center at 8:45 a.m.
12/17/2019	Winter Instrument Assembly for students	Performance Center at 1:30 p.m.
12/17/2019	Winter FAMILY CHORUS	Performance Center at 6:30 p.m.
12/23 - 1/1	WINTER RECESS	
1/2/2020	School Resumes after winter recess	



See you next week!