



# John Eliot School

## Bulletin

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### Principal's News:

#### **Fifth Grade Assembly**

The Fifth Graders presented the first assembly of the year on Wednesday 11/13. We did our assembly about KINDNESS! We created huge letters - K, N, and D and placed our bodies in the spot where the I goes. We want everyone in the school to "Become the I in KIND." We then filmed ourselves standing in front of the word saying all the many ways we can be kind to each other. Our ideas ranged from helping do the dishes, to being on safety patrol, to picking up trash to help the Earth stay clean. We showed the video to the whole school at the assembly. We ended our assembly with a song about Kindness. We hope everyone enjoyed our presentation.

#### **Welcome new school nurse!**

We are pleased to announce that we have hired our new nurse for Eliot! Kerry Bickford, has worked as a substitute nurse at Needham High School in the past, and has experience in nursing at Children's Hospital and Mass General, will be filling Nurse Titi's position. Kerry is very familiar with school nursing, and is incredibly excited that she can return to the district at the elementary level. She will be a great fit and will start on Monday, December 2.

We will miss Nurse Titi and wish her the best, Titi's last day will be on Tuesday, December 3. To facilitate the transition, Kerry will work with Titi December 2 and December 3.



### FROM OUR MEDIA SPECIALIST - Mrs. Mullin

*The following books were donated to the Eliot School library during the month of September.*

A is for Astronaut was donated by Henry Yamane.

Alma and How She Got Her Name was donated by Viola Yamane.

Guinness World Records 2020 was donated by Chase Berkowitz.

Minecraft: Guide to Enchantments and Potions was donated by Samantha Zhao.

Trucker and Train was donated by Simon Zhao.

Turtle and Tortoise are Not Friends was donated by Reid Shavor.

Sticker Girl and the Cupcake Challenge was donated by Isabella Rose Levine.

Fear the Bunny was donated by Daniel Berkowitz.

Guinness World Records 2020 was donated by Benjamin Bean.

Click, Clack, Quack to School was donated by Kevin Mackintosh.

Penguin Flies Home was donated by Carolyn Patten-Harding.

The following books were donated to the Eliot School library during the month of October 2019.

The Line Tender was donated by Madeleine Emilia Rowe.

Sealed With A Kiss was donated by Chase Coughlin.

Seashells - More Than a Home was donated by Paityn Kelly.

The Pigeon has to go to School was donated by Valerie Ng.

Groundhog's Runaway Shadow was donated by Michael Keene.

If You Had Your Birthday Party On The Moon was donated by Jacob Murray.

Abner & Tan Get Right-Side Up was donated by Sabina Shtykel.

The Unteachables was donated by Amelia Ung.

Let The Children March was donated by Elsie Doe Christie.

Pokemon: Visual Companion was donated by Joey Nasson.

Bruce's Big Storm was donated by Kaylee Cotter.

Minecraft: Guide to Farming was donated by Tobi Gannon.

Raise Your Hand was donated by Emma Sieczkowski.

Clara was donated by Nicole M. Hidalgo.

A Friendship Yarn was donated by Haniah Khan.

Superheroes Are Everywhere was donated by Aria Zhao.

## *Candy for the Troops*

*Thank You!*

*John Eliot School  
collected 139 pounds  
of candy to send  
to our troops!*



*Thank you to  
everyone who  
contributed.*

*The Wellesley Dental  
Practice will be  
mailing the candy!*

## NEEDHAM HAPPENINGS

**NHS Friends of Music** is sponsoring a raffle to benefit NHS music and theater students by funding scholarships, instrument repair and replacement; plus, concerts and trips — including Prague 2020. Get a chance to win one of 7 GREAT prizes! Details about how to purchase tickets can be found at [www.nhsfriendsofmusic.org/post/fom-announces-amazing-affle](http://www.nhsfriendsofmusic.org/post/fom-announces-amazing-affle).

**Help NHS Friends of Music** raise money for the April 2020 Music Department trip to Prague by joining us at Winterfest — Friday, December 6, 7pm in NHS auditorium. Fundraiser features musical entertainment by a variety of school ensembles and student musicians and a complimentary dessert buffet. Purchase tickets at [www.nhsfriendsofmusic.org/tickets](http://www.nhsfriendsofmusic.org/tickets) or at the door: \$10 students and seniors; \$15 adults.

### The Jog for Joy 5K - Sunday, December 8, 2019

The Jog for Joy 5K is a fun run in support of mental health resources for teens. All proceeds will go to The Needham Youth & Family Services Department to connect teens to the resources they need to live more hopeful lives. Together we are working for a brighter, healthier, more joyful MetroWest region! Walk or jog the 5K course and then stay for the after party, or earn service hours by volunteering. More information and registration at: [www.highrockmetrowest.org/jog](http://www.highrockmetrowest.org/jog)

### Youth & Family Services: Residential Employment Sign-Up

Are you a middle school, high school student or young adult searching to make some money? This time of year we have many Needham residents looking for assistance with your work, snow shoveling, babysitting, pet sitting & more! Register today to have your name on a list for residents to hire you! Ages 12-21 (under 18 must have parent/guardian sign a permission form).

Forms: [www.needhamma.gov/youth](http://www.needhamma.gov/youth)

Email: Kristin, [kscoble@needhamma.gov](mailto:kscoble@needhamma.gov)

**Sean Ellis**, a former Needham student, was wrongfully convicted and served almost 22 years in prison. Sean will tell his remarkable story about his life, two mistrials and the 1990's corrupt Boston detectives' role in his wrongful conviction (<http://www.justiceforseanellis.com/>), and then there will be wine & dessert to celebrate his freedom. Please sign up for this FREE event (11/15 at 7:00pm, The Center at the Heights) sponsored by The New England Innocence Project, Needham Human Rights Committee, and Needham Diversity Committee: <https://seanellisfreeatlast.app.rsvpify.com/>

### Calling all dancers K-5th Grade!

Looking for something fun to do on the upcoming early release day?

Come learn a dance routine with the Needham High School Varsity Dance Team on December 11th from 12:45-2:45. For more information and to reserve your spot online, please reference this link: <https://nhsdanceclinic19.eventbrite.com>

QUESTIONS? Contact [rachelhesser@gmail.com](mailto:rachelhesser@gmail.com)

## Needham Holiday House Tour

The Needham Women's Club announces the 2019 Holiday House Tour taking place on Sunday, December 8, from 12-4pm. Proceeds support local Needham organizations. For information and tickets please go to [www.needhamwomensclub.org](http://www.needhamwomensclub.org) or contact Sheri Edsall at 781-454-8035.

### The NHS Student Council

The NHS Student Council is excited to announce that we will be hosting the annual community-wide Bonfire at Needham High School on Tuesday, November 26th from 5-7pm! After, there will be a Meet and Greet with the NHS football, dance, and cheer teams in the NHS cafeteria. Hot chocolate will be given out during the bonfire and pizza and baked goods will be available for purchase afterwards in the cafeteria! The meet and greet will have a photo station, and fun games that will be run by the High Schoolers!

Link to Flyer!

[https://www.canva.com/design/DADpCpv9JDk/share/preview?token=3YU2KTR6H89DqJTWQLH6w&role=EDITOR&utm\\_content=DADpCpv9JDk&utm\\_campaign=designshare&utm\\_medium=link&utm\\_source=sharebutton](https://www.canva.com/design/DADpCpv9JDk/share/preview?token=3YU2KTR6H89DqJTWQLH6w&role=EDITOR&utm_content=DADpCpv9JDk&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=sharebutton)

We can't wait to celebrate with you all and we hope to see you there! Go Rockets!

See the Information FROM THE NEEDHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY following IMPORTANT DATES.

	IMPORTANT DATES	
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 Concert	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!

## **FROM THE NEEDHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Drop into the [library's STEAM Center](#) to use building and invention materials, robots, snap circuits, coding board games and more.

[Mon, Wed, Thur 3:30-8:30 PM](#)

[Tues, Fri 3:30-5:00 PM](#)

[Saturday 9:00-4:30 PM](#)

[Sunday 1:00-6:30 PM](#)

[Early Release Days 1:00-8:30 PM](#)

**Family Activity Morning**

**All Ages**

[Saturday, November 16th 10:00 AM](#)

Families with siblings of all ages are invited to drop in to create fall tree luminaries together.

**Little Labcoats**

**Ages 6-9**

[Thursday, November 21st 6:00 PM](#)

Children will learn about the inventions of everyday objects, foods and vehicles. Participation includes a chance to brainstorm new inventions to solve a problem. Registration is required. To register, visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x204.

### [Holiday Closing](#)

[The Needham Free Public Library will be closing at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, November 27th and will be closed all day on November 28th in observance of Thanksgiving. The library will reopen for regular hours on Friday, November 29th.](#)

**Read to Annie the Dog**

**Grades 1-5**

[Saturday, November 30th 2:30-4:00 PM](#)

Children sign up for a 15 minute time slot to read aloud to Annie. Annie the Golden Doodle, is a trained therapy dog. Build reading confidence and skill or simply enjoy reading to Annie. To sign up, visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x204.