



John Eliot School

Bulletin

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Principal's News

SPOTLIGHT ON KINDERGARTEN

As many of you know, with the launch of a full day program, students are engaging in a play-based, centers curriculum. One very popular center is science. During center time, students participate in observation and data collection as they learn the content and concepts. Currently, Kindergarteners are studying Plants and Animals in centers. They are learning how plants and animals grow and change over time, and what they need to survive. The unit is divided into four shorter studies: Plants, Worms, Fish, and Animals in Winter. Here are a few examples of our budding scientists at work:



CHINESE VISITOR

This week, Eliot welcomed Chris our Chinese exchange student from the Daxing province. Chris spent the week with his host sibling Liam and stayed with the Velde family for the week. While here, Chris got an opportunity to tour local sights such as the Science Museum and Boston common and also shadowed Liam while at Eliot. It is always a pleasure to have our students from our sister district in Beijing. Thank you Velde family for welcoming Chris into your home!



RECYCLING PROGRAM SUCCESS!

Today, students began the Organic recycling program. As mentioned in an earlier bulletin, Eliot is piloting this program in the hopes of becoming the first zero-waste school in the district. When it's time to dispose of waste, students will have four options: They will put liquids in a bucket, paper and plastics in a blue recycling bin, food waste in a green bin and other trash in a black trash bin. The recycling will be sent to the town recycling center and the food waste will be sent to a company that will turn it into energy.



GREEN SCREEN

This week, students and staff were thrilled to see the addition of the new Green Screen at Eliot school. A green screen wall was placed outside the nurse's office for students to record videos and take pictures. For the past few days, Mrs. Tennyson, the Technology integration specialist, has been working with fourth graders to create weather forecasts.



A NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Thank you Eliot families for such a warm welcome to The Eliot School!

As a reminder, the children go outside if the weather permits. It's important to send your children to school with warm clothes for going outside such as hats, mittens or gloves, a coat, and boots- and please label everything.

Since cold and flu season is upon us, I would like to remind you of when to keep your child home from school. These guidelines were developed in order to minimize the spread of an infectious disease as well as allow proper recovery from illness or injury.

Your child should be kept home from school if he/she has:

- A communicable Disease
- Fever greater than 100 degrees F within the last 24 hours without medication
- Vomiting or diarrhea within the last 24 hours
- Pain that requires the use of narcotic medications
- An upper respiratory illness with significant coughing and/or nasal discharge

Stay healthy!

Kerry Bickford BSN, RN

Eliot News

The Eliot school children have been invited to participate in the Needham Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration. The celebration will take place on Monday, January 20, 2020 at 10:00 am in the Pollard Middle School. The snow date is Sunday, January 26th, 2020 at 1:00 pm, also at Pollard.

We will be performing one song, "Woke Up This Morning", which was one of Dr. King's favorite freedom songs.

I am teaching the song to all 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. It would wonderful if every 3rd, 4th and 5th grader could come out and add their voices to this celebration, and show Needham how much the Eliot School cares about our community. Please email me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Mr. Vallatini, george_vallatini@needham.k12.ma.us

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INFORMATION for Needham families of incoming Kindergarten students for 2020-2021

All children residing in Needham who turn 5 by August 31, 2020 are eligible for enrollment in full-day Kindergarten.

In late December, families of eligible-aged children were sent letters explaining the Kindergarten enrollment process. If you have a child of eligible age and did not receive a letter, please contact Susan Rains at: susan_rains@needham.k12.ma.us, she will send you the letter and add your child's name to the enrollment list.

Please note these important dates:

Know Your Schools Night - January 29, 2020, from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m., at the Broadmeadow Elementary School

Student Registration - must be completed by March 6, 2020

Eliot School Parent Orientation - May 7, 2020, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m

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THANK YOU

*From Eliot mom Beth Garabedian,
Coordinator of the Jimmy Fund Toy Drive*

I am overwhelmed by the unbelievable response we got this year for the Jimmy Fund Toy Drive. I was thrilled to bring in over 250 toys to the children who are being treated at the Jimmy Fund Clinic. A HUGE thank you to everyone in the Eliot community who donated so generously this year.

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Needham Happenings

Needham School Committee FY21 Budget Hearing

The Needham School Committee will conduct a public hearing on the School Department's proposed FY21 budget on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 in the Broadmeadow School Performance Center at 7:00 p.m. The School Committee welcomes public participation in the School Department's budget discussion.

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Come join Girl Scouts at our Snow Much Fun family event for girls in K-3.

While girls (and siblings) enjoy fun activities, learn new skills, and earn a patch, their caregivers will learn how to get involved with a local Girl Scout troop and find out about camp opportunities.

Families who attend the event may enter to win a free week of summer camp!*

This event is on Sunday, January 19 from 1pm-3pm at Camp Cedar Hill, 235 Beaver Street, Waltham, and is for non-Girl Scouts, or girls in forming troops without leaders.

RSVP to 844-306-4736 or bit.ly/snowmuchfunRSVP

*Must attend event to enter, but don't need to be present to win. Free week is for one new week of day camp for the 2020 season valued at \$375. Any amount over is responsibility of the family.

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A Fundraiser for the Needham History Center and Museum

Champagne and Chocolate Goes to the Movies - Saturday, February 8, 2020 - 7:00-11:00p.m.

Powers Hall, Needham Town Hall. Live music, food, chocolate and spirits.

For details email Gloria Greis at needhamhistory.org

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Needham Rocket Hats Still Available!

The NHS Boy's Hockey Program is selling "old time" Needham Rocket hats as part of a fundraising effort.

Hats are \$25, proceeds go to Needham Boys Hockey Program.

Cash or Checks to Friends of Needham Hockey.

Please contact Carol Curran at 781-799-7703 or carolcurran2@gmail.com

Needham Public Library

The Winter Sale of the Friends of the Needham Public Library will be held on Friday, January 24 from 12:30-4:30, Saturday, January 25 from 9:00-4:00, and Sunday, January 26 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.

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A Guide to Special Education

Attorney Michelle Moor will teach families the basics of special education, with information that will help you:

- Understand your child's eligibility for special education
- Know your rights under state and federal law
- Plan and monitor your child's progress
- Be an effective partner with your child's school

Michelle Moor is an attorney whose practice is devoted entirely to helping children with special needs access appropriate educational services. She worked in the disability and special education law group at Kotin, Crabtree & Strong, LLP for several years, and is currently a partner at Moor, Perlman & Gregg LLC.

Broadmeadow School Media Center

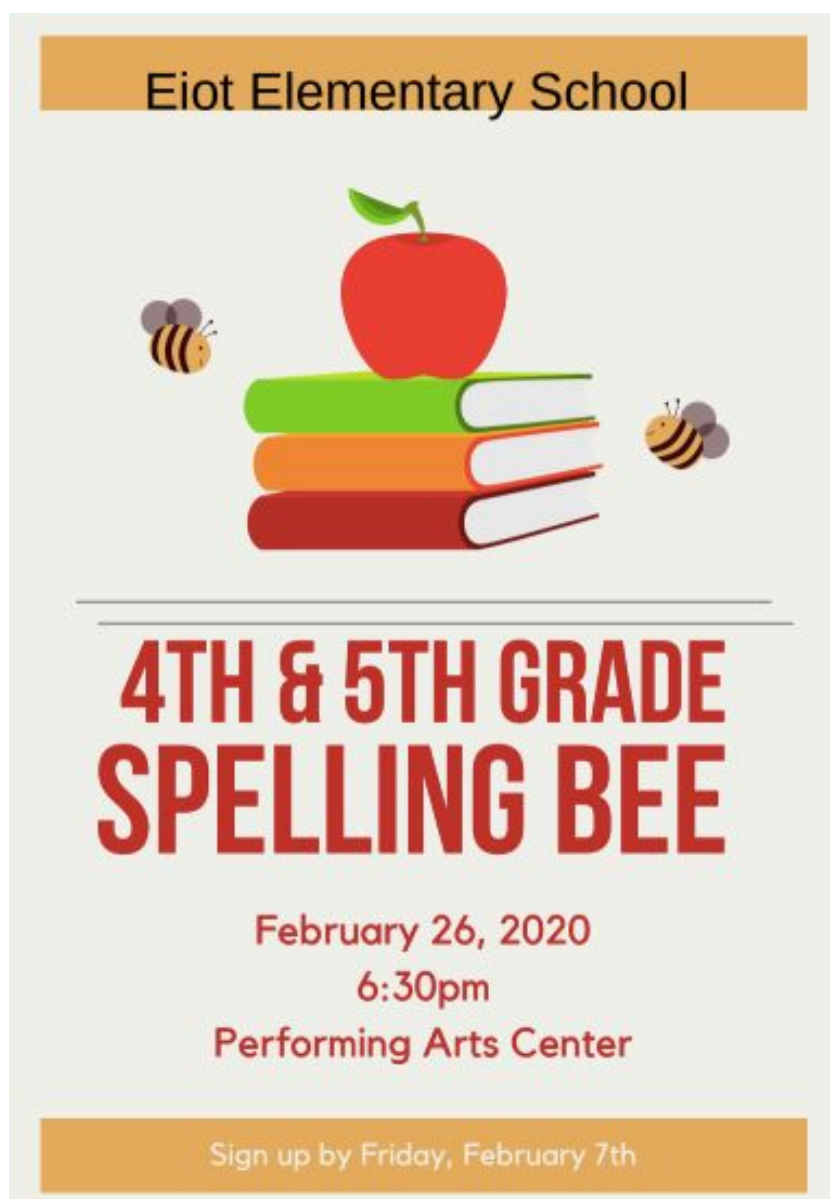
Thursday, January 30

7:00pm – Networking & Refreshments

7:30pm – Program Begins

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Registration for Needham Baseball's Little League baseball program - Kindergarten, 1st Grade and Single A (2nd grade) – is now open through February 15, 2019. The Spring season is from April thru June. For more information and to sign up, please go to the registration page at www.needhambaseball.com.



IMPORTANT DATES

1/20/2020	Martin Luther King, Jr. HOLIDAY	NO SCHOOL
1/23/2020	Elementary Honors Concert	Newman Elementary School @ 6:30 PM

1/29/2020	Early Release Day, dismissal at 12:15 p.m	
1/29/2020	For Incoming K parents: Know Your Schools Night	Broadmeadow School 6:30-7:45 p.m.
	FEBRUARY	
2/1/2020	Multicultural Night	Gym, Perf. Centert & Cafeteria
2/5/2020	PTC Meeting	Performance Center 7-8 p.m.
2/10/2020	Report Cards Distributed	
2/12/2020	Early Release Day, dismissal at 12:15 p.m.	
2/14/2020	Jump Rope for Heart	During school day
2/17-2/21	February Recess	
2/24/2020	School Resumes after February Recess	
2/26/2020	Eliot's 4th & 5th GR Spelling Bee	Performance Center 6:30 p.m.
	MARCH	
3/4/2020	Early Release Day, dismissal at 12:15 p.m.	
3/13/2020	Pep Rally - Hoops in the Heights	Performance Center 2 p.m.
3/13/2020	Hoops in the Heights Basketball Game	NHS - GYM - 6-8 p.m.
3/18/2020	Early Release Day, dismissal at 12:15 p.m.	

MCAS DATES

Grade 3 -	April 6	Monday	ELA session 1
	April 7	Tuesday	ELA session 2
	May 7	Thurs	Math session 1
	May 8	Fri	Math session 2
Grade 4 -	April 14	Tuesday	ELA session 1
	April 16	Thursday	ELA session 2 (Rescheduled from April 15)
	May 12	Tuesday	Math session 1
	May 13	Wed	Math session 2
Grade 5-	April 2	Thursday	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



See you next week!