



John Eliot School Bulletin

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Principal's News

ELIOT CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Please join us tomorrow evening from 4:00 - 7:00 at Eliot school to celebrate our cultural diversity. There will be great food, performers and tables with information and artifacts from around the world. This is a free event and one of my favorite evenings with our Eliot community. I hope to see you there!

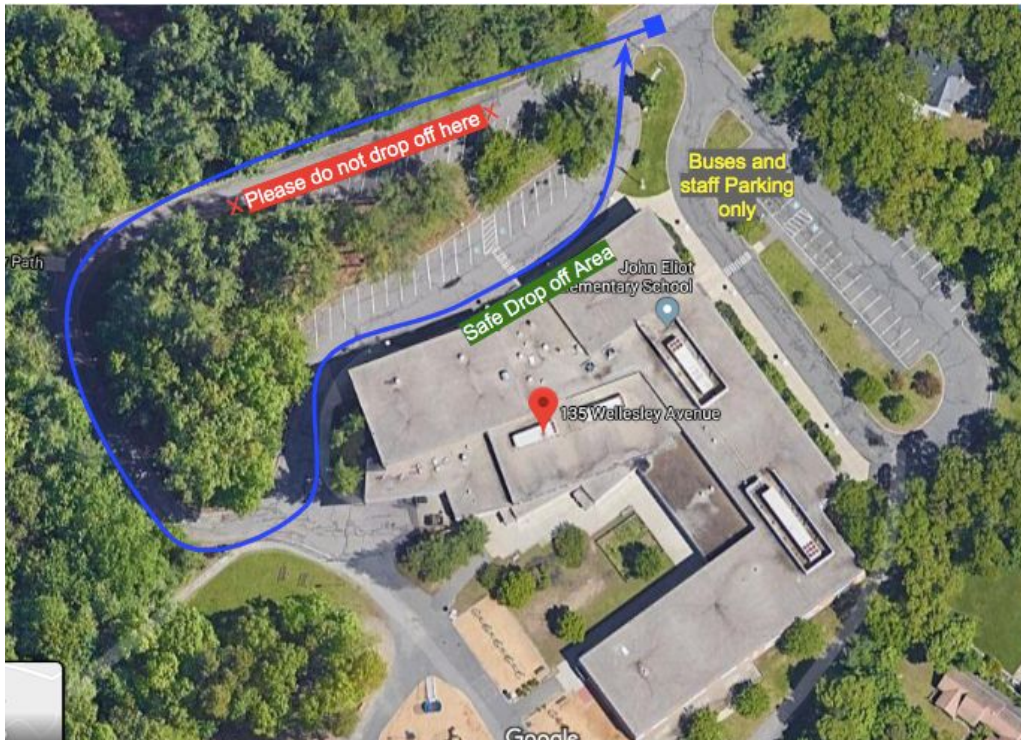
SPOTLIGHT ON SECOND GRADE

Our second graders are currently learning about magnets and magnetism. Students kicked off the unit of study with a visit from the Boston Museum of Science. The Museum of Science presenter highlighted and introduced the study of magnetism and electricity. We all enjoyed the experiments and visit from the museum. It was a terrific way to begin the unit! A big thank you to the PTC and Cultural Arts program for funding the visit.



DROP OFF PROCEDURE, SAFETY ISSUE

Recently, some students have been dropped off on the opposite side of the loop across the, "Safe Drop off Area." This is not safe and we ask parents to drop off their child in the area right in front of the school entrance. Please help us by staying in your cars and avoiding parking in the visitor's spots in the morning unless necessary. Staff members and Safety Patrol students are there to assist so there is no need to park your car and walk up to the front door. Doing so causes us to stop traffic on the cross walk and extends the time for car drop off. As a reminder, we do not mark students tardy if there is traffic. School begins at 8:20. Thank you!



ELIOT SPIRIT DAY

The student council would like to have a Beach Day on Friday, February 14th. Kids can bring their Hawaiian shirts, sunglasses, sunhats and any (warm) beach related wear to school that day.

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HEARTS AROUND NEEDHAM, A NOTE FROM MS. MAAS, ASST. PRINCIPAL

The Eliot School Student Council is again sponsoring our annual school-wide project to spread Eliot School love around the town of Needham just in time for Valentine's Day. This event has been well-received by residents and businesses in the town for the past four years now. We will again need Eliot parent and student support to help us spread the love around town!

The past few years we have taken over 100 hearts to the North Hill community where they have been joyfully received by the residents. Each year we also send hearts to family members of our active military who are

currently serving overseas. If you have a family member overseas and you would like us to send hearts to them, or if you have a connection to an Elder Home or if you have elderly neighbors in Needham, please contact Mrs. Maas so that we may send them hearts as well.

Hearts need to be delivered and hung around town at businesses from February 3rd to February 13th. Hearts are **due to Mrs. Maas by Wednesday, Feb. 12th.**

All Eliot School students are encouraged to make hearts (on **9x11 inch** paper—any color) and write the following words on the Heart:

“Eliot School Loves Needham”

For our Military Hearts please write: “Eliot School Loves You”

The heart may be decorated in any way using sequins, sparkles, etc. (We discourage the use of decorations, such as glitter, that fall off when the glue dries.) Paper bags can also be considered for repurposing!!

*If you have any stickers, paper doilies, special accents that can be shared, please feel free to drop them off at the office so that children will have embellishments to add to the hearts!

We hope to see Eliot School Hearts everywhere the week before and after Valentine’s Day!! Please consider assisting us in delivering Eliot School Valentines!!

Volunteers Needed to Hang Hearts!

Please email me at Mona_Maas@needham.k12.ma.us if you are willing *to take Valentines* when you run your errands between February 5th and 13th.

Parents and students will need to take along **painters tape and/or tacks** to ensure that we can hang the hearts ourselves and not infringe on the businesses to provide these.

Mrs. Maas will be in touch the week of February 5th to 12th answer any questions about how and where to hang the hearts.



Eliot vs. Hillside ('Hoops in the Heights') basketball game



Dear Eliot Families - We are planning one of our biggest PTC fundraisers, the upcoming Eliot vs. Hillside ('Hoops in the Heights') basketball game, which will be played on Friday, March 13th at 6:00 PM at Needham HS. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Plenty of pizza and snacks will be available, so come ready to eat and raise money for the Eliot PTC!

The following three (3) links provide different ways for Eliot folks to engage with this PTC fundraiser:

1) Purchase tickets to the game for \$4.25/ticket at the link below. Tickets sold at the door are \$5/ticket on game night. <https://sunita-williams-ptc.ticketleap.com/hoops-in-the-heights-20202/>

2) Volunteer to help at the concession & souvenir stands.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4cacad22a5fa7-8thannual>

3) Play in the game! Sign up at this link by February 13th. <https://forms.gle/N87nDJsjABxAKXda6>

For any questions regarding this event, please contact Josh Goldfine at j.goldfine@comcast.net.

FIFTH GRADE VIP FAIR

Mrs. Wankowicz reported that the fifth graders had a wonderful celebration on Tuesday January 28. They dressed up as VIP's (very important people), and presented research to the whole school and their parents/guardians. The students did a great job, taking their research and turning it into an essay about their person, and a timeline of important events in their person's life. They all chose very interesting people and did a great job!



Three students chose Helen Keller as their VIP



Two students chose Needham's Aly Raisman



President Lincoln



Malala Yousafzai



Johnny Appleseed

Photos by: Mrs. Rains

Eiot Elementary School



4TH & 5TH GRADE SPELLING BEE

February 26, 2020
6:30pm
Performing Arts Center

Sign up by Friday, February 7th

The spelling bee word list is available on our webpage, under Eliot Happenings.

Needham Happenings

Event: Let's Talk about the A Word

Do you have an anxious child and are you wondering how you can help them? The Eliot PTC has teamed up with the Broadmeadow PTC to bring you a free workshop on the subject. Come hear Jon Mattleman, former director of Needham Youth & Family services, present on supporting your anxious child. **Location: Broadmeadow Performance Center, 120 Broadmeadow Road**

Date and Time: Thursday 2/13/2020, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Contact: president@broadmeadowptc.org

Register: <https://conta.cc/2RvTJNf>

Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run spring registration is currently open for 3rd through 5th grade girls through Needham Parks and Recreation. The 10-week program is designed to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. The season will begin Sunday, March 22, 2020 and will meet on Thursdays and Sundays from 3:30 - 5:00 pm at DeFazio.

You can register by going to the Needham Park and Rec website:

needhamandr.activityreg.com/selectactivity_t2.wcs

NEEDHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY Upcoming Events

Take Your Child to the Library Day, Saturday, February 1st - All Ages - Drop in activities at 9:00 am - 4:30 pm - Families are invited to take their child to the library to explore all libraries have to offer. Stop in to play a word game or make your own paper book to take home.

Read to a Trained Therapy Dog, Tucker the Cockapoo on Tuesdays, February 4 and 18, 3:30-5:00pm

Annie the Labradoodle, Saturday, Feb 8th, 2:30-4:00 & Wednesday, Feb 26th 3:30-5:00 Grades 1-5 - Children gain confidence and practice their reading skills by reading allowed to a trained therapy dog. The dog is non judgemental and a good listener. Sign up for a 15 min. time slot by visiting the Children's Desk or calling 781-455-7559 x 204.

LEGO Club, Wednesday, February 12th 4:00 pm, Grades K and up - Drop in to build with the library's extensive collection of LEGO's. Build along the theme, or make up something of your own. Adults encouraged to photograph their child's creations.

Graphic Novel Writing Workshop, February 5th and 12th, 6:00 pm, Ages 8 and up. - Young artists can work on creating their own graphic novel using storyboarding, thumbnail sketches and other techniques. Participants will be able to share their work in a supportive peer group.

Afterschool Activity, Thursday, February 13th, 3:30 pm, Ages 6 and up. - Children are invited to drop in to create crafts that celebrate the Chinese Year of the Rat. All materials provided.

Little Labcoats Science Club, Thursday, February 13th, 6:00 pm, Ages 6-9 years - Registration required. - Children explore a different scientific topic each month. This month, learn about medicine. Find out what happens when the doctor gives you a shot. Discover how your body deals with viruses and keeps you healthy. To register, visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204.

Bookventurers Book Club, Saturday, February 15th, 3:00 pm, Grades 3-5 - Registration required - Children read the book and come together to discuss it while sharing snacks and participating in fun activities. This month's books is *Loof* by Jude Watson. A notorious burglar whispers his last words to his son, March, "Find jewels." March finds out his father didn't mean jewels, but Jules - the twin sister March never knew he had. Just as the brother and sister are reunited, they are tossed into the worst orphanage ever. But they have a plan for escape and all it requires is one good heist. Copies available at the Children's Desk. To register, visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204.

School Vacation Week Activities at the Library

School Vacation Tuesday, February 18th 3:30 pm - Read to Tucker the Dog, Grades 1-5, Registration required

School Vacation Thursday, February 20th 2:30 PM - Mobile Quest Green Screen Workshop, ages 7 and up, Registration required

Run from an erupting volcano or swing on the rings of Saturn. Create your own mini-movie using special effects. To register, visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204

School Vacation Friday, February 21st, 2:00 pm - Free Movie Showing , Detective Pikachu, Rated PG, 1hr. drop-in.

When detective Harry Goodman goes missing, his 21-year-old son Tim tries to find him, aided in the investigation by Harry's former Pokémon partner, Detective Pikachu.

School Vacation Saturday, February 22nd, 11:00 am - Young Person's Concert with the Wellesley Symphony Orchestra, all ages, drop-in.

Musicians from the Wellesley Symphony Orchestra will introduce children to the insides of an orchestra!

See and hear: strings, winds, brass, and percussion! Listen to a string quartet and learn about the instruments. Learn about melody, counter-melody, and other concepts that make music interesting.

Children's Yoga, Saturday, February 29th 10:30 am, Ages 5-9. Children are invited to drop in and stretch out with a professional children's yoga instructor.

IMPORTANT DATES

	FEBRUARY	
2/1/2020	Eliot Cultural Event	Gym, Perf. Center & Cafeteria
2/5/2020	PTC Meeting	Performance Center 7-8 p.m.
2/10/2020	Report Cards Distributed	
2/11/2020	Eliot School Council Meeting @ 3 p.m.	Principal's conference room
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 grade 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!