



John Eliot School Bulletin

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Principal's News

FOCUS ON 1ST GRADE

This past Tuesday, students celebrated the 100th day of school! First grade likes to celebrate this big day in a BIG way. Activities were set up in the three classrooms and the pod all focusing on the number 100. Activities included building with 100 legos, making towers using 100 cups, fast writing for 100 seconds, and skip counting by 10's to 100 while making friendship bracelets. The first graders were excited to visit the other first grade classrooms and get a chance to work with all of the first grade students. This event was organized by the first grade teachers but run by parent volunteers. A HUGE thank you to all of the parents who volunteered their time to help! We think everyone had a fantastic time! Here are some pictures:



Have a wonderful February vacation!

Eliot News

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-2020/>

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.



The [spelling bee word list](#) is available on our webpage under Eliot Happenings.

A message from our cafeteria manager, Mrs. Grace

There is a change in the February 24th menu:

Chicken wings will not be served, instead the main meal will be chicken dippers/ egg rolls and broccoli with a fortune cookie. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Introduction to High Rock School

Rising Sixth Grade Parent/Guardian Evenings

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 6:30 pm

High Rock School Gymnasium

Hosted by Jessica Downey, Principal of High Rock School

This parent/guardian orientation meeting is for any 5th grade parent/guardian whose child will be attending High Rock School in the fall of 2020. This program will give a broad overview of the High Rock School program including:

- the cluster model
- a typical day in 6th grade
- methods of communication
- course selection process
- transition process

Introduction to METCO Middle School Programming

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 7:30 pm following larger presentation

High Rock School Library

Hosted by Joanne Allen-Willoughby, Director of METCO,

and Leslie Smart, Associate Director of METCO.

This parent/guardian orientation meeting is for any 5th grade METCO parent/guardian whose child will be attending High Rock School in the fall of 2020.

Introduction to Special Education at High Rock School

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 6:30 pm

High Rock School Gymnasium

Hosted by Judith Murphy, Grade 6 Special Education Coordinator

This informational session is for parents/guardians of students who receive special education services and will be attending High Rock in the fall of 2020. This program will be in the High Rock Library/Media Center and will give a broad overview of the special education program including:

- what is a learning center
- how services are delivered
- a typical day for a special education student
- support services and personnel
- method of communication

***All parents/guardians of current 5th grade special education students are strongly encouraged to attend both the March 3 and March 10 introductory sessions.**

THANK YOU

Hearts Around Needham is a success again this year!
We have spread Eliot School Love by hanging at
least 150+ hearts all around town at many of the businesses!!
Please look for them when you are out and about running errands!

The senior residents of North Hill were thrilled to receive
so many lovely hearts again this year. Every heart brings a
smile, along with warm emotions and memories!

We have some beautiful hearts hanging around the school as well.
Please look for them when you come to Eliot. We will keep them up for a couple of weeks.

A special Thank You to the following parent volunteers
who helped hang our heart this year:

Callie Curren Morrell / Coralie Morrell (Kindergarten) Samuel Morrell (3rd Grade)
Ashley Scheufele / Oscar (Kindergarten) Theo Scheufele (3rd Grade)
Jennifer Rider / Wyatt Haneuse (Kindergarten)
Parthena Zimplas / Sophia Zimplas (3rd Grade)
Kara Sickmier / Nathan Sickmier (4th Grade)

Thank you to all the students at Eliot who made this project a success
again by making so many beautiful hearts at school and at home!!

Happy Valentines Day Everyone!
Eliot School Student Council & Mrs. Maas



From Mr. Brenhiser: Jump Rope for Heart

We concluded our annual Kids Heart Challenge-Jump Rope for Heart event to benefit the American Heart Association. As of the end of school Friday, John Eliot students and families had raised \$5,558 dollars, with other money yet to be processed in the form of checks. So imagine we will be close to \$7,000 by the end. I wanted to thank each family who was able to donate to the American Heart Association and to support this event which promotes heart health.

For those children who earned prizes, I will submit my order tonight and those gifts will be sent to school sometime in early-mid March. My goal is to distribute them ASAP. I tried my best to give out the "instant" prizes during lunch times and class, but some envelopes came in after I saw them for the second PE class. I will be sure to distribute those after break.

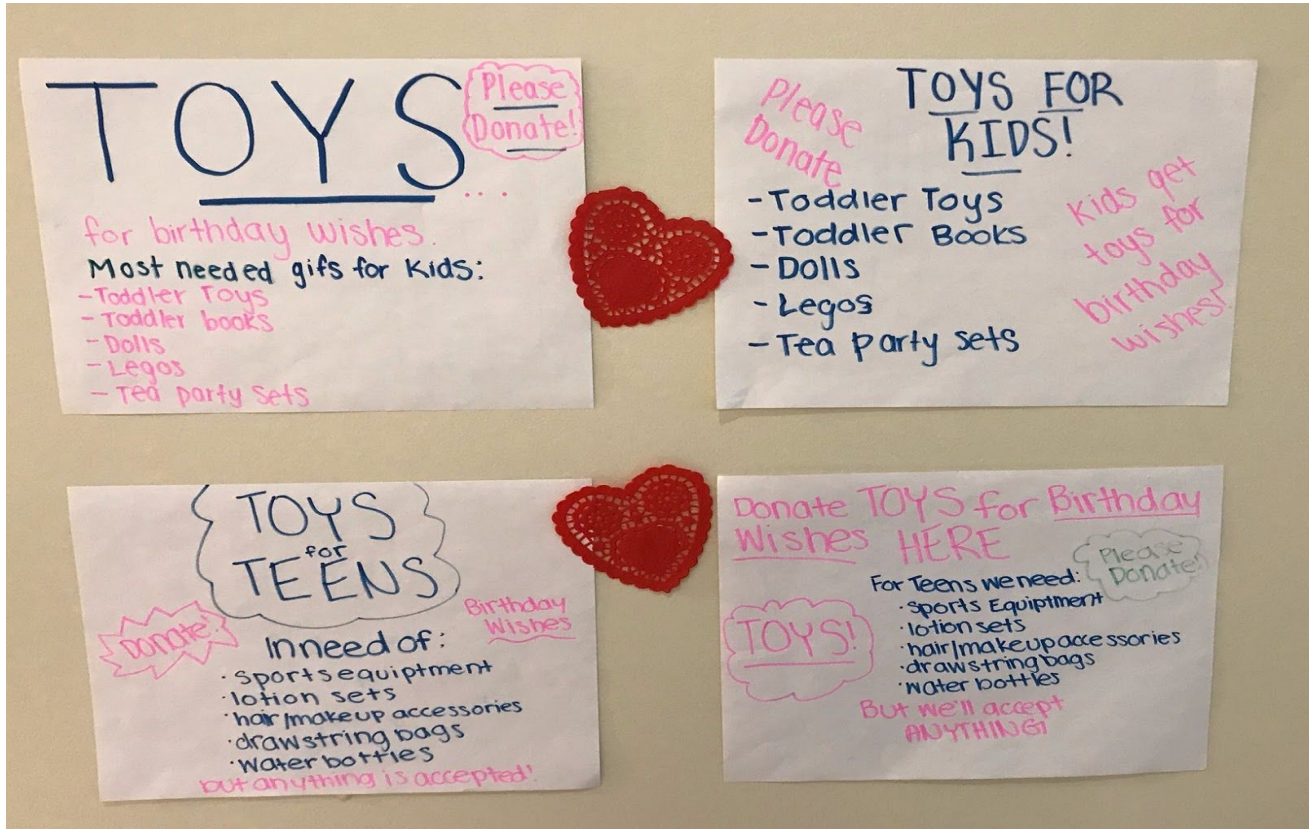


Thanks again and have a wonderful vacation!



Birthday Wishes Fundraiser

Please see donation box in the school lobby.



Needham Happenings

SEPAC Educational Presentation:

Understanding Dyslexia and Supporting Struggling Readers

Please join us for a presentation by Dr. Alissa Talamo, a neuropsychologist from NESCA, who will address dyslexia-related topics including:

- How to identify a student with dyslexia
- Best practices in supporting the acquisition of reading skills
- How changing MA laws will help identify struggling readers

Alissa Talamo, Ph.D. specializes in working with children and adolescents with language-based learning disabilities including dyslexia, attentional disorders, and emotional issues. With NESCA since 2007, Dr. Talamo practiced for many years as a child and adolescent clinical psychologist prior to completing postdoctoral re-training in pediatric neuropsychology.

Broadmeadow School Media Center

Thursday, February 27

7:00pm – Networking & Refreshments 7:30pm – Program Begins

Parents, Rally an Adult Team for the NEF Spelling Bee!

We hope you can join us on Sunday, March 15th at 3pm in the Needham High School cafeteria for the annual NEF Spelling Bee. As the NEF's largest fundraiser, the Bee draws spellers of all ages from Needham schools, businesses, and the community. Join in the fun and show your support of the NEF by forming your own adult team. Get together with a few friends from your neighborhood, poker group, book club, or business, and spell your way to victory.

To register a team, fill out a [registration form](#) by February 28th. Your registration fee will help to fund innovative, educational, and enriching programs for Needham Public School students in grades K through 12. Interested in supporting the Bee but prefer to skip the spelling? Sponsor a team with a donation or place an ad in the Bee Program Book. Visit nefneedham.org for details.

IMPORTANT DATES

	FEBRUARY	
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	
3/3/2020	Eliot School Council Meeting @ 3 p.m.	Principal's conference room
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.
3/15/2020	NEF Spelling Bee	NHS Cafeteria @ 3 p.m.
3/18/2020	Early Release Day, dismissal at 12:15 p.m.	
	APRIL	
4/1/2020	Early Release Day, dismissal at 12:15 p.m.	
4/10/2020	Good Friday - No School	
4/14/2020	Eliot School Council Meeting @ 3 p.m.	Principal's conference room

4/20-4/24	April Recess	
4/27/2020	School Resumes after April Recess	
	MAY	
5/6/2020	Early Release Day, dismissal at 12:15 p.m.	
5/20/2020	Early Release Day, dismissal at 12:15 p.m.	
5/25/2020	Memorial Day - No School	
	JUNE	
6/3/2020	Early Release Day, dismissal at 12:15 p.m.	
6/7/2020	Needham High School Graduation	
6/19/2020	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL with one snow 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 after February break on Monday, 2/24/2020.