

# JOHN ELIOT SCHOOL BULLETIN

OCTOBER 16, 2020



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## **CURRICULUM NIGHT**

This year Eliot will host our first virtual curriculum night. Although we would prefer to meet with all families in person and give you a tour of the building, we hope this format will provide you with information about our teaching and learning approaches at Eliot school. Here is the schedule:

### **Thursday, October 22**

5:15 Kindergarten

6:00 First Grade

6:45 Second Grade

7:30 Drop in zoom with:

- Rachel Ball, PE teacher
- George Vallatini, Music teacher
- Christine McAllister, Art teacher
- Barbara Tennyson, Technology teacher
- Melanie Sullivan, Literacy specialist
- Elizabeth Heins, Math specialist
- Janeen Crawford, Metco Coordinator

### **Thursday, October 29**

5:15 Third Grade

6:00 Fourth Grade

6:45 Fifth Grade

7:30 Drop in zoom with:

- Craig Brenheiser, PE teacher
- Delia Jodrie, Spanish teacher
- Molly Mullin, Media Specialist
- Margaret Berges, Literacy specialist
- Janeen Crawford, METCO Coordinator

The classroom teacher will share zoom links with you prior to the evening. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **RACIAL LITERACY LESSON**

The Eliot staff began racial literacy lessons with their students in-person. For the past two weeks, students discussed Covid 19 and how some racial groups have been targeted.

Teachers had very thoughtful discussions which can be summarized by a first grader who said, "There are some people that are being blamed for this and it is unfair!" It is our hope that conversations at school will help kids have a better understanding of this virus and will help all children feel safe and welcomed.

### **PHOTO DAY**

Photo day for students in the blue cohort has been postponed to Friday, October 30 due to another rainy day. Students in the gold cohort and grades K-2 in the Red cohort had their photo day this past Tuesday.

If your child is in the remote learning academy they should follow the schedule for their photos:

Third Grade - Oct 30 @ 1:30

Fourth Grade - Oct 30 @ 1:45

Fifth Grade - Oct 30 @ 2:00

All individual photos will be taken outside near the teacher's parking lot on the side of the building. Unfortunately, there will not be any class pictures taken this year due to physical distancing requirements.



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**October 21:** Eliot SEPAC Virtual Coffee

**October 22:** Parent Night K-2

**October 29:** Parent Night 3-5

**November 3:** Election Day - School All Day

**November 11:** Veteran's Day - No School

**November 25:** Professional Development - No School

**November 26-27:** Thanksgiving Recess

**December 21-January 1:** Winter Recess

## SCHOOL NEWS

### SEPAC

Join us virtually for our annual building Sepac coffee.

An evening of networking, resource-finding and idea-sharing, pandemic style.

Wednesday, 10/21 at 8PM [Click Here](#)

### NEEDHAM EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM (NEDP)

Our school playground is closed after school from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. During that time, it is being used exclusively by the Needham Extended Day Program (NEDP) and is not available for use by our school families or neighborhood children. NEDP is operating their program in accordance with the requirements of the Massachusetts Department of Early Education & Care.

### TECH NEWS

[October Download 2020](#)

### NEEDHAM'S INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

[Elementary Beginning Instrumental Program Information Grades 3-5](#)

[Advanced Instrumental Program Information \(Continuing Students in Grades 4-5\)](#)

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Bring Your ideas! NEF Accepting Fall '20 Grant Applications**

The Needham Education Foundation (NEF) is now accepting applications for both small and large grants. All applications are due by Tuesday, October 20, 2020. Any Needham Public School educator, administrator or community member — including students and parents — is

eligible to apply. There will be two more opportunities to submit applications this year: January 19 and April 13, 2021.

- Small grants fund projects up to \$5,000
- Large grants fund projects up to \$15,000

Within small grants, the NEF offers two additional options:

- Express grants allow applicants to apply for a program already funded by the NEF at another school
- Multi-School grants allow schools to apply together without the constraints of the small grant funding limit (up to \$3,000 per school)

Contact us at [nef@nefneedham.org](mailto:nef@nefneedham.org) or talk to your NEF school rep (found on our website) if you have any questions or would like guidance. To see what the NEF has funded in the past and to apply online, please visit: [click here](#).

### **Needham Youth and Family Services**

Tuesday, October 27 at 7pm, Needham Youth and Family Services will present a virtual parent workshop titled "Executive Function 101: Academic Skills and Strategies for Success During COVID." To register for this FREE workshop, please visit: [Webinar Registration](#)

**The Substance Prevention Alliance of Needham (SPAN)** is pleased to announce its next quarterly meeting on Tuesday, October 20 from 8:30 – 9:30am via Zoom featuring a presentation, "Creating Connections that Count," by Ty Sells, Certified Prevention Consultant, national speaker and Director of Training for Youth to Youth International in Columbus, Ohio. **This is a free event and requires advance [registration](#).**

### **Needham Extended Day Program (NEDP)**

This unprecedented year presents lots of child care challenges. NEDP is here to help! We provide a safe and fun environment on your family's IN PERSON weeks (following all guidelines and protocols from NPS, CDC, DESE and EEC) where kids can get some exercise, fresh air, work on fantastic art projects, and socialize. Come start your day with us (we are open at 7:15 each day) or spend the afternoon having fun (we are open until 6:00 each evening). We are also operating a FULL DAY program on Wednesday! Email us at [nedpkids@gmail.com](mailto:nedpkids@gmail.com) or check out our website [nedpkids.com](http://nedpkids.com) for more details.

**Rotary Club of Needham Virtual Carnival Nov 7th 9am to 11am.** FREE. Registration link is: <http://virtualcarnival.eventbrite.com> and that page has the full schedule of the event. The Rotary Club of Needham, instead of its usual Pancake Breakfast & Carnival, is holding the Virtual Carnival. We will have a lineup of talent to entertain the kids. We are also going to have kids from other countries and we will do a bit to allow them to meet each other. Do you have family or friends in another part of the world? Feel free to share the link. Hope you can join us.

### **NCE Elementary Fall After School Programs**

The Needham Community Education (NCE) Elementary virtual after school programs offer fun opportunities for first through fifth graders to learn new skills, explore interests, connect with peers, and make new friends across any classroom, cohort or school! View our [online catalog](#) for program details, schedules and class descriptions. There are a wide array of classes that appeal to every child, including: 3D printing, STEM explorations, science, electronics, escape the room, chess, ukulele, fine art, crafts, foreign language, LEGO explorations, yoga and more!

**NCE offers scholarships** for those who qualify for free and reduced lunch and families facing financial hardship. There is a significant reduction in our class fee but we aim to find a personalized solution that is accessible to each family in need of assistance.

**Online registration begins at 7:00am on Thursday, September 24th.**

Registration questions? Contact NCE Registration Manager, Jill Ash, for assistance at [jill\\_ash@needham.k12.ma.us](mailto:jill_ash@needham.k12.ma.us).

Program questions? Contact NCE Program Director, Carolyn Colonna, at [carolyn\\_colonna@needham.k12.ma.us](mailto:carolyn_colonna@needham.k12.ma.us).

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