

JOHN ELIOT SCHOOL BULLETIN

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PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

October 23, 2020

ST MATH PRESENTATION

Please join us on Wednesday, November 4 at 6:00pm to learn more about the ST Math program. ST Math (Spatial Temporal Math) is an online visual math program and used by Eliot students in grades K-5. At the presentation, we will share the rationale behind the program, tips for helping your child at home, and answer your questions. [ST Math form link](#)

CURRICULUM NIGHT

Teachers in grades 3-5 will host a virtual curriculum night on Thursday, October 29. Curriculum night presentations for grades K-2 were on Thursday evening. Please see the schedule below. Teachers will share Zoom links prior to the meeting.

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

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.

AFTER SCHOOL PLAYGROUND USAGE

The Eliot 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Hello Eliot Families! We are off to a strong start for the school year, thank you for your partnership in keeping your children home when they're sick and letting me know if your child is not feeling well.

- Please remember to email at: eliot_office@needham.k12.ma.us if your child will be out of school. In the email you can request that I call you back if you would like to discuss something confidential.
- Reminder: The flu vaccine is now required by the state of Massachusetts Public Health Department for all students- to be administered by December 31, 2020. Please send the proof of immunization to me in the health office (email or fax) or send in with your child and the teacher will put it in my mailbox. Per the Massachusetts website the rationale for this is: "The new vaccine requirement is an important step to reduce flu-related illness and overall impact of respiratory illness during the COVID-19 pandemic."
- If you are planning holiday travel please refer to the [Massachusetts travel website](#) for current regulations for returning to Massachusetts.
- Please call me if you have any questions regarding whether or not you should send your child to school.
- Remind your child/children of the 4 W's (formally 3 W's):
 1. Wear your mask (over your mouth and nose)
 2. Wash your hands (frequently and try not to touch your eyes, mouth and nose)
 3. Watch your distance (try to keep 3-6 ft distance between you and your friends) Wait at home if sick or awaiting test results

If you haven't yet returned your emergency card - please do!!

Thank you.

Kerry Bickford BSN,RN

TECH NEWS

[October Download 2020](#)

PTC NEWS

PTC YEARBOOK DESIGN CONTEST

How would you or a group of friends like to design the cover of this year's Eliot yearbook? The yearbook committee needs your help! [Click here](#)

JUMPIN PUMPKIN CHALLENGE

The Eliot PTC invites you to join in the Jumpin Pumpkin Challenge, Saturday, October 31, 2020. Please [click here](#) for details. Check out the [challenges!](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS

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](#)

Kid's Healthy Mind Initiative

The Parent Happy Hour group at St. Bart's is excited to present the Kids Healthy Minds Initiative (KHMI). It is an awareness and education program presented by clinicians from Franciscan Children's Hospital in partnership with the Archdiocese of Boston. [Click here for more information.](#)

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 or check out our website 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.

Program questions? Contact NCE Program Director, Carolyn Colonna, at carolyn_colonna@needham.k12.ma.us.

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