

JOHN ELIOT SCHOOL BULLETIN

DECEMBER 4, 2020



PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

UPCOMING CHANGES TO SPECIALS CLASSES

December 18th brings with it the last day of the first trimester. Starting on January 4th, the schedule for Art, Media, and Music classes will be changing for our Hybrid Cohorts. Trimester two will bring with it in-person Media classes during your children's in-person weeks, and remote Art and Music classes during your children's remote weeks. Mrs. Mullin is excited to be transitioning into the in-person classes! Mr. Vallatini, our Music teacher, will be teaching in-person classes during our third trimester, which will begin on Thursday, April 1st.

MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNSELORS

Once again we will be collecting gift cards for Eliot's annual Holiday Giving Project. This project enables us to distribute gift cards to Eliot families in need this holiday season. Gift cards between \$10-\$25 to local stores and grocery stores (Target, Walmart, Roche Brothers, Marshalls, TJ Maxx, CVS, Walgreens, Trader Joes) would be greatly appreciated.

If your family would like to participate in this project, please send a gift card to school in a sealed envelope with your child and write "Holiday Giving Project" on the outside of the envelope. There will be a box on the counter of the main office for students to put the gift cards in.

We have all experienced challenging times at one point or another. This year has been especially challenging for many of us. If your family could use some assistance this holiday season, please do not hesitate to reach out. All requests are confidential; no request is considered too big or small.

Thank you very much for your ongoing support. We are grateful to be a part of such a caring community at the Eliot School!

Our very best,

Jennifer Kiely-Sullivan & Monique Vullo, Guidance Counselors

Janeen Crawford, METCO Coordinator

ADJUSTMENTS TO CALENDAR

In early fall, the district calendar was adjusted to provide an equal amount of days between the gold and blue cohorts. [Here is a link to the calendar.](#)

Please note that next week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday are blue cohort days. Prior to winter break, Monday & Tuesday, December 14 & 15 will be gold cohort days, and Thursday & Friday, December 17 & 18 will be blue cohort days.

PHOTO RE-TAKE DAY

December 16th 1-3pm

Re-take photos will be taken inside the gym. To limit contact, we are having this done on a remote Wednesday. Entrance to the school will be through the gym door next to the front parking lot. Only one student will be allowed into the school at a time.

PLEASE NOTE: All pre-ordered hard copies of photos were given to students this week. If you did not pre-order photos you will be able to see your child's photos online using the code on the proof sheet. If you have any questions, please contact LifeTouch directly at: 508-946-0777 Ext. 0 or email mvterritory@lifetouch.com.

ABSENTEE/EARLY DISMISSAL

If your child is going to be absent or has a change of dismissal plans, please email eliot_office@needham.k12.ma.us and your child's teacher (firstname_lastname@needham.k12.ma.us). If it is a last minute change, please call our office, 781-455-0452, ext. 52000.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December 16: Picture re-take day

December 21-January 1: Winter Recess

SCHOOL NEWS

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

- A reminder that flu vaccinations are required by the state of Massachusetts. Please send documentation of your child's immunization to the school nurse by **Friday, December 18th**. Your child *MAY* be excluded from school without this required immunization. Since this is a state requirement, it is also expected for all full remote students.
- 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. 781-455-0452 ext. 52111.
- **If you haven't yet returned your emergency card - please do!!**

FROM CHRISTINE MCALLISTER

Dear Eliot Artists and Families,

Starting January 4th, Art class will be on Zoom! Students have been given a paper bag portfolio that they should bring with them to every Zoom Art class. For most students, this will be on your home week so keep the portfolio in a safe spot ready for each class.

You should also have:

- A place to create! Such as a table or desk...and a cover for the surface so it does not get messy! (you can use the back of your portfolio if you like or a piece of scrap paper or cardboard)
- Pencil and Pencil sharpener
- Ruler (5th grade only)
- Eraser
- Glue stick or Elmer's Glue
- Scissors
- Coloring materials - I recommend water based markers such as Crayola and also crayons.

If you like colored pencils, sharpie, and other coloring materials can also be used.

If you need any assistance with obtaining supplies for your child, please contact either your art teacher, classroom teacher, or school counselor (whomever you feel comfortable with).

We will meet each week for 40 minutes to continue art making as we have been doing in school, we will just be on Zoom now!

See you in (Zoom) Art class!!

TECH NEWS

[October Download 2020](#)

PTC NEWS

CALLING ALL 5TH GRADE PARENTS

We are collecting baby images of your 5th grader for the yearbook. Please pick your absolute fav (only one please) and email it to me, hollycharbonnier@yahoo.com, to be included in the yearbook by the end of December. Please make sure to put your child's name in the email.

Thank you

COMMUNITY NEWS

Thank a Teacher with NEF Gratitude Cards

Show your gratitude for a special teacher, coach, or mentor in your child's life by making a donation in their name to the Needham Education Foundation. When you purchase NEF Gratitude Cards, you let teachers know how much they are appreciated while also providing vital financial support for funding teachers' innovative ideas and professional development opportunities through NEF grants. Needham's students and teachers benefit from your generosity!

Choose from two ways to purchase cards:

In Stores: Purchase Gratitude Greeting cards in local stores for you or your child to personalize and deliver. Visit Volante Farms, Proud Mary, and the Roche Bros & Sudbury Farms courtesy desks through December 18th.

Online: Order Gratitude Gram e-cards at www.nefneedham.org/support/cards/ and NEF will send your personalized message directly to teachers for you!

All cards are \$10 each. Please visit www.nefneedham.org/support/cards/ for more information.

Needham High School (NHS) Friends of Music

Please help NHS Friends of Music raise money for the performing arts by joining us at Virtual Winterfest – Friday, December 11, 7pm. The annual fundraiser will feature musical entertainment by a variety of school ensembles and student musicians. Tickets are on sale now and are \$10 for students and seniors, \$20 for adults, and \$60 for families. To purchase tickets, [click here](#).

Needham Youth and Family Services Fundraiser

Want to raise money for youth mental health services while also getting some exercise and having fun? Join the 2nd annual Highrock Church "Jog for Joy" virtual 5k the week of November 29-December 6 to raise money and awareness for [Needham Youth and Family Services](#) and other mental health providers around Boston. Register as an individual, family or team or just make a donation to this important cause using the link: <https://www.highrockonline.org/news/jog-joy-virtual-5k>

Substance Prevention Alliance of Needham (SPAN)

The Substance Prevention Alliance of Needham (SPAN) is pleased to announce its next quarterly meeting on Tuesday, December 8 from 8:30 – 9:45am via Zoom, featuring a presentation on the Needham Photo Voice project and a brainstorming session for youth substance use prevention ideas- your input is needed!

This is a free event and does not require advance registration. Access the meeting [here](#).

The Needham Women's Club

The Needham Women's Club will host the Holiday House Tour-Drive by. We are inviting neighbors to decorate their homes, porches, or yards with lights, greenery, and holiday decorations to highlight the spirit of the season. To register your home, please reach out Mary

Ann Pierce @ mapgfwc@msn.com or for more information, please go to www.needhamwomensclub.org

Children's Activities offered from the Town of Needham, MA

Register to join these events on the Calendar at the Children's webpage:

www.needhamma.gov/3035

Hour of Code Week

December 7-11 *Gamerific Coding for Kids* Grades K-5

Join this week-long coding club to learn how to code using online games and puzzles. Go at your own pace. Receive a progress report and certificate of completion. Register on the library web site. Check out the web page for links to other fun coding activities.

Read to Tucker the Dog

Mondays, December 7th and 28th, 3:00 PM Grades K-5

Practice reading aloud to Tucker the trained therapy dog over Zoom. Sign up online at for a private 15 min time slot.

LEGO Club

Every Wednesday at 3:00 PM Grades K-5

Join us on Zoom to socialize with friends while you build at home with your LEGOs. Show off your creations.

Yoga for Kids

Saturday, December 12th, 10:00 AM Grades K-5

Professional children's yoga instructor, Lyn Jekowsky, provides a 30 min yoga session for children and their families over Zoom. No experience necessary. All levels welcome. Relax and stretch out.

Ravenous Readers Book Club

Thursday, December 17th at 3:30 PM Grades 1-3

Discuss the books you are currently reading. Find out what books other children your age like best.

For All Elementary Schools and High Rock School

Ravenous Readers Bookclub December 15th, 4:30 PM Grades 4-6

Discuss the books you are currently reading. Find out what books other children your age like best.

Needham Extended Day Program (NEDP)

It's getting cold and dark out there, keep it moving at NEDP! We provide fun and socially distanced physical fitness and game opportunities after school in the gym. Crafting more your thing? We've got that too! [Enroll here!](#) Questions? Email us at nedpkids@gmail.com Please note that children are eligible to attend on their IN PERSON weeks.

Principal, Karen Bourn
Assistant Principal, Emily Charton
<http://eliot.needham.k12.ma.us>

