

JOHN ELIOT SCHOOL

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Eliot fosters a love of learning in a community where everybody matters.

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DATE	SEPTEMBER 2018	TIME & LOCATION
9/23/18	Eliot Hike - Sponsored by our PTC (see page6)	10 a.m. Charles River Peninsula, Fisher Street, Needham
9/25/18	Early Release Day - Dismissal at 12:15 p.m. No P.M. Kindergarten & No P.M. KASE	12:15 p.m. Dismissal
9/26/18	First PTC meeting	9:15 – 10:15am Performance Center
10/8/18	Columbus Day - No School	
10/10/18	PTC meeting	7-8 pm Performance Center
10/25/18	Early Release Day - Dismissal at 12:15 p.m. No P.M. Kindergarten & No P.M. KASE	12:15 p.m. Dismissal
10/27/18	Eliot Pumpkin Run/Walk	9:30 a.m. - Eliot Playground



Eliot Photo Day, Tuesday, September 18, 2018.

FOCUS ON KINDNESS**From our Principal, Mrs. Bourn**

This year, the Eliot school will focus on how to be kind to their classmates, teachers and our school community. Over the summer the school invested in an updated Social Emotional Curriculum called Second Step. The curriculum uses age appropriate student conflict scenarios to teach problem solving, empathy, and emotion management. This program will enhance Social Emotional learning in addition to anti bullying lessons and Eagles Nest lessons with the guidance staff. Teachers began training for the program prior to the start of school and will discuss how to implement lessons as part of our school wide professional development. Lessons will begin the first week of October.

To kick off our focus on kindness, the students heard the story, Be Kind by Pat Zietlow Miller at the all school assembly. The book was about a child trying to figure out ways to be kind to her classmate Tanisha, after an embarrassing moment in class. The book provides simple ways to be kind such as saying “Thank you,” and using a person’s name. It is our hope that these efforts will build a strong foundation for how we treat each other here at Eliot school.

SPOTLIGHT ON FIRST GRADE

First Grade made their mark at the Eliot School! Inspired by Peter Reynold’s book The Dot, each first grader made their own special and unique dot design. The main character in this story was challenged by her teacher to “make her mark” through art and self discovery. Next time you are in the first grade pod, make sure you check out the Dot Gallery on the bulletin board.

MCAS DATES

Parents for kids in grades 3-5, please make a note of the following MCAS dates. This year, students in grades 3, 4 and 5 will take the MCAS test online. 3rd, 4th and 5th grader will take English Language Arts and Math tests. 5th graders will also take the Science and Technology tests. Please see schedule below:

2019 Eliot MCAS Dates

Grade 3 -	April 1 Monday	ELA session 1
	April 2 Tuesday	ELA session 2
	May 8 Wed	Math session 1
	May 9 Thurs	Math session 2
Grade 4 -	April 3 Wed	ELA session 1
	April 4 Thursday	ELA session 2
	May 6 Monday	Math session 1
	May 7 Tuesday	Math session 2
Grade 5	April 10 Wed	ELA session 1
	April 11 Thursday	ELA session 2
	April 29 Monday	Math session 1
	April 30 Tuesday	Math session 2
	May 16 Thurs	Science/ Tech/ Engineering session 1
	May 17 Friday	Science/ Tech/ Engineering session 2

Photo Day with LIFETOUGH Photographers, on Tuesday, September 18, 2018

Mrs. Bagley's P.M. Kindergarten students practice their smiles before they pose for their very first Eliot School Photo.



Student smiles for the camera then checks out the results.



Photos by S. Rains

SPIRITWEAR UPDATE

From Eliot mom and Spiritwear Sale coordinator, Brooke Reilly

Tomorrow (Friday, September 21st) is the **LAST DAY** of SPIRIT WEAR SALE!!

If you haven't ordered already, you can still go to the website:

<https://www.headsupapparel.com/collections/Eliot-2018> and order online **by the end of the day today**. Last chance! Please show your school spirit and support the PTC by ordering your favorite T-shirt, sweatshirt, PJ pants, or leggings!

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Community Service Update

From Eliot's PTC & School Liaison & Teaching Assistant, Allison Kramer

John Eliot School Community Service

Sandwich Tuesday

Serving the Homeless and Needy in Boston

This year, as part of the service learning program - the fourth and fifth grade classes will be continuing to help serve with the Generic Ministry by making bagged lunches to help feed the homeless in Boston. Every bag will contain a sandwich, chips, and fruit. We will also collect and provide bottled water to include with the bagged lunches. This is a great opportunity for students to work together as a community to participate in a service learning project to help others.

The Generic Ministry is a not-for-profit organization that recognizes that many people in our community need help. The Generic Ministry is a group of volunteers that collects and distributes food, clothing, and supplies to the needy and homeless.



Schedule by Month:

October 16th -

Calvo/Burgholzer/Hoffman

November 13th - Kerr

December 11th - Wankowicz

January 22nd - D'Angio

March 19th - Time TBD

May 21st - Time TBD

*** The fourth and fifth grade room parents will be purchasing the necessary sandwich making supplies the day before the event and the PTC will be covering the cost thanks to the generous donations from Eliot families. ***

Along with the meal, small basic necessity items will be included for each recipient. All grades will be given the opportunity to contribute to the donations each month.

There will be a *collection basket* in each pod. Children can bring in donated items at any time throughout the year and deposit them in the collection baskets. The total number of meals and items donated will be added to our Sandwich Tuesday totals poster in the main lobby so all can see how Eliot students can make a difference!

Kindergarten: *decorate the brown bags (in class)*

First Grade: New Travel Size Toothbrushes/Toothpaste

Second Grade: New Travel Size Shampoo

Third Grade: New Socks

Fourth Grade: New Lip Balm

Fifth Grade: New Travel Size Deodorant



Thank you for your generous donations!

Eliot Community Service Liaison
Allison Kramer and the PTC

ELIOT HIKE

Sponsored by our PTC

Eliot Families,

Grab your sneakers and water bottle for a 1.5 mile hike with other Eliot families at the beautiful [Charles River Peninsula](#). Keep your eyes peeled as you venture through the forest – enjoy a scavenger hunt and prizes!

Sunday, September 23, 2018

10:00am

Charles River Peninsula, Fisher Street, Needham

We recommend wearing sunscreen, bug spray and long pants. As parking is limited, please consider carpooling.

****This is a free event sponsored by the PTC****

Directions from Eliot: Turn Right onto Central Avenue. Turn left onto Fisher Street. Just after the rail trail (former railroad crossing), turn right into the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Red Wing Bay canoe/kayak launch. ***Please note that the turn into Red Wing Bay is sharp and isn't well marked, so watch for the rail trail crossing and be prepared to make a sharp, slow right onto a single-track road.**

NPS and Town of Needham Happenings

Needham Park & Recreation

Looking for additional recreational opportunities for your child to do! Needham Park & Recreation has a wide variety of offerings from NEW Early Release Trips for Grades 1-5 to Kre8tive Kids to Old School games! For more information please go to :

Needham Park & Recreation

or call us at our NEW location at the Rosemary Recreation Complex 781-455-7930

NHS Craft Fair, Bake Sale and Silent Auction Saturday, October 20th 9:30am to 4 pm

*****NEW Location: POLLARD MIDDLE SCHOOL
200 Harris Ave (due to NHS construction)*****

Get an early start on holiday shopping! 100 juried artisans and vendors will be selling unique gifts and crafts, plus a fantastic Silent Auction and our famous Bake Sale! Check out the the vendors ahead of time by visiting www.needhamcraftfair.com or [facebook.com/needhamcraftfair](https://www.facebook.com/needhamcraftfair). Admission: \$8/\$6 seniors/kids 18 and under FREE.

Needham Farmers Market and Harvest Fair

Sunday September 30

12:00-4:00pm

Town Common

Experience fall fun for the whole family !

**Enjoy the returning Trolley Rides, Touch the Trucks and Bouncy House
Grab a free pumpkin and scope out the many children friendly activities
Bring home fresh seasonal produce and local artisan crafts
Live Pats v. Dolphins game viewing
Sample fare from Needham restaurants in our Food Court
Stop by our local business and organization booths.**

For more information about the event, please go to www.nnchamber.com

Eliot School Loves Needham

