

# JOHN ELIOT SCHOOL

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

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DATE	November 2018	TIME & LOCATION
11/5/18	PHOTO MAKE-UP DAY	
11/6/18	2 Hr Delayed Opening -School starts at 10:20 A.M. No AM Kindergarten & AM KASE begins at 10:20 a.m.	Doors open at 10:05 a.m.
11/12/18	VETERANS' DAY OBSERVED - NO SCHOOL	
11/21/18	NO SCHOOL - Staff Professional Development	
11/22-23	THANKSGIVING RECESS	
11/26/18	School resumes after Thanksgiving Recess	

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE OPEN HOUSE

The Needham School Committee will hold an Open House on Saturday, November 17, 2018, from 9:00 to 10:30 am at Needham High School. The School Committee looks forward to welcoming the community to see recently renovated Needham High School classrooms.



## **Technology at Eliot**

The beginning of the school year is always a busy time. In technology, we work to get students setup with accounts and familiarize them with routines and the proper use and care of devices. All these activities lay the foundation to integrate technology into student learning experiences. Students in third to fifth grades have successfully signed into their Google accounts and Typing Pal, our online keyboarding program. Younger students are confidently able to navigate iPads and use apps to assist with and show learning. You can access all the student projects on the technology page of the Eliot website. <http://eliot.needham.k12.ma.us/classrooms/technology>. In addition, there are many online resources and learning activities available to you on our website.

The first episode of, The Eliot Buzz, our school podcast has just been produced. This episode features Mrs. Schwarm's 1st graders singing songs that teach children the seasons, days of the week, and months of the year. Podcasts are a great tool to showcase student learning and can take many formats such as interviews, book talks, reading fluency, poetry, songs, and unit reviews. Look for many more exciting episodes coming soon.

The PTC generously awarded the Technology Department a grant which included iPad stands. These stands will enable creative collaborations such as stop motion and clay animation movies in art. In addition, they will be very beneficial assisting students who have difficulty holding devices. Thank you PTC!

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## **CANDY FOR THE TROOPS**

Once again we will participate with Wellesley Dental Group to collect candy for the troops. The collection period runs from November 1st - 8th. We have boxes on the counter in the school lobby for your candy. Once the collection is done the candy will be delivered to the dental group where they will be sent to our troops. We appreciate your generosity. Thank you.





Needham Special Education  
Parent Advisory Council

EDUCATION & NETWORKING

# Parent Coffee

**Join us for an informal coffee and conversation with Mona Maas**

Ever wonder about the Language-Based Classroom (LBC), a specialized program offered at Eliot for Needham 4th and 5th graders with language-based learning differences? Attend a coffee with Mona Maas, Eliot's Vice Principal and the Building Coordinator for Special Education, to learn about the LBC and other special education programming at Eliot.

All are welcome!

**Friday, 11/9 9:00-10:00 at Eliot**

For more information, please contact Nathalie Blitz and Jenn Scheck-Kahn at: [eliot@needhamsepac.org](mailto:eliot@needhamsepac.org)

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## Eliot Happenings

### Calling All Eliot 5th Grade Artists!!!!

### 2018-2019 Yearbook Cover 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! Use your creativity to come up with the next cover that everyone will remember!



#### Submission Requirements:

- Paper size: 8 1/2 x 11 inches
- Must be designed in magic marker or paint (no crayons or colored pencils)
- Must include the following text: *Eliot School 2018-2019*
- Please make sure to put your name(s) on the bottom right corner of your design.

**Deadline for submission: Please pass in all submissions to the front office no later than *Thursday, November 8.***

All designs will be submitted to a panel of judges and the most creative design will be chosen.

Questions? Email: [suzanne.stein@comcast.net](mailto:suzanne.stein@comcast.net)

**PHOTO RE-TAKE DAY  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2018**



**Eliot Families,**

**Our photo make-up day is set for Monday, November 5th!**

**This make-up is for all students who were absent on photo day, September 18th and for all who were not pleased with their photo.**

**If your child is having a retake done, he/she must bring in their photo envelope to return to the photographer.**

**This is also the day - *weather permitting* - when our fifth graders will have their group class photo taken on the Eliot rock.**

**If you have any questions, concerning photos or payment, please contact Lifetouch at: 508-946-0777.**

**NPS and Town of Needham Happenings**

**It's Not Too Late to Join Girl Scouts!**

**New Daisy (kindergarten/1st grade) troops are currently forming in Needham. Please join us at the Needham History Center on 11/15 (6-7pm) to find out more information about Needham Daisy Girl Scouts. Adults only for this information session. Interested in Girl Scouts but can't make it? Email Molly Kazin, Senior Membership Recruitment Specialist for Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts at [MKazin@gsema.org](mailto:MKazin@gsema.org).**

**Our next bulletin will be published on Thursday, November 8th**