

JOHN ELIOT SCHOOL

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

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DATE	DECEMBER 2018	TIME & LOCATION
12/12/18	TWO-HOUR Delayed Opening - <i>No A.M. Kindergarten</i> A.M. KASE begins at 10:20 a.m.	Doors open at 10:05 a.m. School begins at 10:30 a.m.
12/18/18	Family Winter Concert & Art Show	6:30-7:30 p.m.
12/19/18	PTC meeting	7 - 8 p.m.
12/24/18- 1/1/2019	Winter Break	No School
1/2/2/19	School Resumes after Winter Break	



SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, December 18th

6:30 -7:30 p.m.

ELIOT'S FAMILY WINTER CONCERT

Choral and Instruments

Performance Center

AND

STUDENT ART SHOW

in school lobby



From our Principal, Mrs. Bourn

ELIOT'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT

Once again, Eliot school is seeking donations to help the annual holiday giving project. The project, organized by Ms. Sullivan and Ms. Weeks, enables guidance staff to distribute gift cards to Eliot families who could use some assistance this holiday season. If your family would like to donate a gift card to the project, please stop by the Holiday Giving Project bulletin board located inside the front doors. The bulletin board will have paper mittens with the names of local stores where a gift card can be purchased and brought back to school. There is a box on the counter of the main office to deposit the gift cards.



We have all experienced challenging times at one point or another. If your family could use an “extra hand” this season, please do not hesitate to reach out. You can email Ms. Sullivan at jennifer_kiely-sullivan@needham.k12.ma.us or Ms. Weeks at alison_weeks@needham.k12.ma.us.

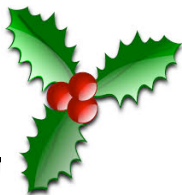
Thank you very much for your ongoing support. We are grateful to be a part of such a caring community at the Eliot School and thank Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Weeks and Ms. Porter for their efforts.

NEF GRANT APPROVED!

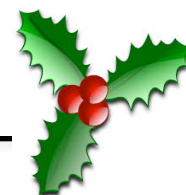
We are grateful to the Needham Education Foundation for the opportunity to obtain 34 Walking Classroom devices for our 5th grade students. The Walking Classroom is a national award-winning education program that provides students and teachers with an innovative way to get exercise without sacrificing instructional time. Students take brisk 20-minute walks as a class while listening to the same kid-friendly podcast. In addition to the obvious health benefits of walking, there is much research confirming the link between exercise and cognitive function. Students return to the classroom in better moods, more focused, and more likely to engage in post-walk discussions. Students retain the information better, demonstrate better behavior and engagement in the classroom, and perform better on standardized exams. We are thankful and excited for this very



A view of the colorful trees in our playground, during the month of November.



**ELIOT PTC SPONSORS
HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE**
Collection box is in the school lobby.



**Holiday Toy Drive
for the Jimmy Fund Clinic**



Please donate new toys for children of all ages (infants – 20s) who are being treated at the Jimmy Fund Clinic at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Please bring all unwrapped toys to the box located in the lobby. Gift Cards will also be accepted. Thank you so much for your generous support.

Please see Beth Kenneally if you have any questions.

Donations will be accepted November 26th-December 21st



From our Spanish Teacher, Ms. Jodie

November:

Here is what we worked on in Spanish class during the month of November.

First graders learned about numbers and started working with the calendar, so ask them to tell you their age in Spanish! Mrs. Schwarm's class also did a podcast in Spanish about the days of the week, and the months and seasons of the year. Click on the link to listen!

<https://sites.google.com/needham.k12.ma.us/podcast/episode-17-show-notes>

Second graders talked about fruits and which ones they like and don't like so ask your second grader to share their preferences in Spanish!

Third graders talked about Day of the Dead and made a calavera to go with it so ask them about that holiday. They also talked about fruits and vegetables and some of the foods eaten around the time of Thanksgiving.

Fourth graders talked about Day of the Dead and made some papel picado, so ask them about that holiday and craft! They also reviewed items, places and furniture in the school, and started talking about classes so they can have a conversation about their school day, so ask your fourth grader to tell you what their favorite class is in Spanish.

Fifth graders talked about Day of the Dead and made very detailed papel picado, so ask them about that holiday and craft. Then they started learning about time in connection to classes at school so they will be able to talk about their school schedule, so ask them to tell you the time in Spanish!

Here is the website for continued practice at home <http://spanishnps.weebly.com>

And don't forget to follow me on twitter: @EliotelemSpan

Eliot School Loves Needham



NPS and Town of Needham Happenings



'Tis the Season to Honor Educators with NEF Gift for Education Cards

Don't forget to honor a special teacher or VIP in your child's life by making a donation in his or her name to the Needham Education Foundation (NEF). Gift for Education Cards make it simple to show your gratitude, while providing vital support for the funding of NEF grants which allow both teachers and students to learn, experiment and explore.

NEF will send a card to your designated honoree(s) or you can purchase cards to personalize and hand deliver. New Pricing! All cards are now \$10 each.

Visit nefneedham.org to order cards online through December 16th. You may also purchase cards in person at Proud Mary, Roche Bros., Sudbury Farms and Volante Farms through December 31st. If you have questions, please contact Maureen Callahan at mcallahan@nefneedham.org.

Winterfest on Friday, December 7, at 7 pm

NHS Friends of Music hopes to see you at Winterfest on Friday, December 7, at 7pm in NHS auditorium to enjoy musical entertainment from our school ensembles and student musicians, as well as a complimentary dessert buffet. Purchase online at www.nhsfriendsofmusic.org/tickets or at the door: \$10 students and seniors; \$15 adults. All proceeds benefit performing arts at NHS.

Needham Lights and Blue Tree Lighting Saturday, December 1, 2018 2:00-5:00pm Needham Town Hall and Town Common

Enjoy juggling, mind reading, and homegrown talent performances coupled with many children friendly activities inside Powers Hall.

Grab a hot chocolate & listen to holiday tunes on the Common. Gather on the Common at 5:00pm for the Blue Tree Lighting and Santa's Visit!

For the schedule of events, please go to www.discoverneedham.com



Our next bulletin will be posted on December 13th.

