

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 - No A.M. Kindergarten 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 in School Lobby	Performance Center 6:30-7:30 p.m.
12/19/18	PTC meeting 7 - 8 p.m.	Performance Center
12/24/18-1/1/2019	Winter Break	No School
1/2/2/19	School Resumes after Winter Break	

SAVE THE DATE

ELIOT'S FAMILY WINTER CONCERT

Choral and Instruments

Tuesday, December 18th

Performance Center -6:30 -7:30 p.m.



And

STUDENT ART SHOW

On Display in our School Lobby

From our Principal, Mrs. Bourn

GENERIC MINISTRY AND SANDWICH TUESDAYS

For the past 10 years, students at Eliot school have teamed up with the Generic Ministry to provide basic necessities and food for the homeless in Boston. Every week, the generic ministry van delivers much needed supplies. Students at Eliot participate in 6 of those deliveries by collecting items such as socks, deodorant, toothpaste, water, sneakers, toiletries, warm clothing and of course, sandwiches. Prior to the deliveries, students will gather in the cafeteria and create sandwiches and bagged meals. All students in grades K-5 will have an opportunity to participate in this activity. We are very proud of our student's efforts and the kindness they show to those in need.

DECEMBER ALL SCHOOL MEETING

On Wednesday, we gathered in the performance center for our monthly all school meeting. As usual, our meeting began with the "All together again" song accompanied by Mrs. Wankowicz on the piano. After the introductory song, there was a quick presentation by Kristen Collins from the Generic ministry to discuss how our efforts help others in the community. Later, Mrs. Wankowicz acknowledged student artists, Molly Spear in grade 3 and Sailor Wachter in grade 4. Their artwork is displayed just outside the performance center. Finally there were several student performers: Zakari Abdelaziz, Isabella Glaser and Mary Mackintosh, Zoey Lee and Cynthia Lum, Tammy Arimoro, Aishu Balakrishnan and Mia Moreschi. We always enjoy watching our students share their talents!

THE HOUR OF CODE AT ELIOT

The Hour of Code started as a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify "code", to show that anybody can learn the basics, and to broaden participation in the field of computer science. It has since become a worldwide effort to celebrate computer science, starting with 1-hour coding activities but expanding to all sorts of community efforts. This grassroots campaign is supported by over 400 partners and 200,000 educators worldwide.

What is the Hour of Code at Eliot School?

It is an introductory exploration activity for all students, kindergarten through

5th grade. Students will work on a variety of coding activities in the technology center with their classroom teacher and the instructional technology specialist.

The hour of code is also an effort to demystify code, and change the conversation around computer science.

Why Computer Science?

Computer programming jobs are growing 3x faster than students entering the field. Yet fewer schools teach computer science than 10 years ago. 90% of K-12 schools in the United States don't even teach it. Visit <http://hourofcode.com> to learn more.

Who is behind this campaign?

Apple, Microsoft, Google, Amazon, the Boys and Girls Clubs, the College Board, Bill Gates, Mark Zuckerberg, and over 100 others, are uniting to back the Hour of Code campaign. The Computing in the Core Coalition and Code.org are organizing CSEdWeek 2018. The annual CSEdWeek celebrates the birthday of computing pioneer Admiral Grace Murray Hopper (December 9, 1906).

This past week, Kathy Martell our instructional technology teacher met with each class to explore coding at various developmental levels. Kindergarten students programmed BeeBots, 1st and 2nd graders explored Block Coding, and 3-5 worked with the Scratch Program and writing codes. There will be an extension opportunities for students ready to face new challenges. Thank you Ms. Martell for the productive and fun week.

HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT



ELIOT'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT,
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 has 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

From our Media Specialist, Mrs. Mullin

The following books were donated to the Eliot School Library in September and October.

On The Ball was donated by Kevin Mackintosh.

The Honeybee was donated by Henry Yamane.

Wolf In The Snow was donated by Viola Yamane.

Ursa's Light was donated by Benjamin Bean.

Kids Cook! was donated by Chase Berkowitz.

Drawn Together was donated by Samantha Zhao.

Rot The Cutest In The World was donated by Simon Zhao.

Whatever After: Bad Hair Day was donated by Isabella Rose Levine.

Guinness World Records 2019 was donated by George Mutrie.

Big Brother Peanut Butter was donated by Jeremy Turgel.

The Duckling Gets a Cookie was donated by Lincoln Maxwell.

Kindergarten Diary was donated by Nicholas Calvagna.

A Boy Called Bat was donated by Carolyn Patten-Harding.

Whatever After: Cold as Ice was donated by Madeleine Rowe.

Dork Diaries: Tales from a Not-So-Secret Crush Catastrophe was donated by Crystal Santiago.

Diary of A Wimpy Kid: The Meltdown was donated by Yousef Faisal.

Big Book of Who: Baseball was donated by Michael Keene.

Can I be your Dog? Was donated by Eleonora Iannello.

Guinness World Records 2019 was donated by Carson Dunn.

She Persisted was donated by Elsie Christie.

The Pigeon Needs a Bath was donated by Joey Nasson.

The Trials of Apollo was donated by Will Moore-Ede.

Saving Fiona was donated by Brianna Sickmier.

The Infamous Ratsos was donated by Tobi Gannonh.

How To Feed Your Parents was donated by May Scudellari.



Parent Talk 7th Annual Summer Camp Fair
Wed Jan 23rd 6:30-8:30pm at 178 Rosemary Street
\$10 for non-members
<http://www.parenttalk.info/community/camp-fair.php>

Student Council Upcoming Event

**The Student Council has chosen our next Spirit Day:
ALPHABET DAY will be held on Friday, December 14th**

What is Alphabet Day? We will dress up as vocabulary words beginning with the following letters that make up the word ELIOT:

Grade 1= E

Grade 2= L

Grade 3= I

Grade 4= O

Grade 5 = T

Kindergarten= Eagle and / or Eliot colors (blue and white).

Examples:

E= egg, elephant, eagle, etc.

L= lemon, ladybug, etc.

I= ice, insect, etc.

O= octopus, old, etc.

T= turtle, token, etc.

Have FUN with this! We can hardly wait to see how creative everyone will be!!

ELIOT PTC SPONSORS

**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

NPS & 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.

Read to Tucker the Dog

Grades 1-5

Monday, December 10th, 4:00-5:30

Tucker is an adorable hound/shepard mix who loves to be read to. Children in Grades 1-5 can make a 15 min appointment to read aloud to Tucker. Visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204 to schedule your appointment.

Family Activity Morning

Saturday, December 15th 10:00-11:30

Families with children of all ages are welcome to come explore arts and crafts projects together, play games and work on collaborative activities .

Family Book Club

Saturday, December 15th, 2:30

Grades K-2

Two non-fiction picture books will be shared aloud, followed by discussion and a craft or related activities. This month's selections are *The Hole Story of the Doughnut* by Pat Miller and *Gingerbread for Liberty! How a German Baker Helped Win the American Revolution* by Mara Rockliff. Copies of both books are available at the Children's Desk. Registration required. To register, visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204.

Minecraft Workshop

Monday, December 17th 4:00-6:00

Grades 3-6

Come enjoy Minecraft design challenges! Empow Studio instructors will help children explore the fundamentals of electrical engineering using Redstone, an element that mimics electricity. Concepts in programming, architecture and pixel art will be covered. Computers will be provided. Registration is required and is limited. To register , visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204

Needham Public Library Happenings

Toy Makers Workshop

Tuesday, December 18th 4:00 PM

Ages 6 and up

Children will engage in hands-on activities to make simple toys to take home. A simple project will be provided along with materials for children to create new toys from their imaginations. Toy Makers meets every other Tuesday through January 29th. Medals will be awarded at the last session for the most creative new toy ideas. Registration required. To register, visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204

Winter Decorations and Snow Slime

Wednesday, December 19th, 3:30

Ages 6 and up

Children will make winter-themed decorations out of applesauce and cinnamon and will create some snow slime to take home.

Yoga for Children

Saturday, December 22nd 10:30 am

Ages 5-9

Stretch out and relax in this free class taught by a professional Yoga instructor.

Bookventurers Book Club

Saturday, December 22nd 3:00

Grades 3-5

Children read the book then come to the meeting to discuss it, and enjoy related activities. This month's book is **One Mixed-Up Night** by Catherine Newman. Two children run away to the Ikea store after closing for a night of couch jumping, pillow forts, unlimited soda refills along with surprises and secrets. Copies available at the Children's Desk. Registration required. To register, visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204.

Free Movie: Christopher Robin

Friday, December 28th 2:00 PM

Rated PG, 104 Minutes

Christopher Robin is now a grown-up, working class family man who encounters his old childhood friend, Winnie-the-Poo. Winnie helps Robin rediscover the joys of life.

The Needham Free Public Library will close at 1:00 PM on December 24. The library will be closed on December 25th. The library will close at 5:30 pm on December 31 and will be closed on January 1.



The next Eliot bulletin will be posted on December 13

