

JOHN ELIOT SCHOOL

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

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DATE	JANUARY 2019	TIME & LOCATION
	HAPPY NEW YEAR	
1/11/2019	ELIOT FAMILY FUN NIGHT	6-8 P.M. - PERF CENTER
1/21/2019	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY	NO SCHOOL
1/30/2019	EARLY RELEASE DAY NO P.M. KINDERGARTEN & NO P.M. KASE	DISMISSAL AT 12:15 P.M.
2/1/2019	OPTIONAL - WEAR PJ'S TO SCHOOL	PJ DAY

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Child Find

Special Education Child Find Notice

Under federal and state special education regulations, Needham Public Schools has a duty to locate, identify, refer, evaluate and, if eligible, provide a free, appropriate public education to students with disabilities who reside in the town of Needham. For parents or guardians of children ages 3-21 years of age, who are suspected of having a disability, and who would like more information, please contact the Special Education Office at 781-455-0400 x1123, or Eliot Elementary School Special Education Coordinator, Mona Maas at 781-455-0452.

From our Principal, Mrs. Bourn

Dear Eliot Families,

It was a short week at Eliot school. Students transitioned back into their routines nicely and it was wonderful seeing all of the smiling faces returning after the first break. There isn't much news to share so please see the following reminders:

BREAKFAST AT ELIOT

Eliot school is fortunate to be one of the few elementary schools in Needham to offer breakfast for purchase for all of our students. Breakfast begins at 8:05 and ends at 8:20, just before the first bell. If your child would like to have breakfast at school, please have them arrive at 8:05 to allow them plenty of time to eat and enjoy their morning meal. Students arriving closer to 8:20 will not have enough time to eat as they will need to begin their day in class. Thank you!

MORNING DROP OFF

As a reminder, students may enter the building at 8:05 am and the morning bell rings at 8:20 to begin the school day. If there is traffic in the carline, we will not mark your child tardy. We strongly encourage families to stay in their cars in the morning drop off and not use the crosswalk in front of the building unless necessary. This will help us keep the traffic flowing and help all students enter the building on time. If parents would like to drive to Eliot and walk students to the building, Ardmore and Taylor Streets are good places to park. Please remember that families are not permitted to drop students off in the bus line in the morning. Eliot staff will work to help students exit their cars quickly to keep traffic moving. Thank you!

A NOTE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE, CLOTHES URGENTLY NEEDED

A supply of extra clothing is kept in the health office as a way to prevent parents from having to drop clothes off during the school day should their child need a change of clothing. Since September, 50 students have been provided a change of clothing. Most often clothes going home are not being returned to the health office. As a result there is no longer any clothing in the Kindergarten to Grade 2, sizes to provide to students in need both boys and girls. As we head into the winter months the need, for a change of clothing always increases across all grade levels. Any donations of pants for both boys and girls for all grade levels, but especially Kindergarten to grade 2 would be appreciated. Also parents are welcome to send in an extra set of clothes for their child should they want. The extra clothes should be labeled and can be kept in your child's cubby. Thank you for your assistance.

**Student Council is sponsoring Eliot School's
Pajama Program & Pajama Day!**



Have you ever been snuggled up nice and warm in your PJ's with a book to read at bedtime? Many of us are fortunate enough to have books and a pair of warm pajamas to get us through the chilly winter months. Some children however, are not so lucky. They don't have nice warm pajamas to wear to bed and they do not have books to read at bedtime.

Many children across the United States are in need of new pajamas to keep them warm during our cold winter and books to read at home. Student Council is sponsoring a Pajama drive to help these kids.

So...

**Please donate NEW Pajamas and/or NEW Books of any size by
Friday, February 1st, 2019.**

Donations can be placed in the Pajama Donation Box located in the Lobby.

For more information about the Pajama Program please visit
<https://pajamaprogram.org/>



**Wear your favorite warm Pajamas to School!!
On
Friday, February 1st, 2019**

Needham Free Public Library

Upcoming Events

Be an International Artist! - Grades 2-5

February 26th - March 12th - Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00 PM

Special SKYPE on March 23rd

Needham MA was named after the town Needham Market in England. The two Needhams are Sister Cities. Both libraries in Needham MA and Needham, England will be holding art programs for children with a professional art instructor. Children in England will be creating art about the landmarks and spring flowers around their Needham. Children in Needham, MA in Grades 2-5 are invited to come for 3 art sessions to create art about our town's landmarks and our town's official flower. Children are welcome to draw, paint, collage or use other mediums and techniques. On Saturday, March 23rd, at 10:00 AM we will SKYPE with the young artists in Needham Market, England. Children from both countries will be able to show each other their art, talk about their town and ask each other questions. Photos from both town's landmarks and scans of all the art from both countries will bound together in two books. One book will be kept at the library in Needham, MA and the other book will be kept in the library in Needham Market, England. Registration is required. Space is limited. Children who register must attend the SKYPE on March 23rd. To register please visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204.

Read to Tucker the Dog - Grades 1-5

Wednesday, January 9th - 4:00-5:30 pm

Children can sign up for a 15min time slot to practice reading aloud to Tucker the Dog. Tucker is a trained and certified therapy dog. To sign up, visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204.

Family Book Club - Grades K-2

Saturday, January 12th - 2:30-3:30

Adults and children read the non-fiction picture books together and come to the meeting to enjoy the books, learn more about the subject, and create a craft or related project together. Books are available at the Children's Desk. This month's titles are: *Mack Made Movies* by Don Brown, *Keep Your Eye on the Kid* by Catherine Brighton and *Lights! Camera! Alice!* by Mara Rockliff. Registration is required. To register, please visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204.

Knitting with Friends - Grades 3-9

January 28th - March 18th - Mondays 4:00 -5:00 PM

Learn the basics of knitting and make a scarf. The library will provide yarn and needles. No previous experience necessary. Registration required. Space is limited. To register, visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204. has a chance to decide fate. Just drop in.

Toy Maker's Workshop - Grades 1-5

Tuesday, January 15th & January 29th - 4:00 -5:00 PM

Children enjoy hands-on activities while also being encouraged to come up with an idea for a new toy or game. On January 15th, make a kinetic carousel toy to keep and take home. On January 29th, children are encouraged to bring in a new toy or game that they have made-up themselves. Winners will be awarded medals and framed certificates. Children with winning ideas may participate in a Young Inventors regional competition in New Hampshire in the spring with the possibility of going on to a national competition. Registration is required. To register, visit the Children's Desk or call 781-455-7559 x 204.

Lego Club - Grades K-4

Wednesday, January 16th - 4:00 -5:00 PM

Children are welcome to use our extensive LEGO collection to build their own creations. LEGOs can not be taken home, but parents are encouraged to take a photo of their child's project. Just drop in to participate in the fun.

Free Movie Showing - The House with a Clock in its Walls

January 18th, 3:30 PM - (Rated PG, 105 Minutes)

Harry Potter fans will love this magical adventure! This is a spine-tingelling tale of 10-year-old Lewis who goes to live with his uncle in a creaky old house. His uncle is a warlock and his house contains a mysterious tick-tocking clock hidden somewhere inside its walls. The clock was left behind by an evil wizard and it is ticking down towards a horrible goal. Jonathan enters a magical world of witches and warlocks, good and evil and has a chance to decide fate. Just drop in.

Family Activity Morning - Saturday, January 19th - 10:00-11:30 AM

Families with children of all ages are invited to drop in and play games, explore STEM activities and create arts and crafts projects together.

Bookventurers Book Club - Grades 3-5

Saturday, January 19th - 3:00-4:00 PM

Children read the book and come to discuss it while enjoying a related activity. Books are available at the Children's Desk. This month's book is *Annie B., Made for TV* by Amy Dixon. Inspired by "As seen on TV" commercials, Annie likes to invent products and write clever sales pitches for them. When she receives an opportunity to audition for a TV show, she just knows she is going to wow them with her fabulous writing and made-for-TV voice.

The Needham Free Public Library will be closed on Monday, January 21st in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

NPS & Town of Needham Happenings

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>

SEPAC Educational Presentation: **A Guide to Special Education**

Attorney Michelle Moor will teach families the basics of special education, with information that will help you:

- Understand your child's eligibility for special education
- Know your rights under state and federal law
- Plan and monitor your child's progress
- Be an effective partner with your child's school

Michelle Moor is an attorney whose practice is devoted entirely to helping children with special needs access appropriate educational services. She worked in the disability and special education law group at Kotin, Crabtree & Strong, LLP for several years, and is currently a partner at Moor, Perlman & Gregg LLC.

Tuesday, January 22

Refreshments: 7:00pm

Program 7:30 – 9:00pm

Broadmeadow School Media Center



The next Eliot bulletin will be posted on JANUARY 10th