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DATE	FEBRUARY & March 2019	TIME & LOCATION
2/15/2019	February school vacation begins at 2:45 p.m.	ENJOY
2/25/2019	School resumes after break	See you at 8:05 a.m.
2/27/2019	GR4 & GR5 Eliot Spelling Bee	Perf. Center at 6:30 p.m.
2/28/2019	DEADLINE for PJ & New Book Collection	Collection box in lobby
3/1/2019	OPTIONAL - WEAR PJ'S TO SCHOOL	PJ DAY
3/10/2019	NEF Annual Spelling BEE	Needham High School cafeteria @ 3 p.m.
3/13/2019	EARLY RELEASE DAY NO P.M. KINDERGARTEN & NO P.M. KASE	DISMISSAL AT 12:15 P.M.
3/5/2019	Kindergarten Conferences NO AM Kindergarten AM KASE & PM Kindergarten & KASE in session	
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From our Principal, Mrs. Bourn

SPOTLIGHT ON FIRST GRADE

This past week marked the 100th day of school! First grade likes to celebrate this big day in a BIG way. Activities were set up in the three classrooms and the pod all focusing on the number 100. Some of the activities were building with 100 legos, making towers using 100 cups, fast writing for 100 seconds, and skip counting by 10's to 100 while making friendship bracelets. The first graders loved getting to visit the other first grade classrooms and getting to work with their friends from other classes. A HUGE thank you to all of the parent volunteers for running all of the activities. We think everything had a fantastic time!



HEARTS AROUND NEEDHAM

Hearts Around Needham was successful again this year! This past week, hearts were distributed to different areas in town to spread love from Eliot school. It was nice to be able to do this during our Kindness Week celebration this year. Thank you to the following parent volunteers who approached businesses around town and hung up the hearts: Jenn Scheck-Kahn, Parthena Zimplas, Shilpee Sindwani, Zill Huma, Lisa Glaser and Ronit Velde). If you see hearts hung in one of the businesses please pop in and thank them for displaying our hearts.

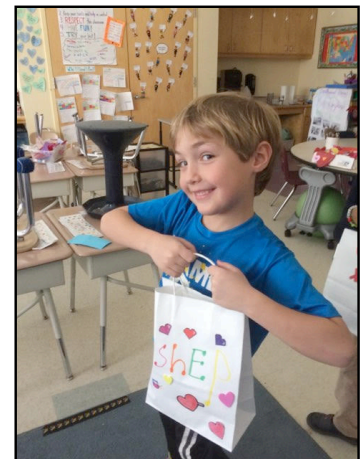
FEBRUARY BREAK

I hope everyone has a wonderful February break. I plan to spend the week at home, resting and hanging out with my family. We may even spend a day at the Museum of Science at the Omni theater and Planetarium. Enjoy the break and we will see you again soon!



An Eliot student delivering hearts around Needham.

GRADE 1 celebrates Valentine's Day!



Photos by: S. Rains



Today, February 15th, our PE teacher, Mr. Brenhiser hosted the annual **Kids Heart Challenge Jump Rope event**. Here are some photos of our students jump roping and having fun!

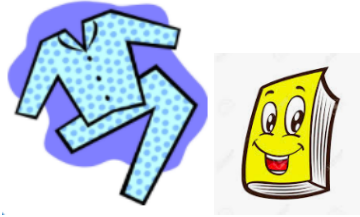
Thanks to your generosity, as of today, our students collected more than \$7,300 for this fundraiser, thank you, Eliot community for your donations.



Photos by: S. Rains

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
Thursday, FEBRUARY 28, 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, MARCH 1, 2019

High Rock School

Rising Sixth Grade Parent/Guardian Evenings

Introduction to High Rock School

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 6:30 pm

****Newman Elementary School Auditorium****

Hosted by Jessica Downey, Principal of High Rock School

This parent/guardian orientation meeting is for any 5th grade parent/guardian whose child will be attending High Rock School in the fall of 2019. This program will give a broad overview of the High Rock School program including:

- the cluster model
- a typical day in 6th grade
- methods of communication
- course selection process
- transition process

Introduction to METCO Middle School Programming

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 7:30 pm *following larger presentation*

Newman Elementary School

Hosted by Joanne Allen-Willoughby, Director of METCO and Leslie Smart, METCO Coordinator at High Rock and Pollard

This parent/guardian orientation meeting is for any 5th grade METCO parent/guardian whose child will be attending High Rock School in the fall of 2019.

Introduction to Special Education at High Rock School

Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 6:30 pm

High Rock School Gymnasium

Hosted by Judith Murphy, Grade 6 Special Education Coordinator

This informational session is for parents/guardians of students who receive special education services and will be attending High Rock in the fall of 2019. This program will be in the High Rock Library/Media Center and will give a broad overview of the special education program including:

- what is a learning center
- how services are delivered
- a typical day for a special education student
- support services and personnel
- method of communication

*All parents/guardians of current 5th grade special education students are strongly encouraged to attend both the March 26 and April 2 introductory sessions.

Be Yourself – Become a Community

NPS and Needham Happenings

Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)

What are Extended School Year Services?

Join us for an informational session about what Extended School Year services are and how students qualify for these services. Mona Maas, the special education coordinator and vice principal of Eliot Elementary, will be on hand to present a brief explanation and answer any questions.

When: March 1 at 8:45am

Where: Eliot Performance Center

Rally an Adult Team for the NEF Bee

We hope you can join us on Sunday, March 10th at 3 pm in the Needham High School cafeteria (new location!) for the annual Spelling Bee. As the NEF's largest fundraiser, the Bee draws spellers of all ages from Needham schools, businesses, and the community.

Join in the fun and show your support of the NEF by forming your own adult team. Get together with a few friends from your neighborhood, school, book club, or business, and spell your way to victory.

To register a team, fill out a registration form by February 15th. Your registration fee will help to fund innovative, educational, and enriching programs for Needham Public School students in grades K through 12.

Interested in supporting the Bee but prefer to skip the spelling? Sponsor a team with a donation or place an ad in the Bee Program Book. [Click here for details!](#)

See you at the Bee!

Plugged In Band Program Spring Session Band Classes for kids ages 8-18 of all skill levels, and new program, Plugged In After Dark for already formed high school bands, begin the week of February 25. Registration for private lessons is ongoing. For more information, please visit www.pluggedinband.org.

The next Eliot bulletin will be posted on FEBRUARY 28, 2019