

JOHN ELIOT SCHOOL

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

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DATE	March & April 2019	TIME & LOCATION
3/28/2019	EARLY RELEASE DAY Kindergarten Conferences - A.M.KASE in session NO AM & NO PM Kindergarten & NO P.M. KASE	DISMISSAL AT 12:15 P.M NO AM OR PM Kindergarten
4/9/2019	2 Hour Delayed Opening - NO A.M. Kindergarten	School Doors open at 10:05 a.m.
4/15-4/19	April Recess	Have a Great Vacation
4/22/2019	School Resumes after April Recess	School doors open at 8:05 a.m.

COMING SOON

Students:

Vote for your favorite Eliot Eagle Contest

Mrs. Bourn had a “power lunch” today with “power lunch” PTC raffle winner, Sophie (2nd from left) and her two friends, Ruth and Lily. They discussed the upcoming contest, where students will have the opportunity to pick a new Eliot Eagle. Three drawings of Eagles will be on display, next week, for the students to vote on.



From our Principal, Mrs. Bourn

STUDENT PLACEMENT FOR NEXT YEAR

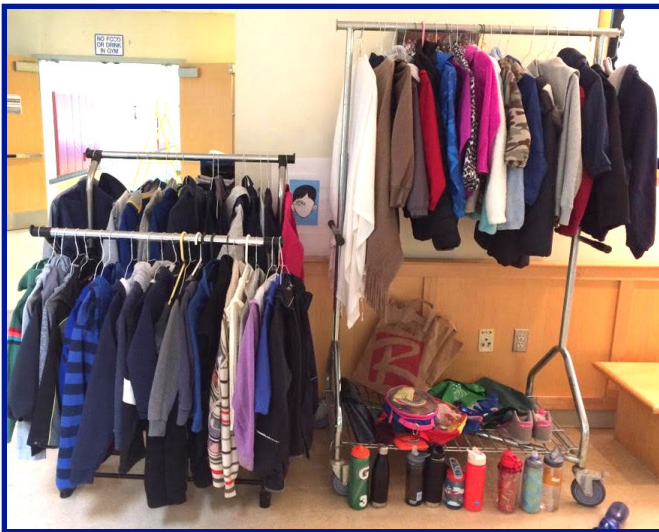
It is now the time of the year when we consider class placement for the fall. The primary goal of our placement process is to construct balanced classes. The process for developing new classes is a complex and collaborative activity that involves the entire Eliot staff. The system-wide guidelines which drive the process state that we must create classes that are balanced by many factors including: gender; social, physical and academic potential; peer relations (social and emotional development); and equitable student/teacher ratio. Current teachers, guidance counselors, specialists, and building administrators all consider each child in order to create an optimal learning environment for the group. Once class lists have been formed, Mona Maas and I will assign a teacher to each class.

If there are special or unusual circumstances that should be considered in terms of your child's placement with peers, please send an email to Eliot_Placement@Needham.k12.ma.us by Monday, April 1, 2019. Please note, this deadline is BEFORE spring conference to allow us more time for the placement process; and to allow you to focus on your child's achievement during your spring conference. Since children change over the course of a year, we do not automatically carry forward requests from previous years. While we value your ideas and will make the very best effort for your child's placement, there are no guarantees that every request can be honored. Honoring requests for a specific teacher (or not for a specific teacher) is not possible due to the complexity of the placement process. Letters requesting specific teachers will be disregarded.

Finally, and most importantly, I urge you to trust the process and wish to assure you that our teachers and specialists know and care deeply about your child, and have spent the whole year developing an understanding of how your child learns best. They have had multiple opportunities to observe your child working with peers in the school environment and to consider all of those factors when creating classes. Thank you for support and partnership.

LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found is growing and growing. Please be sure to check it the next time you are in the building a conference. The Lost and Found is located in the cafeteria and some items are in the lobby. Please note that all items will be donated to Cradles to Crayons organization at the end of March. There are lots of very new articles of clothing, jackets and lunch boxes that parents may want to retrieve before it's too late. Please see a sample of



2019 Eliot MCAS Dates

Grade 3 April 1 Monday ELA session 1

April 2 Tuesday ELA session 2

May 8 Wed Math session 1

May 9 Thurs Math session 2

Grade 4 April 3 Wed ELA session 1

April 4 Thursday ELA session 2

May 6 Monday Math session 1

May 7 Tuesday Math session 2

Grade 5 April 10 Wed ELA session 1

April 11 Thursday ELA session 2

April 29 Monday Math session 1

April 30 Tuesday Math session 2

May 16 Thurs Science/ Tech/ Engineering session 1

Spotlight on Physical Education:

Stay up to date with the Physical Education Classroom on Twitter: @elioteaglespe

Following February vacation, we started the highly anticipated educational gymnastics unit. This is one of the most popular units of the year. The core concepts of the unit are balance, jumping/landing, rolling in various directions and feet to hand weight transfers. Our educational gymnastics unit allows all students to participate at their just right level. For example, when we get to transferring weight from our feet to our hands, we might see some students working on basic skills like putting their hands on the floor lifting their feet and having them land in the same spot, while others are trying to explore how we can have our feet come down in a new spot. Each student is showing their understanding of the same concept. Our culminating project at the end of the unit, is that each student will put together a sequence of skills, which we call a "sentence". We are fortunate to have 6 iPads this year which can be such a valuable teaching tools for our students! I look forward to incorporating them into our lessons.

We do feature gymnastics skill checks for the report card in 1st, 3rd and 5th grade. First graders will be asked complete a forward roll on a flat mat using proper form, 3rd graders will demonstrate their understanding of how to transfer weight from our feet to our hands then back to our feet (ex: donkey kicks, cartwheels, springboard, roundoffs, on/off and over equipment) and finally 5th grade students will create a scored gymnastics sequence featuring various skill requirements.

The students are off to a great start and I love to watch their confidence grow!



-Mr. Brenhiser



PTC Fundraiser



Join us for an Eliot multi-family garage sale!

- De-clutter your house
 - Earn money
- Give back to the Eliot community
 - Enjoy the day with friends
- Click on link below for event details

Help Make this 5th Grade Fundraiser a Success!!

SIGN-UP NOW TO PARTICIPATE

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44afaa2ea4ff2-junk>

Questions?

Contact Rachelhesser@gmail.com or Jvanderklis@partners.org

March 2019—18th Annual Needham Unplugged

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>CREATED BY: Needham Youth & Family Services Needham Park & Recreation Charles River YMCA</p>				<p>March 13 & 28: Please register with Needham Park & Rec- reation for Early Release Trips</p>	<p>1 HAVE A Family GAME Night</p>	<p>2 Let's do some time traveling! Take a look through some old photos...</p>
<p>3 Make a house compliment jar!</p>	<p>4 Call or visit someone who you haven't talked to in a while...</p>	<p>5 Create an at home pizza parlor!</p>	<p>6 Make a School Year Bucket List!</p>	<p>7 TEXT FREE THURSDAY TRY GOING ALL DAY WITHOUT TEXTING</p>	<p>8 KIDS NIGHT OUT 5:30-9:00PM @ Rosemary Rec Complex Ages 3-10 PIZZA, GAMES, MOVIE</p>	<p>9 Family Splash in the Pool! 3-5pm at 863 Great Plain Ave.</p>
<p>10 Take a mini vacation and go tour Boston!</p>	<p>11 Build A Blanket Fort</p>	<p>12 Choreograph a dance to your favorite song!</p>	<p>13 EARLY RELEASE TRIPS Grades 1-5 New England Aquarium Grades 6-8 Boda Borg in Malden Register: needhamma.gov/pronlinereg</p>	<p>14 No Homework Night!</p>	<p>15 Blast from the Past! PARENTS PICK THE MOVIE Movie Night</p>	<p>16 PLUGGED-IN LEPRECHAUN JAM Time: 7-9pm @Rosemary Rec Complex</p>
<p>17 LEARN ABOUT YOUR BOSTON</p>	<p>18 Students be the teachers! Teach someone at home what you are learning at school.</p>	<p>19 Try a food dish that you have never tried before</p>	<p>20 HAVE A FAMILY MEETING! Reflect on the past couple weeks and plan for the future!</p>	<p>21 PARENTS NIGHT OFF Kids cook for their parents!</p>	<p>22 Write a skit and perform it at the end of the night!</p>	<p>23 Pajama Day! It's nice to have a lazy day once in a while</p>
<p>24 Take a nature walk around Needham. Brochures available at Park & Rec.</p>	<p>25 Social Media Free Day! A day of face-to-face interaction!</p>	<p>26 Bake something from scratch!</p>	<p>27 CHECK OUT A NEW BOOK FROM THE LIBRARY! OPEN FROM 9-9PM</p>	<p>28 EARLY RELEASE TRIPS Grades 1-5 Lake Sake Maple Syrup Farm Weston Grades 6-8 Apex Entertainment- Marlboro Register: needhamma.gov/pronlinereg</p>	<p>29 Make ICE CREAM SUNDAES for Dessert!</p>	<p>30 TIE DYE a t-shirt or a pair of socks</p>
<p>31 Family Zumba at the Y! 380 Chestnut St. 12-1pm</p>	<p>Needham Unplugged is an awareness campaign and a reminder that there is more to life than what is on the other side of the plug. The activities above emphasize person-to-person interaction, health, and wellness and are for all Needham students and families. For more information, please contact Needham Youth & Family Services (formally Needham Youth Services) at 781-455-7500 or online at www.needhamma.gov/youth/unplugged.</p>					

PTC Fundraiser

Please help us collect for Cradles to Crayons!

www.cradlestocrayons.org

There will be a collection bin in the lobby at Eliot for the month of March!!

We are collecting GENTLY used clothes (including coats, hats, boots, etc), small toys, books, and baby equipment, (no large plastic toys or electronic toys please!).

The need is very GREAT as so many struggle to keep their kids safe and warm!

So please dig deep and clean out your closets for a great cause!!!

These items are distributed to over 130,000 children in Greater Boston each year!



GYMNASTICSCLINIC

March 28, 2018 at Exxcel Gymnastics and Climbing from 1:15-2:30
88 Wells Ave, Newton, MA 02459

**Please wear athletic clothing and come ready to have fun and do
some gymnastics!**

**This will be a beginner level clinic, all are welcome! Please pre-register by
emailing Gymnasticsclinic28@yahoo.com by March 25.**

Cost: \$25
(cash or venmo preferred)

*All proceeds from this clinic will fund a Needham High School Senior, Natalie Hallagan,
to travel to Fort Myers, Florida to represent the state of Massachusetts at the Senior
National Gymnastics Invitational.*

2019-20 School Calendar

Needham Public Schools School Calendar

2019-2020

August/September (19)					February (15)				
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	Holiday/Recess
	Pre-K-8 Early Release (ER)
	Pre-K-12 Early Release
	Professional Dev. Day

NOTE: Classes at the high school
(grades 9-12) begin at 8:35 on Friday

AUGUST 2019

8/28	All Staff Meeting/Professional Development
8/29	Professional Development

SEPTEMBER 2019

9/2	Labor Day - No School
9/3	First Day of School
9/4	Kindergarten begins/Preschool Orientation
9/5	First Day of Preschool
9/25	Pre-K-8 Early Release
9/30	Rosh Hashanah - No School

OCTOBER 2019

10/9	Yom Kippur
10/14	Columbus Day - No School
10/23	PreK-12 Early Release

NOVEMBER 2019

11/6	Pre-K-8 Early Release
11/11	Veterans' Day - No School
11/27	No School- Professional Development
11/28-29	Thanksgiving Recess

DECEMBER 2019

12/11	PreK-12 Early Release
12/23-1/1	Winter Recess

JANUARY 2020

1/2	Classes Resume
1/15	PreK-8 Early Release
1/20	Martin Luther King Jr. - No School
1/29	PreK-12 Early Release

FEBRUARY 2020

2/12	PreK-12 Early Release
2/17-21	February Recess

MARCH 2020

3/4	PreK-8 Early Release
3/18	PreK-12 Early Release

APRIL 2020

4/1	PreK-8 Early Release
4/10	Good Friday - No School
4/20-4/24	April Recess

MAY 2020

5/6	PreK-12 Early Release
5/20	PreK-8 Early Release
5/25	Memorial Day - No School

JUNE 2020

6/3	PreK-8 Early Release
6/7	GRADUATION: SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020
6/18	Last day if no snow days-ER
6/25	Last day 5 snow days-ER

Approved by School Committee October 2, 2018

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

Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm

High Rock School Library

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 3 introductory sessions.

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