

Wildcat World Newsletter

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December Upcoming Events

- ◆ Dec. 1- Title I Winter Read-In @ 6:30pm
- ◆ Dec. 2- Spelling Bee
- ◆ Dec. 9- 4th Grade Fieldtrip- Nutcracker
- ◆ Dec. 10-PTO Parents Day Out
- ◆ Dec. 12-Dec. 16- PTO Holiday Shop
- ◆ Dec. 15- Holiday Program @ 6:30pm ; West Newton Spirit Night at McDonald's
- ◆ Dec. 16- Class Holiday Parties- 1:00pm-1:45pm
- ◆ Dec. 19- Jan. 3- Holiday Break
- ◆ Jan. 3- Teacher Work Day
- ◆ Jan. 4- Students Return
- ◆ Jan. 13- Early Release Day @ 11:15am
- ◆ Jan. 17- Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday-No School

December Certified and Classified Employees

- ◆ Mrs. Kellie Keaton
- ◆ Mrs. Lynn Jefferson

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Parents we are in the midst of the holiday season and we are busy at West Newton. Our students will spend the month of December taking reading and math assessments to determine how much they have progressed since August. We are excited about the level of instruction that is taking place here. The teachers are using student data to make the right instructional decisions for each student.

We have several activities planned for the month of December. Our Winter Read-In will take place December 1 at 6:30pm. PTO will host a parent's day out event on Saturday, December 10 from 10am to 2pm. The cost is \$6 per child. PTO wants to give you an opportunity to get your holiday shopping taken care of while they watch your children. PTO will have their yearly holiday shop to allow students to purchase their own Christmas gifts December 12-16.

PE

West Newton has truly been blessed this year! The Box Tops, Campbell's Labels, and Coke Points donations have been through the roof! Thank you everyone for your continued support!

The week of Nov.28-Dec.2, students (ages 8-13) will have an opportunity to take part in a county wide basketball shooting competition. The contest is called the Elks Lodge Hoop Shoot.

Coming up lessons will be covering Basketball, Bowling, Jump Rope (Jump Rope for Heart Event), Frisbee, Nintendo Wii Fitness games, indoor soccer, plus much more. Please continue to encourage your children to exercise and spend time getting daily physical activity.

Mr. Matthews
West Newton PE

To further promote the love of reading we will have a school wide reading event on December 15. Parents, please pay close attention to our upcoming events so that you can participate. We enjoy having you in the building and supporting our efforts.

Our holiday break will begin December 19 and end January 3. Our students will return January 4. We hope that you have a safe and fun holiday break. As always thank you for your continued support.

Dr. Takila Curry

Always Keeping Children First

Kindergarten News- Class of 2024

Warm Wishes from Kindergarten!
Kindergarten is “wrapping” up this semester by reviewing skills for our 2nd GKIDS deadline. In **Reading**, we are working on Sight Word Fluency, rhyming words, and noting the differences between letters, words, and sentences. In **Math**, we are reviewing ordinal numbers (1st – 10th), 3-D shapes (sphere & cube), and patterns (AB, ABB, ABC, AAB). December is an exciting time in Kindergarten! We will finish off this semester with our last theme: *Christmas around the World*.

U.S., we will also study other holidays and ways Christmas is celebrated this time of the year around our world. Please send a small note to your teacher, if for any reason your child can not participate in our themed activities. We would like to wish each of you a wonderful holiday season!

The Kindergarten Team



Yearbooks are on sale!!!
\$25 soft cover
\$30 hard cover
Students will be rewarded this year for purchasing a year book.

“If you want your child to improve, let them overhear the nice things you say about them to others.”

[Dr. Haim Ginott](#)

Not only will we learn about Christmas here in the

First Grade News- Class of 2023

Dear Parents,
2011 is almost coming to an end and the students have made a lot of significant progress this half of the school year. We will continue to strive for an even better year as we continue to make academic progress. This month we will be working on the following skills in each subject area:

READING: Students will evaluate literature and give an opinion. Students will identify story elements in literature/passages.

ENGLISH: Students will identify antonyms/synonyms. Students will identify

contractions/compound words.

MATH: Students will identify calendar/dates and tell time.

WRITING: Students will write a response to literature.

SCIENCE: Students will learn about the elements of heat/light.

Please continue read with your child daily for twenty minutes to improve their oral fluency skills. Also continue to practice those Math addition and subtraction facts to help students use with various Math skills. The first grade team would like to thank you as always for working with us each and every day to provide a quality education for your child. We look forward to a positive new year with much success.

Second Grade News- Class of 2022

We hope everyone enjoyed their break and had a safe holiday. We’re stepping it up in second grade. There is a lot to do before winter break, which is only three short weeks away. Please practice math facts and sight words daily with your child and they should read for at least twenty minutes each night.

We are working on telling time and elapsed time. Please practice telling time with your child. They should be able to read a clock to five minutes. Also ask them what time it will be in thirty minutes or an hour.

Continue to read, read, and read some more with your child. Have them read stories to their younger siblings. Read the grocery ads. Reread familiar stories.

Remember, our goal is ninety words per minute by the end of the year.

Thank you for your continued support. Please contact the front office if you would like to volunteer to help our school.

The Second Grade Team

Third Grade News- Class of 2021

Dear 3rd Grade Parents,

Continue to work with your student on Multiplication and Division. Be sure to check homework folders daily for assignments and communication from teachers.

Don’t forget that we have a spelling test every Friday. Please continue to have your student read daily for at least 20 minutes and review the reading skill for the week with them.

Thanks,
The Third Grade Team

Fourth Grade News- Class of 2020

Fourth graders are busy practicing division and multiplication. If your student is still struggling with the basic facts, please practice them nightly. The new standard for Math will be angles and measurement. We are also studying the weather and the colonization of North America. Students should continue to read for at least 20 minutes each night in addition to all homework assignments. We will visit Newton High School for the performance of "The Nutcracker" on December 9. Thanks for all the support and help you have provided to our team this year. Enjoy your family and the time away from school. Happy New Year!

Fourth Grade Team

Fifth Grade News- Class of 2019

Fifth graders have been working diligently developing informational writing pieces. A mock writing test was held on Tuesday, November 29, 2011.

Decimals, Algebra, and Fractions continue to be the focus in math. Your child is learning to compare, add, subtract, multiply, divide, order, and convert fractions and decimals. Please encourage your child to use the resources available to review every day.

Social Studies and Science continue to be integrated with all content areas. Our focus is the Civil War and Physical

Pre-K

Wow, half the year is almost over. This month we will be learning about Holidays around the world. We will compare similarities and contrast the differences among diverse cultures. We will end 2011 with Polar Express Day on Friday December 16th

The students will be able to wear their PJs to school to enjoy a cozy Polar Day.

Happy Holidays

Thank you for your continual support.

The Pre-K Team

Counselor

Embracing Differences

Being different can be enormously hard. The tendency to torment students who are different is puzzling when we realize that being different is natural. Just as there are no absolutely identical snowflakes or blades of grass, there are no absolutely identical human beings. Even monozygotic twins are slightly different than each other. Humans vary widely in terms of shape, size and skin/hair/eye color. We also vary in gifts, strengths, personalities and abilities. Encourage your children to embrace and respect individual differences, views and beliefs of others.

Maria Moore, Ed. S.

Science.

It is very important that students study multiplication facts and read for 45 minutes every night in order for skills to improve.

Also, keep in mind that you can access your child's progress through Infinite Campus located on our website along with other websites to improve academic performance. Thanks for all you do!

Fifth Grade Team

Special Education

Homework Help for Children with ADHD

A child with ADHD requires consistency in their life. A regular routine in their lives helps them with concentration and brings down distraction levels. Homework is no exception.

Talk with your child and choose a time that will be the study period of their day. Choose an area in your home where your child will study. Limit distractions during this time such as TV or music with lyrics.

Reference

<http://www.additudemag.com/adhd/article/1034.html>

SPED Team

ELL

ESOL teachers are looking for easy recipes that our students can make. Any parents who wish to come in and assist with our "What's Cooking?" projects please let Mrs. Wands or Mrs. Hollier know. We are excited to be using our grant and would love our parents to participate.

Mrs. Wands and Mrs. Hollier

