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Reflections from Katie

I wanted to take some time to celebrate our accomplishments on last spring's MCAS test. The results have come in, and have probably reached the homes of 4th and 5th grade families by now, and I do feel we have a lot to celebrate. The state's measure of success on the MCAS is called Adequate Yearly Progress, or AYP. AYP is based on the goal of having all students reach proficiency by the year 2014 (the No Child Left Behind mandate). What makes AYP particularly powerful is that we are not just talking about individual students attaining high scores; we are talking about proficiency for *everybody*. So one major point to celebrate is that, as a school, **we made our target for Adequate Yearly Progress**; we are making progress toward the goal of all students being proficient by 2014 in a way that should enable us to reach that goal. We met that goal in both math and English language arts. In addition, No Child Left Behind requires that if we have more than 30 students in a particular sub-group (ie- Special Education, English Language Learner, Low-Income), we need to ensure that that subgroup is also making adequate progress as a group. This is a way to ensure that we are closing the achievement gap. Lincoln-Eliot is the only elementary school in Newton that has at least 30 students in the low-income category in grades 3-5. Thus, we have an

additional bar to meet, that other schools in our system do not have to meet. This year, for the first time in the last 3 years, **we also made Adequate Yearly Progress in both Math and English language arts in our low-income sub-group**. Furthermore, we had exceptional performance in 3rd grade math. **Our students scored 8th in the state of Massachusetts on the third grade math test**. All in all, there is a lot to celebrate. We will continue to use the MCAS data to figure out where we need to work harder this year to be sure we make AYP again in 2010.

In addition to the success we can measure and see on MCAS, this year we will also be placing a great deal of attention on some of the skills that we have not yet figured out how to measure. Some people are calling these 21st Century Skills. This year, we are going to be looking at ways to help children learn how to collaborate with others, how to think critically and creatively, how to be self-directed learners. These are all skills that our children will need in today's workforce, and while it is difficult to test these skills, we are going to make it a goal to work on them. In particular, we are already talking a lot about how to teach students to be self-directed learners, to be independent. We are teaching students what to do when they get stuck (before asking a teacher), we are asking

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, Oct. 27	Parent Coffee, 8:30 am Math Curriculum Discussion		
Thursday, Oct. 29	Fall All school Sing Along	Wednesday, Nov. 11	Veteran's Day, No School
Sunday, Nov. 1	Halloween Dance!	Monday, Nov. 16	PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, Nov. 4	School Council Meeting, 6:30 pm	Monday, Oct. 26 - Friday, Nov. 20	Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences



Read the Lincoln-Eliot Leader in COLOR at www.lepto.org!

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students to think about what to do when they are "done" before racing to a teacher for approval or correction. Our goal is for students to be able to self-direct... for students to reflect on their work to figure out what the next step might be.

Celebrating our Differences

Another aspect of 21st century skills involves empathy and global awareness. One way we are addressing this skill with our entire community is through Celebrating our Differences Gatherings. These are going to be held four times during the year, and provide an opportunity for families to come together to celebrate all of our diversity. We had our first gathering last Wednesday, October 14th. About 20 families gathered in the cafeteria, shared food and conversation, and found places on maps and globes and Google Earth where we were from, where our ancestors were from, and where we had living relatives. I encourage you to join us for our next Celebrating Our Differences Gathering on Wednesday, December 16th.

Conferences

Partnerships with families are very important to us at Lincoln-Eliot. We feel that the primary way for us to help students succeed is by working together as a team. Building partnerships is exactly what we are doing during parent conferences. Parent-Teacher conferences will be happening over the course of the next month. This is an important way for you to learn more about how to support your child at home, and for us to learn more about how to support your child at school. In 3rd, 4th and 5th grades, these involve

your child, so it is important that you schedule the conference at a time when your child can come. If you need an interpreter, we can arrange that, just let us know. Our goal is to have 100% of our families attend two conferences each year.

School Council

Our School Council members for this year include: Emile Kfoury, parent
Andrew Hargens, parent
Alicia Matos, parent
Heather Kelly, parent
Katie Charner-Laird, principal
Ann Ritchie, Library and Technology teacher
Lynn Penczar, 5th grade teacher

All meetings are open meetings for anyone to attend.

Traffic Safety

No Parking on Jackson Road in front of the School: the Boston bus and the special education vans need to be able to pick up students here. Please do not stop or stand in this location.

No parking is allowed across the street from the Pearl Street entrance during school hours. The police have been issuing tickets in this location.

Cross only at the corner with the crossing guards: I know I'll probably be saying this in every newsletter for the rest of the year, but I feel it's an important point. We have to model safe walking behavior for our children. The only safe place to cross is at the corner with a crossing guard.



Parents of Special Needs Children

Are invited to Meet the School Committee Candidates To discuss the future of Special Education in Newton

Tuesday, October 27
6:30-9 p.m. in Newton Corner

All School Committee incumbents and Candidates have been invited
Most candidates are attending

This is a special opportunity to educate our future school committee about the realities of Special Education before they are called upon to vote on funding for our children's programs

If you will attend, email NoNAPper@verizon.net for the address.
Seating is limited to the first 60 people to respond.



It All Adds Up



Thanks to Title 1 funding, Math Club will be up and running by the beginning of November. Math Club is designed to give students the opportunity to work on their math skills in a relaxed setting. Students have the opportunity to play math board and computer games, and work on critical

thinking puzzles. Board games and puzzles are available for students to borrow. We are fortunate to have Bailly Hovey and Kate Murphy join me in the running of the club.

Math Club is open to all students in 2nd-5th grade. The club meets in the school library two mornings a week from 7:45 to 8:20. Tuesday mornings are for second and third graders. Thursday mornings are for fourth and fifth graders.

Parents should be aware that students are able to leave the club whenever they choose. Students who choose to leave are expected to go back outside the school building and wait there for the 8:20 bell.

The Math Club will begin on Tuesday, November 10th for second and third graders and on Thursday, November 12th for fourth and fifth graders. The Math & Motivation

Strike-force (M&MS) will have an orientation on Thursday, November 5th. The M&MS are fourth and fifth graders who volunteer their time on Tuesday mornings to help second and third graders work on their math skills. The M&MS provide math guidance and encouragement.

If you have any concerns or questions, drop in any Tuesday or Thursday morning, email me at elka_kuhlman@newton.k12.ma.us, or call me at 617-559-9549.



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PTO Meeting Minutes

by Vicki Ritterband, PTO Secretary

Dancing on Halloween, Sipping Ferrari-Carrano Fume Blanc and Celebrating Our Differences

Tuesday evening's PTO meeting, attended by 20 people, began with a few updates from principal Katie Charner-Laird:

- **Math Club:** Thanks to several parents who have volunteered to help with math club, it will be held on Tuesdays and Thursday mornings from 7:45-8:20, beginning Nov. 10. The Title 1 funds that underwrite math club were reduced so math coach Elka Kulman now must partially depend on volunteers. **If you're interested in helping out, please email her:** elka_kuhlman@newton.k12.ma.us. On Tuesdays, second and third graders will attend math club (assisted by fourth and fifth graders) and on Thursdays - fourth and fifth graders.

- **Morning Clubs (8-8:20):** Melissa Fang will be running before-school basketball on Wednesdays and kickball on Fridays. If you would like to volunteer to run a club on another day, please contact Katie. She's interested in non-athletic activities as well, for example some type of a crafting club.

- **Celebrating our Differences:** About 20 families attended the first of several events this year whose goal is to celebrate the diversity of cultures and backgrounds that make the L-E community so special. The evening included a potluck dinner (I heard Nilson Matos' Brazilian stew was delectable) and mapping activities in which families marked on a map where they are from and where they have been. Katie said everyone seemed to have a great time. Katie said these gatherings dovetail nicely with one of the goals identified by the school council recently: creating a greater sense of the school as a community space through hosting more low-key events like the recent pot luck.

- **Inclusion for English Language Learner Families:** Katie recently held the first of several coffees for families who are not fluent in English. This one was for Chinese parents and a Cantonese and a Mandarin interpreter were there to translate. One of the ideas that came out of the coffee was identifying bilingual liaisons between the PTO and folks in the main language groups at L-E (Chinese, Spanish and Russian). The idea would be that the liaison would attend PTO meetings or at

least find out afterwards the key things that were talked about, then communicate this information to the non-English speakers and let them know ways they can get involved in upcoming activities. **If you are interested in being such a language liaison, please let Katie know.**

- **MCAS Pilot:** Newton is one of nine school districts in Massachusetts whose MCAS scores are being evaluated in a new way. This is a pilot program that measures not only how L-E students do in relation to a standard, but also how much each student grows from year to year. This new metric, called the "student growth percentile," measures students' progress relative to other students with a similar test score history. So if a student's growth percentile is 75%, that means she did better on the test than 75% of other students with similar scores the previous year. The state hopes the new metric will do a number of things, including help schools improve curriculum and instruction and make better instructional decisions for individual students.

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Out-of-District Policy Statement

Out-of-District placements for students who wish to attend a school in Newton other than his/her district school are limited. Such placements are made on a space available basis only. Newton families, as well as members of Units A, B, C, D, E, NESAs, Custodians and Boston parents of students in the METCO Program, should call the Elementary Education Office (**grades K – 5**) at 617-559-6105 or the Deputy Superintendent's Office (**grades 6 – 12**) at 617-559-6115 for information. Students who receive acceptance for Out-of-District placement must remain in the school selected for the duration of the school year.

Applications for the following school year must be submitted on forms which will be available **beginning November 2** in the **Elementary Education Office (grades K – 5)**, Room 218, or the **Deputy Superintendent's Office (grades 6 – 12)**, Room 214, at the Education Center.

If necessary, a lottery will be implemented to determine the order in which placements will be made. Completed applications, signed by the in-district principal, can be submitted no earlier than January 4, 2010 and no later than March 31, 2010. Applications submitted after March 31, 2010 will not be included in the lottery.

Class size in a given grade, in a given year, in a specific school, may preclude any placements including siblings. Parents will be responsible for transportation. Tuition Free Enrollment is limited to the per pupil cost of regular education.

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Melissa Fang, our **Halloween Dance** head honcho, gave us an update on how the **Sunday, Nov. 1st** dance is shaping up. Ticket sales have begun. If you buy your tickets beforehand, they cost \$5. If you buy them at the door, they cost \$8, and **\$7 if you sign up for our Stop and Shop or Shaw's e-Rewards program (so bring your Rewards cards to the dance)**. Teacher raffle ticket sales (we raffle off cool outings and activities with different teachers and the principal) will begin soon.

Please keep your eye out for the **Halloween Dance volunteer form**. We need lots of volunteers to make the dance a success. We especially need parents to run games. The dance takes place from 4-7 p.m. We'll do some preliminary setup on the Friday before. Leftover baked good from the dance will be sold on Tuesday to folks who vote at Lincoln-Eliot.

Alison Leary Mooradian talked to the group about recycling efforts at the school. The city has instituted a new single stream recycling/automatic trash pick up program but hasn't yet included the schools in the program. Nevertheless, Allison "procured" one of the new recycling receptacles so school recycling will go on uninterrupted. The city will include the schools in the new

program in the next month or so. Alison said she'd like the school to start recycling on a more "global" level.

Maria Greenberg, who has been working hard on signing up the school for various e-Rewards programs, talked about the various programs that are available to schools. She is currently focusing her energy on signing people up for the Stop and Shop and Shaws e-Rewards program. She will send out an email soon to the entire parent group reminding them to sign up and to encourage friends and family to sign up too. The e-Rewards programs gives L-E a percentage of the money our community (and other supporters) spends at these stores. It's effortless money, so please sign up.

In other news:

- The PTO is still looking **to fill several key positions** including co-president, Creative Arts and Science Chair and Spiritwear Czar.

- The L-E family directory should be published next week. Many thanks to Melissa Fang, Heather Kelly and Alicia Matos for putting it together.

- The yard sale made \$2,000 and was a lot of fun. Kudos to Missy White and Angela Winston (with lots of help from Agi Sardi and many others) for spearheading it. We are inviting anyone to take whatever they'd like any time from 7:30 a.m.

- 1:30 p.m. Thursday. Susanne Goddard will be there to assist. The items are under the overhang near the parking lot. Yard sale donors are allowed to deduct up to \$250 worth of donations without a receipt. If you need a receipt for your donation, please contact Agi Sardi at agi.sardi@gmail.com.

- The fifth grade graduation committee will have its first meeting at the Boys and Girls Club Thursday (yesterday) at 6 p.m. If you'd like to get involved in the group that raises money for all of the fifth grade end-of-year activities, please contact Susan Dargon-Hart at zueban@mac.com.

Last but not least, we had a fabulous presentation from L-E dad Mark Greenberg, who owns **Murray's Liquors in Newton**, 747 Beacon Street, Newton Center, entitled "Wines on the Cheap: Strategies for Buying Good Wines at Low Prices." He gave all kinds of tips on buying good, inexpensive wine and gave us names of wines to look out for. Unfortunately, PTO rules prevented us from sipping wine as we listened! I'll post his tip sheet with the meeting minutes on lepto.org.

That's it for October. Join us for **our next meeting Monday, Nov. 16 at 6:30** p.m. in the Music Room!



PTO President's Corner

Dear Parents,

The school year has gotten off to a great start thanks to you! Dues and donations have exceeded our expectations, partly due to the new "hush" money concept introduced (\$4500 and counting). Even with the weather against us, (snow? In October?), our first yard sale in many years was a successful groundbreaking for future such events (\$2100). The gym was transformed into a clearance wonderland.

Not only was it a financial success, many of us had fun. Your participation and donations have made all this possible.

The coming months have some fun activities in store: the Nov 1 Halloween dance will feature the teacher raffle (kids buy a chance to do a fun activity with a teacher), contests and lots of socializing. On December 4th we will hold our evening Family Social as a token of thanks for your support. Please mark your calendars!

I want to continue with a little plug asking for active participation from any of you who can provide it. We are still seeking someone

to take on the role of vice or co president this year in preparation for taking the helm next year. At the last Newton wide PTO meeting, it was eloquently pointed out that we volunteers are here to serve, and not be served. While this is a difficult task, volunteering has many rewards and can be a great growth and learning opportunity. Volunteering can be used to enhance your resume as an opportunity to hone skills as a fundraiser and manager while being able to remain involved in your child's life.

In addition to the co-presidency, we are still recruiting for a Science Committee co-chair and a Spiritwear Chief. If that's not enough for you, Margaret Hannah is retiring this year as the PTO Newton wide Crisis Team Manager and seeks someone to begin filling that role now as she finishes off her term. If you are interested, please contact Margaret_Hannah@MSPP.EDU.

As always, we welcome your feedback and appreciate your support. If there's any advice you have for us to do a better job as the PTO, please let us know.



Thank you,
Agi Sardi – PTO Pres
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Rewards Programs



Have you registered your Shaw's and Stop & Shop cards?



Did you notice the new Box Tops collection bin outside the main office?



For information on these and other programs, visit:
www.lepto.org/erewards
or email Maria Greenberg at:
Echomaria1@msn.com



The 1st L-E Yard Sale was a great success!



Did you accidentally miss dropping off your donations for the L-E yard sale? Consider bringing them to another worthy cause! Clean Out Your Closets to Benefit The New Art Center! The New Art Center in Newtonville is soliciting donations of furniture, household items, appliances, adult and children's clothing, toys, videos, sports equipment, antiques, rugs, jewelry, art, and more for our giant indoor Rummage Sale on Sunday, November 1st., 9am-4pm, 61 Washington Park, Newtonville. Proceeds will support the New Art Center's art classes, exhibitions and community programs, and enable much-needed improvements to our building. For more info, including drop-off info for donations, visit: www.nacrummagesale.squarespace.com.

Lincoln-Eliot Beautification Week Declared a Magnificent Success!

We had two arduous days of gardening and beautification in October. The weather was mild and sunny on day one while the temperature dropped drastically on our second day. We focused our efforts by the corner garden at Gardner and Pearl streets carefully weeding and planting mums. Ms. Liias' fourth graders assisted in moving soil, while Mrs. Bradley's kindergartners loosened soil in preparation for Ms. Phelan, Mrs. McDonald and Mr. Raisner's second graders put in grass seed along the hill. Mrs. Gueye and Ms. Anderson's third graders helped dig mini gardens along the posts of the fence so that Ms. Kremer and Mrs. Petrofsky's classes could plant bulbs. Mrs. Hole's first graders pulled up weeds under the shrubs, picked up sticks and gathered rocks for the mini gardens. Our other Herculean effort was the new garden in the playground. Mr. Davan and

Ms. Penzar's students took on the strenuous task of breaking ground and digging the new border garden along the chain link fence while Mrs. Marino, Mrs. Goode and Ms. Ayube's students earnestly pitched in to move close to two cubic yards of soil donated to us by the City of Newton. A special thanks to Marcia Ward and Michael Finnegan of Plowshares who organized their students in a special project of painting rocks which now outline our newest garden. Andrew Hargens stopped by at the end of the day to offer his expertise in putting in our new plants just before the rain arrived. This was a real team effort! Please stop by and see this corner garden which already is adding color to our playground.

A special thanks to Ms. Paola for organizing the schedule; to our wonderful secretary Donna for her assistance; to our teachers and teacher aides. Thanks to all who loaned tools and donated fall plants: Sharon, Jonathan's dad brought beautiful mums, the Ireland family and Kfourri family donated mums, cabbages and grasses; Bob

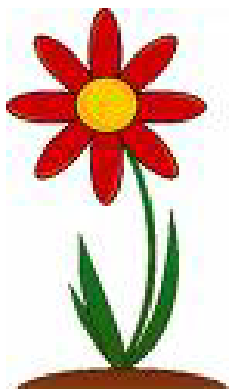
O'Hare, Bryce and Brock Busa's grandfather for his gift of French iris transplanted from his garden! Our thanks to the Devlin family, The Quatieri family, the Rothstein family and Plowshares and others (some anonymous) for their donations of spring bulbs and paper bags. To the countless parent volunteers, thank you for digging, guiding our young gardeners and supporting our efforts: Aneesha Mamba, Agi Sardi, Nilson our expert landscaper and 18 month old Carmen, Anna Furman, Miriam Alandydy, Diane Best, Alison Leary Mooradian, Victoria Bacanurschi, Susanne Goddard and Michele Kfourri. Many thanks to all those who participated in our beautification efforts. We look forward to seeing the fruits of our labor this coming spring.



-Elaine Smith Purcell
Garden Committee
Hazel and Harold's mom



Beautification Week 2009



Creative Arts and Sciences

Upcoming Events:

- Tanglewood Marionettes: The Dragon King; November 4th; Grades K-5; 9 & 10:15AM; in the Gym; parents are welcome to attend!
- Bugworks; Grade 1; November 6th. The "bug lady" will visit our first graders discussing the habitat and food chain of insects. Students will also have the opportunity to touch, hold and observe insects including a Madagascar hissing bug and praying mantis.
- Poet Andy Green of Potato Hill Poetry will again be our Poet in Residence for grades 2, 4 and 5. A L-E favorite!



Nursing Notes by Sue Schy, R.N.

Our AED has arrived. An AED is an automatic external defibrillator and it is a device that, when used in conjunction with CPR, can save a life.

An AED is used when a person suffers from a condition called sudden cardiac arrest. Sudden cardiac arrest is when the heart stops beating suddenly and unexpectedly due to a malfunctioning in the heart's electrical system. The malfunction can cause a life-threatening abnormal rhythm that is so chaotic that the heart merely quivers and is unable to pump blood to the body and brain.

A victim in sudden cardiac arrest first loses his or her pulse, collapses and is unable to breathe. All of this happens in a matter of seconds. The only effective treatment for this is to deliver an electric shock using the AED device, which stops the chaotic rhythm and gives the heart a chance to restart with a normal rhythm. It is important that an AED is available soon after the cardiac arrest – for every minute defibrillation is delayed, the chance of success goes down about ten percent.

AED's are being placed in many public buildings. Here, we have an AED device for use by trained school staff. The AED has purposely been placed in a highly visible location so that the public has access to it in case of an emergency after school hours. It is in a cabinet on the wall outside the girl's bathroom on the second floor. This cabinet is unlocked but alarmed to prevent tampering. All children and staff are being informed of this device and its location.

We are so pleased to have these life saving devices in our school building and feel grateful for a team of dedicated individuals that are trained and ready to respond in an emergency.

Stay Healthy!

Sue



Flu updates available at:

www.ci.newton.ma.us/Health/h1n1.htm

Newsletter Contributors Needed!

Suggest a topic! Write a guest column!

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Dear Parents,

The use of the Internet and World Wide Web has become an integral and routine part of instruction in our classrooms and school libraries throughout the school day. We find that students use these resources at home as well. In order to teach students about the appropriate and ethical uses of the Internet, library teachers and instructional technology specialists are partnering with classroom teachers to instruct students about CyberSafety. These lessons were developed by Information Technology

Department staff members who have been trained to use the I-Safe curriculum, a nationwide program to instruct students in Internet safety.

At some point during the months of October through February, students in grades 3 through 5 will participate in a CyberSafety lesson. In grade 3, the lesson will outline student responsibility for using the Internet and how to stay safe within a "Cyber Community." In grade 4, students will explore the responsible use of the Internet by discussing scenarios, such as bullying on the Internet or inappropriate use of Internet resources. Fifth-grade students will be focusing on Cyber Bullying, which is using hurtful or inappropriate comments in an electronic format. By co-teaching the lesson with the classroom teacher, our knowledgeable staff of library teachers and instructional technology specialists will be available to respond to children's questions.

If you have the opportunity to talk about this topic at home, it will help reinforce the message about personal safety and ethical use of the Internet. I suggest you ask your children what they have learned about CyberSafety and remind them to confide in you or another trusted adult if they have any concerns.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Shelley B. Chamberlain



The Green Team

Do you Know Where your Trash Goes? (And Why Recycling Is So important?)

By Alison Leary Mooradian

Years ago, Newton like most communities, disposed of its trash by dumping it in landfills scattered around the city. Some was buried, and some of it was even openly burned until that practice was halted by the Department of Public Health in 1962. Disposal in local landfills was phased out due to both concern for the environment and increasing development pressures. Over twenty years ago Newton signed a contract with Waste Management to haul our trash to a waste to energy incinerator in Millbury, where all our trash currently goes.

Neither landfills nor incinerators are ideal solutions for solid waste disposal. Landfills can leach toxics into groundwater, and eventually into rivers, lakes and streams. Newer landfills have liners which can mitigate this problem, but it is far from perfect. Burning trash can produce pollutants including dioxin, mercury and other poisonous substances which can escape into the air. Newer technologies such as scrubbers can help reduce air pollution, but they still produce a toxic ash that must be disposed of, usually in a landfill.

Most people now realize that the true cost of trash disposal must include the impact on the environment. This is one of the reasons why the City has moved to the new trash system which has culminated in automated trash pick up, an expanded recycling program and limited pay-as-you-throw trash fees. Single stream recycling simplifies recycling by putting all recyclables in one container with no need to sort. The new system will encourage more recycling, which means less goes into the trash to be burned. When the City studied the results of last years pilot program it found that there was about a 27% reduction in the amount of trash produced, and a 23% increase in the amount of recycling.

The more trash that is diverted from the waste stream means more money is saved in terms of "tipping fees", which is the amount money of it costs to pick up and dispose of trash. Tipping fees at the Millbury waste to energy facility are currently between \$140-\$152/ton for

trash and about \$100 a ton for recyclables (these figures do fluctuate). So anytime a ton of trash is diverted into the recycling stream, the city saves \$40-\$52. This really adds up in a city that throws away 29,000 tons of trash each year. It is expected that the city will immediately start saving about \$90,000 a month with the new system. But the potential is there for the city to save a great deal more. And as the economy improves there will likely be a lucrative market for recycled materials and the city can actually get paid for materials like paper, aluminum and glass.

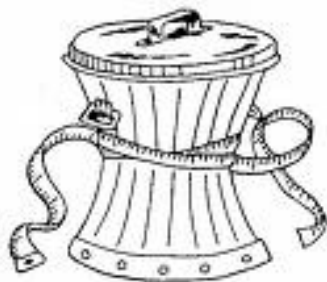
The city does plan to bring to include the schools in the expanded recycling program in the near future. This will finally mean a unified city wide recycling program in the schools, which has the potential to divert tons more trash into the recycling stream. This is good news for both the City's budget and for our environment. Take a look at just some of the figures from the EPA website about the positive impacts of recycling.

In 2006, the national recycling rate of 32.5 percent (82 million tons recycled) prevented the release of approximately 49.7 million metric tons of carbon into the air-roughly the amount emitted by 39 million cars, or saving the energy equivalent to 10 billion gallons of gasoline.

Every ton of mixed paper recycled can save the energy equivalent of 185 gallons of gas.

Recycling just one ton of aluminum rather than throwing it away conserves the equivalent about of 36 barrels of oil. Recycling aluminum cans saves 95 % of the energy required to make a new one.

Stay tuned for more news on the expanded recycling program!



What do you do with the stuff that doesn't go in your recycle bin?

There are many great resources in place for extending the life of your household items!

Household appliances collecting dust? Need to make room for new furniture? Consider contacting one of these organizations and donating working appliances and furniture in good condition:

- Household Goods Recycling of Massachusetts www.hgrm.org/index.html
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Massachusetts Bay www.bbbsmb.org/getinvolved/donate/donatestuff.aspx

Closets full of outgrown winter coats and barely worn shoes? One of these great charities can help:

- Anton's Coats for Kids (& Adults too!) www.antons.com/cfk/
- Soles 4 Souls www.soles4souls.org/

Fall cleaning? Downsizing? Simplifying? Decluttering? Check out:

- www.freecycle.org -- a nonprofit site dedicated to reuse and keeping good items out of landfills by helping people exchange stuff locally.

One person's trash really can be another person's treasure!



Meet the L-E Faculty!

Third grader Julian Kotsonis recently sat down with his teacher, Kristina Anderson, to find out more about her. This is Ms. Anderson's first year with a class of her own. She has worked at Lincoln-Eliot for two-and-a-half years, as a student teacher in former teacher Joanne Shapiro's fourth grade class and as an aide in the third and fourth grades.

Julian: How tall are you?

Ms. Anderson: I am 5'11" with flat shoes on. If I wear heels, I'm over 6 feet.

J: Do you have any pets?

Ms. A: Yes, a Springer Spaniel puppy named Quincy. He lives with my parents because my apartment is so small. I visit him a lot, pretty much every weekend.

J: Do you have any hobbies?

Ms. A: I enjoy running. I run 10K's and half marathons. I run with a couple of friends from high school and we travel to races. We went to Nashville to run the country music half marathon. We also ran in Vermont and Providence. I love country music so I love going to country music concerts. I recently went to a country music festival and also to see U2.

J: Who is in your family?

Ms. A: I have a twin sister Johanna - she lives in

Maryland – and my mom and my dad. They live in Rhode Island.

J: What's your favorite food?

Ms. A: I love sushi. I love trying new kinds. Do you like sushi Jules?

J: No!

J: Have you had other jobs besides teaching?

Ms. A: I waitressed during college and graduate school at a breakfast place and in downtown Boston.

J: Where did you grow up?

Ms. A: I grew up in Smithfield, Rhode Island, about 10 minutes north of Providence.

J: What was your favorite subject in third grade?

Ms. A (smiles): I was thinking about third grade recently because I now teach third grade. I would have to say reading. I used to love it when the teacher read us stories and used crazy voices. That's what I try to do for your class.

J: What's your favorite thing about Lincoln-Eliot?

Ms. A: I love the small neighborhood feel here and how you get to know a lot of the families and siblings. That connected neighborhood feeling is great.

J: Where do you live?

Ms. A: I just moved to Brighton from Cambridge, where I lived for three years.

J: What's the last book you read?

Ms. A: The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom. I liked it a lot. I started to watch the movie, but I didn't like it.

J: What's your favorite Halloween candy?

Ms. A: Snickers. What's yours?

J: Skittles.

J: What was the last thing you dressed up as for Halloween?

Ms. A (laughs): I dressed up as Waldo from *Where's Waldo?*



Ms. Anderson with Quincy

Fourth grader, Ashlyn Kelly, sat down with new Lincoln-Eliot teacher, Johanna Liias. Ms. Liias previously worked at L-E as a student teacher and a classroom aide. We are very excited to welcome her back to Lincoln-Eliot!

Q How is it being back at Lincoln-Eliot?

JL: It's great! It's nice to see and work with the people I used to work with. I used to be a student teacher with Ms. Goode's class. It's comforting and it's challenging because it's much harder to be a teacher than a student teacher.

Q How do you like being a 4th grade teacher?

JL: I like 4th grade. I love 4th grade math! Social studies is new for me. I think this a really great age so hanging out with kids this age is a lot of fun for me.

Q Do you have any pets?

JL: I do! I have two cats. We adopted them from an animal shelter. They're sister and brother, and their names are Vesper and Diego. Vesper is named from the Latin for the evening; she's black and orange like the nighttime. Diego

is named after Zorro because he looks like he's wearing a black mask.

Q What's your favorite animal?

JL: Giraffes. It's because they're tall and I'm very short. I think it's really cool that they have the same number of bones in their necks as we do, they're just longer!

Q Where did you grow up?

JL: In many places! I was born near Springfield, Massachusetts. I've lived in New Jersey, New Orleans [Louisiana], and then I came back to Massachusetts for a few years. In 5th grade I moved to Washington State and then in high school I lived in Hawaii. That's where I graduated from high school. Then I came back to the east coast for college and my parents ended up moving back here as well. I counted all my moves once and I think it was twelve in total!

Q Where do you live now?

JL: I live in South Boston with my boyfriend, Greg, who is an artist. I actually live in a very cool building called The Distillery. It's an artists' building and you have to be an artist to live there.

Greg has done a lot of paintings that hang on the walls of our apartment. Twice a year, there's an open studio in the whole building and people come to see all the artwork. There is actually one coming up on October 31 and November 1. [For more information, visit: www.southbostonopenstudios.org/]

Q Have you taught any grades other than 4th?

JL: Yes, I have. Last year, I taught 5th grade at Dever School in Dorchester. That was actually the school where Principal Swoboda moved to and it was awesome to work there with her. But when I heard about the opening at Lincoln-Eliot, I was very excited about coming back.

Q What do you like to do when you're not teaching?

JL: Gosh, is there is a time when I'm not teaching? I feel like I'm still getting used to 4th grade and there isn't much time when I'm not correcting papers or planning lessons. On the weekends, when I try to give myself a little break, I like to cook. I'm not very good at it yet, but it's fun! I'm definitely a couch sitter and a

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reader. Once I finished three of the Lightening Thief books in one weekend! I'm also taking dancing lessons. My boyfriend got me swing dancing lessons for my birthday and we're taking them together. I also enjoy shopping. I get all these fancy shoes but I can't really wear them to work because they're all heels!

Q Do you have sisters and brothers?

JL: I have two younger brothers. My brother Egan works at Whole Foods. He has an office, but I don't really know what he does – don't tell him I said that! My brother Dunstan works at Trader Joe's in Brookline. He's 6'3" and much bigger than me. He got all the height in our family!

Q Do you ever wish you could have a day off?

JL: Well, I get two days off every week!

AK: I always wish I could have Mondays off!

JL: I'm usually pretty tired by the end of the week, but I have the tree with the lights [a classroom decoration] and I can make tea whenever I want so it's all good. It's so cool to

see what you guys are doing in class. I still get so excited over the writing the class is doing! So while there may be times here and there when I'd like a day off, overall I really enjoy being in the classroom!

Q What's your favorite book?

JL: Well, my favorite grown-up book is Pride and Prejudice, which is by Jane Austen. For kids' books, I love books about cool princesses. Dealing with Dragons [by Patricia C. Wrede] is one of my favorites. It's about a princess who doesn't really like the whole princess thing and wants to learn to sword fight and do other cool stuff. Everyone thinks she can't take care of herself but she shows them they're wrong. It's a series.

Q What's your favorite color?

JL: Orange! Orange sweaters, orange shoes, orange rugs, orange tea cups, orange everything! It's so sunshine-y and happy. But I actually don't like to eat oranges – I don't like how the skin gets under my fingernails and makes my hands smell like oranges all day!

Q If there was anywhere in the world you could go, where would you go?

JL: I would go to London where my friend, Margaret, lives because I haven't seen her in over six years. But if it weren't to visit someone, I would go to Egypt to see the pyramids. I'd really like to tour a pyramid. I wonder if you can do that? When I was younger, I loved dinosaurs and pyramids along with the cool princess books.



Ms. Liias and Diego

PTO THANK YOU NOTES

A hug and a kiss to all of you who recently paid PTO hush money, regular dues and amounts in between. These generous donors include: Mariya Kornilova, Melissa Fang and Andrew Hargens, Debbie and Shaul Berechman, Brad and Larry Seamans, Andrea and Phil Boucher, Sorana Ailincă, Alison Leary Mooradian, Michele and Emile Kfourı, Suren Karapetyan, Sheree Pavone, Anne Chang, Shari Cloran, Xingyuan Li, Roman Levinsky, Telly Cordova, Hope and Jay Straughan, Kyung Young Ohk, Holly and Eleftherios Georgiadis, Sally Moore, Jason Zheng and Wei Ning, Kim Cerone, Ian Kotyk, Deirdre Thomas, Mary Mooradian, Nathan and Beth Busa, Maria and Mark Greenberg and Arlene Josiah. Dues payments from 85 families brought in a whopping \$4,470 that will go towards programs and other things for our kids.



A hearty thanks to our energetic yard sale leaders Missy White and Angela Winston who worked countless hours collecting, organizing, advertising and doing the million other things that go into putting on a tag sale. Agi Sardi deserves a special shout out for all of her work as well. The yard sale chiefs were ably assisted by Maria Greenberg, cashiers Nancy Caira and Alanya Bostwick, Susanne Goddard, Larry Ireland, Stacey Horsik, Sharon Alterescu, Alicia Matos, Alison Leary Mooradian, Francine Marcello, Jeanette Lee, Kate Mooney, Michele Kfourı, Miriam Alandydy, Renata Renner, Renee Blumsack, Vicki Ritterband, Shari Cloran, Debbie Berechman, Galina Frishman, Elizabeth Adler, Michael Rothstein, custodian Joe and principal Katie and her son Quinn. And thank you to all the kids who helped as well. We apologize if we have forgotten anyone, but please realize that your help was appreciated!



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Could your child, ages 6 to 11, benefit from the consistent, caring friendship of a Newton teenager? Newton's One to One Program has an enthusiastic new group of high school seniors from Newton North and Newton South High Schools. If you would like the opportunity to have your child matched this academic year with a "Big Brother/Sister", please call Nancy Holczer, Program Director, at 617.559.9063 by the end of October. Please leave a message on the answering machine, which includes your name, address, and phone number. **A program of the Newton Public Schools since 1972. Funded by The Newton Partnership (formerly the Newton Safe Schools/Healthy Students initiative).**

Tanglewood Marionettes to perform "An Arabian Adventure", Sun., 10/25, at 2 PM at The Newton Cultural Center, 225 Nevada Street, Newtonville. Children are invited to wear their Halloween costumes for a parade after the show with the marionettes. Advance Tickets: \$8, At the door: \$10. 617 527-8283.

Raising Happy, Successful and Moral Children: A Lecture with Richard Weissbourd (author of: *The Parents We Mean To Be: How Well-Intentioned Adults Undermine Children's Moral and Emotional Development*). Wed., 10/28/09. Mt. Ida College, 777 Dedham St., Newton, Carlson Hall Auditorium, 6–7:30 PM. To register please contact Marlene Greenstein at mgreenstein@mountida.edu or 617.928.4530.

Parent-Child Home Programs of Newton Community Service Center is looking for volunteers to provide home visits to low income families with toddler children. Home visitors bring free literacy tools (books and toys) to the families and model ways to increase positive verbal interactions in the home. Training and weekly supervision is provided. Commitment is for 6 hr/week during the school year. Contact Debbie Brush at 617-969-5906 ext 113 or at dbrush@ncscweb.org.

KIDS' KARATE, Free Trial Class, Free Uniform for those who Enroll! Entry ages 1st through 5th grades, boys and girls. Fri., Nov. 6, 4:45-5:45 pm, or Sat., Nov. 7, 10:00-11:00 am. Cost per 7-Week Session: \$79 for once-a-week or \$99 for twice-a-week. Renting beautiful space at Trinity High School, Newton. For more information, please leave message at (617) 527-8052 or visit www.kids-karate.org.

Kaleidoscope Theatre presents fairytales at the Saugus Senior Center! Tickets are \$12 and audience members receive a free ice cream! All shows are at 2 pm on Sundays.

11/8 – "Jack & the Beanstalk"

12/20 – "Little Red's Christmas"

For tickets, contact Paul Ryan at Grouptixne@aol.com or 781-231-EXPO.

The New Art Center - Children's Art Classes at the New Art Center starting in November! Many classes still have openings for the Late Fall Term (first week of November through mid-December). Classes for children include Ceramics, Draw Fantasy & Manga, Artistic Architects, Play-n-Clay Clay Creatures, Adventures in Art, and Young Artists. We also offer a Saturday Drop-In Art Class for grades K-5 from 10:00-11:00 with a different project each week. Also don't forget to check out our many classes for Teens and Adults. For more information or to register, visit our website at www.NewArtCenter.org, or call 617-964-3424.

Creative Steps Dance Studio, All of our classes are taught in fun, creative, non-stressful ways while obtaining quality dance instruction. Studio located at Eliot Church of Newton, 474 Centre St. Convenient monthly payment plan and large selection of classes avail. for ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, and more! Visit: www.creativestepsdancestudio.com or call 617-645-7786 for more information.

Special Needs Drama Troupe - All Newton Music School is offering a class for kids with special needs ages 10-13 yrs. old Mondays from 4:00 – 4:45 pm. The theater class will be full of games, plays and fun. Drama David, a teacher for the past 16 years, offers a class where students of varying needs can feel successful and confident on stage. The class will focus on movement, projection, reactions and stage cues. Call 617-527-4553, go to www.allnewtonmusicsschool.com, or e-mail David Gaita with questions at david_gaita@newton.k12.ma.us

Hans Christian Andersen event at the Scandinavian Living Center, 206 Waltham Street, West Newton. 10/25/09, 2-4 pm. All children age 7 to 12 are invited to come and play games based on Andersen's fairytales, The Little Mermaid, The Ugly Duckling, The Emperor's New Clothes and many more. Children will receive information about the author, Danish culture and be able to listen to story telling. Danish treats, participation certificates and book prizes. Please feel free to come dressed up as the Little Mermaid or any other Hans Christian Andersen character. **Everyone is welcome and the event is free.**

Halloween Concert - Winsor Music will present a Halloween concert on Sat., 10/31/09 at 2 pm (repeated at 4 pm) at St. Paul's Church, 15 St. Paul St., Brookline. The two programs will feature pieces played on the theremin (an eerie-sounding electronic instrument) with piano accompaniment. Admission: **Adults \$10, Children FREE**. We DARE you to write a Halloween story! Kids, let your imaginations run wild! Your story should be between 5 and 10 minutes long, and appropriate for all ages. The winning story will be read at the concert and accompanied by sound effects from the theremin and piano. This is a rare opportunity for all young writers and Halloween lovers! Email your story to info@winsormusic.org.

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RESOURCE FOR KIDS WITH FOOD ALLERGIES -

The No Biggie Bunch has landed in Newton with their latest title: TRADE-OR-TREAT HALLOWEEN. The No Biggie Bunch Children's Book Series helps to start the food allergy conversation in positive ways giving the opportunity for kids to creatively cope with their food allergies in social situations. Meet the bunch and order books at www.nobiggiebunch.com. Author readings available upon request. Reach us by email at info@nobiggiebunch.com.

Understanding Our Differences! 30th Anniversary Celebration, November 10th, 7-9 pm at the Brae Burn Country Club. The community is invited. Guest speaker will be Governor Deval Patrick. Leadership awards to be presented, and curriculum team members honored. For more information or tickets: www.UnderstandingOurDifferences.org or 617-559-6075.

Cub Scouts, Pack 315 - For boys grades 1-5 who are interested in joining, the next pack meeting is Wednesday 10/28 at 6:45pm at the Elks club on Centre St. in Newton corner. All meetings will take place on Wednesdays. For more info, contact Aprel McCabe (staprel@yahoo.com) or Norm Richardson (richardson@battelle.org).

Become a Newton School Volunteer! Would you like to help a Newton elementary school student learn basic mathematics concepts? Adult volunteers are needed to tutor students in grades 2-5. Tutor once a week for 30-45 minutes, no teaching experience is needed, tutors select their preferred school, grade, day, and time, play special math games that reinforce skills and help students gain confidence, training, Everyday Math books and learning materials, and ongoing support are provided. For more information, please contact Ellen Bender at 617.559.6131 or ellen_bender@newton.k12.ma.us

A Pumpkin Patch, right here in Newton! The United Parish of Auburndale is hosting its third annual Pumpkin Patch, 10/4 through 10/31. Pumpkins large and small, gourds, and baked goods will be for sale. Proceeds help the UPA support a number of programs in the New England area. Don't miss this fun family outing! Pumpkin Patch hours are: M-F, 10am-6pm; Sat, 9am-5pm; and Sun, 11am-6pm. The UPA is located at the corner of Woodland Road and Grove Street near Williams Elementary in Auburndale. For more info, call 617-964-8516.

Bay State Skating School: Learn-To-Skate Classes for children (4 ½ & up) and adults starting in October and November. Classes held at Newton Daly Rink, Cleveland Circle Rink, and Waltham Rink. Sign up today! Online at www.baystateskatingschool.org or by calling 781-890-8480. We're a non-profit corporation!

Sports Equipment Exchange: Looking for a great price on sports equipment? Have skates or roller blades that have been outgrown? Bowling ball collecting dust in your closet? Lower Falls Community Center will hold a used sports equipment sale on Tuesday, Nov 3rd. from 2:30-5:30. Baked goods and some crafts will also be on sale. If you would like to donate lightly used gear, please drop it off before 6 PM on Nov 2nd. or on Tuesday, Nov 3rd. before 2 pm. Located at 545 Grove St in Newton Lower Falls. Questions: 617-332-7327. Proceeds will go to building repairs and improvements.

All That Jazz Dance Studio! We offer classes in Ballet, Pointe, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Funky Jazz, Musical Theater Dance, and Modern for ages 2-adult. New this year: Ballroom Dance Class on Sundays from 5-6 (6th gr. and up), Boys and Girls HipHop/BreakDance on Sundays from 4-5 (1st-3rd gr.), as well as Sunday six week long workshops in everything! Classes are taught either by the Director, Miss Deb Lifson Vogel, or other experienced teachers who believe in challenging students in a fun and safe environment. Please call Deb at 617-641-0784 or check out our web site at www.allthatjazznewton.com. Don't forget to ask Miss Deb about having your birthday party at All That Jazz! Special promotion just for our Lincoln-Eliot neighbors -- mention this ad and we will waive the registration fee!

The Sunday School for Jewish Studies presents a lecture entitled "Essential Judaism" by Rabbi David Kudan, Sunday November 1st from 10-Noon at Oak Hill Middle School. Rabbi Kudan will explore some key concepts and ideas that have allowed Judaism to thrive throughout the centuries, creating itself anew from age to age. The event is free and open to the entire adult community. For more information, contact info@sundayschoolforjewishstudies.org.

Lice Aunties is an in-home, non toxic, all mom, lice removal business based in Newton. Thousands of heads checked with affection and a sense of humor. Visit: www.liceaunties.com

Go Green and put more green back into your wallet! Newton Eco Team Project, endorsed by dozens of local institutions, is a community-wide energy conservation program that teaches, step-by-step, how to substantially reduce your carbon output in just a month's time. The program is structured with an easy-to-use workbook. Small groups of neighbors and friends meet four times to learn ways to save money and energy. Schools, cultural groups, faith-based groups, political groups and business groups are all enthusiastically joining this effort with the goal of reducing energy consumption in at least a quarter of all homes in Newton. Please visit our website: www.newtonecoteams.org or contact Bonnie Glickman: bglickman@mindspring.com or Jay Walter: entasis@rcn.com to find out how to involve your school or neighborhood or other group in this exciting educational project.

Bowen Cooperative Nursery School is now enrolling for 2010-2011, serving the Newtonville area for over 50 years, Bowen embraces the whole child with a developmentally appropriate, play-based curriculum. We are especially proud of our Transitional Kindergarten which is designed for older 4's and young 5's who might need another year to develop socially or academically before moving to Kindergarten. In our unique TK program, older preschool children are challenged in a fun and nurturing way that fosters both independence and a sense of community. For more information about this and other programs at our school, please call 617-332-3923 or visit our website at www.bowencoop.org.

NEWTON SALUTES! Where Learning Never Stops: 140 Years of Adult Education in Newton. A New Exhibition at the Jackson Homestead and Museum, on display through January, 2010. Newton Community Education is a self-sustaining arm of the Newton Public Schools. The exhibit features their collection of catalogs from the 1950s through the present, showing the changing trends in adult education - from "How to Fix Your Car" and "Millinery" in the 1950s to "Thai Cooking" and "Mastering Your iPod" today. Free with admission.

Knit One .. Chat Too: Adults, children, mother/child knitting groups/lessons. Offered during the day, after school and at night. Please contact Margot Rendall at 617-965-9857 or capemargot@aol.com.

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Newton Youth Hockey 'Learn to Skate': Signs ups underway. Begins 11/14 at Fessenden School. Learn basic skills while having fun. Two groups: Sat. at noon for beginners/first timers & Sat. at 1 pm for those with some skating ability. Runs mid-Nov. through most of March. www.newtonyouthhockey.com. Click on "Learn to Skate".

Fall Events at the New Art Center!

- Current Gallery Exhibitions: *Decidedly Ambivalent* and *The Difference Is Spreading*. 9/14-10/26. Gallery hours are Mon through Fri 9-5 pm, Sat & Sun 1-5 pm.
- Rummage Sale (indoors), Sun, 11/1, 10-4pm.
- Late Fall Art Classes Start, 11/2, register now!
- Evening Lecture: Bevil Conway (Artist & Neuroscientist) - *This is Your Brain on Art*. Wed, 11/18, 7 pm.
- Upcoming Gallery Exhibition: *Icons & Altars Exhibition*, 16th Annual Benefit Exhibition. Fri, 11/13 (opening reception 6-8pm) to Sun, 12/13 (closing reception 3-5pm).
 617-964-3424, www.newartcenter.org

The Newton Partnership (formerly Safe Schools/Healthy Students) presents the following upcoming workshops:

- *Helping Young and School-Aged Children Cope with Divorce*: Wed, 10/28 from 7-8:30 pm in the Cooper Room, Newton Community Service Center, 492 Waltham St, W. Newton. Pre-registration required. CONTACT: Susan Sklan, LICSW, ssklan@ncscweb.org or call 617.969.5906 x125.
- *Please Stop The Rollercoaster: Parenting Teenagers*: Thurs, 11/5, 7-8:30 pm at the Newton Free Library, 330 Homer St, Newton Ctr. Presentation by Sue Blaney, author and communication expert. No registration necessary. For more information, email nancy_holczer@newton.k12.ma.us or call 617.559.9063.

-- *The Middle School Years: The Pressure to Fit In Part 1*: Thurs, 11/12, 7-8:30 p.m at the Bigelow Middle School Library, 42 Vernon St, Newton Corner. Facilitated by Amy Comeau, M.Ed. and Rolanda Prophete, LICSW. Pre-registration is requested but all are welcome to attend. Pre-register to 617.559.9060 or ann_picariello@newton.k12.ma.us.

-- *The Middle School Years: The Pressure to Fit In Part 2*: Wed, 11/18, 7-8:30 pm at the Brown Middle School Library, 125 Meadowbrook Rd, Newton Ctr. Facilitated by Amy Comeau, M.Ed. and Rolanda Prophete, LICSW. Pre-registration is requested but all are welcome to attend. Pre-register to 617.559.9060 or ann_picariello@newton.k12.ma.us.

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Burr Cooperative Nursery School - Please join us for our annual Open House, where parents and children can meet our teachers, talk to current families, and enjoy a craft and a snack! We are now enrolling for the 2010-2011 school year. Wednesday, October 28, 4-7pm, 64 Hancock St, Newton, www.burrcoop.org.

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NEWTON YOUTH PLAYERS announces its 2010-2011 season of musical theatre: "My Fair Lady" is on tap for summer 2010; "Guys and Dolls" will be staged in the fall of 2010; "Peter Pan" in the winter of 2011, and "My Fair Lady" in the spring of 2011. Grades K-7. These programs fill quickly, so early registration is encouraged. Rehearsals held at Newton Cultural Center, 225 Nevada St on Tues 3:30-5 and Thurs 3:45-5:15. Classes for Gr. 3-7 held Monday 4-5:30. For info/registration: 617-796-1540 or www.newtonyouthplayers.com.

The *Lincoln-Eliot Leader* is a publication of the Lincoln-Eliot PTO. It is published monthly during the school year and is available online at www.lepto.org, where you can also find regular updates on PTO activities.

Community News submissions can be sent to the Lincoln-Eliot office or emailed to LEnews191@gmail.com. Please keep submissions brief and include contact information. Submissions deemed of interest to the Lincoln-Eliot community may be edited and printed at the editor's discretion and do not constitute PTO endorsements of product or work.

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I told the good news
And the flavors I still am a-crumblin'.

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"Pumpkins!"
By Ashlyn Kelly, Grade 4

HALLOWEEN HOOTS

- Q: What do ghosts add to their morning cereal?
A: Booberries
- Q: Do zombies eat popcorn with their fingers?
A: No, they eat the fingers separately!
- Q: What do you call a witch who lives at the beach?
A: A sand-witch.
- Q: What do ghosts serve for dessert?
A: Ice Scream
- Q: Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?
A: He didn't have the guts.
- Q: When is it bad luck to meet a black cat?
A: When you're a mouse.
- Q: What is a baby ghost's favorite game?
A: Peek-a-boo!

Did You Know?

A pumpkin is really a squash. It is a member of the Cucurbita family which includes squash and cucumbers.

Pumpkins are grown all over the world; they grow on all of the continents except for Antarctica! They are even grown in Alaska!

Pumpkins are believed to have originated in Central America. Seeds from related plants have been found in Mexico, dating back over 7000 years to 5500 B.C.

Pumpkin carving evolved from the annual Celtic tradition of All Hallow's Eve. But, it wasn't pumpkins that were being carved in these ancient times. The Celtic people didn't have pumpkins -- they carved turnips and rutabagas!

The world record for the largest pumpkin ever grown is 1,725 pounds! It was set on October 3, 2009 by Christy Harp from Ohio.

Poll Results!

What was your favorite thing about the summer?

The result was 100% for "No School!"

New poll question:

What's your favorite subject in school this year?

Vote at:

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by November 12!

Submit work by 11/12 for the next issue of Leader Kids!

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