

# Newton Nation Quarterly

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**MISSION-** Our mission at Newton Elementary School is to foster an environment, consisting of students, parents, staff, and community, who will work cooperatively to create a positive, goal-oriented atmosphere that results in students reaching their full potential as lifelong learners.

## A Message from Ms. DiCamillo

Dear Newton Community,

It has been a wonderful start to the 2019-20 school year! We are looking forward to many exciting events in the near future including our Grandparent's Day, Enrichment Classes, and Fun Run.

Thank you parents for utilizing the Kiss and Go at Black Mountain Recreation Center. It creates a safe drop off for your child. Please consider using the stairwell as a meeting point after school as well.

A huge thank you to the dedicated members of our 2018-2019 School Organizational Team (SOT). They have been pivotal in guiding this community school. In September each year elections take place, existing SOT members as well as interested new members may apply.

The SOT will assist the principal in making important decisions impacting Newton. This team will be made up of elected licensed staff (3), support professionals (1), and parents(4). If interested, please nominate yourself on the forms in the front office by September 7th as our PTA is collecting names.

What are the requirements of Team Members?  
Begin attending training and meetings in October 2019.  
Serve on the team through September 30, 2020 (unless your child no longer attends).  
Attend meetings at least once per month, outside of school hours.  
Make decisions with the whole school population in mind.  
For more information about the District reorganization, visit reorg.ccsd.net.

I encourage every parent to become a member of our PTA as they provide essential help and funding to your child's school. Please connect with our PTA on our website as they have many exciting events planned this year.

As always, our students' success is built on a partnership with you as a vital member! Please join with us as we dedicate ourselves to having a year of commitment to a courageous growth mindset and to the heartfelt dedication necessary to help each student reach his or her own unique potential.

Caring for your child's education,

Ms. DiCamillo



## Upcoming Events:

Sept 6th

Grandparent's Day

Sept 9th

Story and Surprise

Sept 11th

KONA Ice (Every Wed)

Sept 12th

Math Masters

Sept 16th

Progress Report  
(Check I C regularly)

Sept 17th

SOT Meeting @ 3:45pm

Sept 25th

Fun Run Kick Off

Oct 2nd

Enrichment Classes Start

Oct 4th

Fun Run

Oct 8th

Licorice and Laugh  
(Aug/ Sept perfect attendance)

Oct 10th

Math Masters

Oct 11th

DiCamillo Donut Awards  
(Cooperative Classroom Award)

Oct 18th

PTA Trunk or Treat

Oct 25h

NO SCHOOL

The safety and protection of students is very important to us here at Newton Elementary. Please remember that adult supervision is provided from 8:50a.m. until the bell rings at 9:05 a.m. **STUDENTS ARE NOT TO ARRIVE AT SCHOOL BEFORE 8:50 a.m.** unless they are enrolled in Safe-key.

# Counselor's Corner - Ms. Bitar

## Welcome Back!

Being at school every day means your child will not miss out on learning. Did you know that we will be providing a donut treat monthly for the class in each grade level with the best attendance? (Tardies count) We want to thank the City of Henderson for funding our attendance incentives for this school year. Look for raffled prizes at the end of each semester for Perfect Attendance students and students with the Most Improved Attendance.



Research shows that supporting your child's education at home is very important. Here are some conversation starters that will help you stay involved.

1. "Let's see what you brought home." Look at completed work together with your student and see how well they are doing. This is an opportunity to point out strengths and show them that you care about what work they have completed.
2. "What is the coolest thing that happened today?"
3. "What made you laugh today?"
4. "What is the most creative thing you did?"
5. "How were you kind and helpful today? How was someone kind and helpful to you?"

It is going to be an amazing year!

Mrs. Bitar - Newton Elementary School Counselor (702-799-0500 ext. 4301)

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## Health Office Memo



September is **National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month**: One in 3 children in the United States are overweight or obese. Childhood obesity puts kids at risk for health problems that were once seen only in adults, like type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart disease.

The good news is that childhood obesity can be prevented. In honor of National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month, we encourage your family to make healthy changes together.

Get active outside: Walk around the neighborhood, go on a bike ride, or play basketball at the park.

Limit screen time: Keep screen time (time spent on the computer, watching TV, or playing video games) to 2 hours or less a day.

Make healthy meals: Buy and serve more vegetables, fruits, and whole-grain foods.

Please find more information regarding Childhood Obesity, ideas on eating healthier and exercise at [www.health.gov](http://www.health.gov).

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## SPED Department

In the Autism programs students are learning and practicing procedures and classroom expectations. They are also working on academic and personal goals which includes reading at their level, addition and subtraction and lots of repetition to help students assimilate the content. The FLS classroom is currently working on their social skills by reading with the 5th grade classes during reading intervention time every day. The Resource classrooms are working on implementing procedures and expectations. They are also working on reading curriculum at their level which includes learning about the life cycle of a caterpillar and a new friend, Snazzy Snake!

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## GATE

Welcome to another wonderful school year! We have challenging and engaging GATE units planned, each of which will focus on our abstract concepts of CHANGE and STRUCTURES. Third graders will explore Multiple Intelligences, Animations, Roller Coasters, and Bridge Building. Fourth graders will dive into Growth Mindsets, Animations, Robotics, and Bridge Building. Our fifth graders have the opportunity to complete their Caravans websites, explore positive character traits and stop motion, tackle "Green City" challenges during Robotics, further their bridge building skills, and take on STEM challenges. In addition, fifth graders partake in our school's Newton News, so be on the lookout for their newscasts each month!

# News from the Grade Levels

## **Kindergarten**

Kindergarten is off to a great start this year. Thank you for all of the supplies that were sent in at the beginning of the year. We have been working hard on learning our routines and procedures both in the classroom and on the playground. Please remind your student we are a “hands off school” which means we keep our hands to ourselves on the playground and classroom. We have learned how to write all of the numbers from 0-9. Please continue to practice and review at home. We have started learning our letters and their sounds along with some sight words. All of these are found in the Kindergarten Challenge you received in your folder. Please review and study with your student. Finally, the students have started Lexia in class. They may work on it at home, but please do not assist in the lessons. This will make the material harder, much faster than they will be ready for as it is a program that goes until 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Thank you for your continued help and support.

## **First Grade**

Dear families, we have had an amazing start to the school year! We have enjoyed getting to know every student. It's been exciting kicking off the new reading curriculum, Reach For Reading. The students have been busy learning about the commonalities we share with other families around the world. You can help your child further develop their reading skills by having them read aloud daily. Help them sound out unknown words and ask them questions about what they are reading throughout the book. In math, our students have been learning strategies to help them become fluent in their computation skills. Encourage your child to use the count-on strategy when adding and practice breaking numbers up into all of the possible number combinations, for example, 5 can be decomposed into 5 & 0, 4 & 1, and 3 & 2. We look forward to a great year and thank you for all of your support.

## **Second Grade**

Hello Families! We have had a great first few weeks of 2nd grade! Students are excited to learn and have been working hard on benchmark testing. We appreciate their hard work and your support. We have been reviewing classroom rules and expectations in our classes. Please ask your child what their classroom rules are, and have a discussion on how these rules help create and maintain a positive learning community. We have begun our new reading curriculum, National Geographic's Reach for Reading. Our first unit is about communities, and how people live and work within the community. We have studied the communities in which students live, classroom communities, and different communities from around the world. We will end our unit with a culminating activity dedicated to what we have learned. The students work will be displayed on our bulletin boards. If you are in the school please stop by and see our students hard work. In math, we have been reviewing the foundation for mastering sum and differences to 20. Students will be able to apply these skills to fluently add one-digit to two-digit numbers through 100 using place value understanding, properties of operations, and the relationship between addition and subtraction. Please continue to work with your child on math fact fluency within 20, graduating to within 100 as mastery is met. As a reminder, students should be reading 20 minutes each night, and recording their reading on Apple Core bookmarks. These bookmarks are to be returned to school, and become evidence of homework turned in. As second grade teachers, we are excited to partner with you in your child's educational journey.

## **Third Grade**

Third graders are working on building the foundational skills in multiplication and division in math. Students have learned dictionary skills and have become experts on putting words in alphabetical order. Students are analyzing poems and learning about the elements of poetry using Emily Dickinson and Robert Frost poems. Teachers are happy to see students developing a growth mindset and tackling new challenges.

## **Fourth Grade**

We have been busy Zearning since school started! We are focusing on place value, comparing numbers to hundred thousands, and rounding whole numbers. After our assessment we will be adding and subtracting multi-digit whole numbers. In Science we are building robot fingers, making eye models and learning how the human body is like a machine. We will also study various insects and animals to determine how all living organisms live together in the environment. In reading, we started using our new textbook series- Reach for Reading by Scholastic. We've focused on Main Idea/Details, Inference and Plot using different texts. Along with our stories in the textbook, students learn a set of vocabulary words that are part of their weekly quizzes. We have started writing a Narrative piece and will incorporate Language standards such as complete sentences and capitalization. We are planning some fun tie-ins with Social Studies- stay tuned!

## **Fifth Grade**

Fifth graders are already off and running in math, reading, and social studies. We are working on place value, point of view, and immigration. Our Science supplies wish list has been fulfilled by your generous donations. Thank you so much! Please remember that for homework each night, students should be reading for 30 minutes, practicing spelling words, and reviewing math facts. Any additional assignments will be in student planners. Thank you to all of the parents who signed up on Remind so that we can be in close communication with you. Please send any questions or concerns that you may have via Remind. We are excited to work together with you this year to prepare your child for middle school.

# Highlights from our Talented Specialists

## Art

Thank you for supporting your students in the upcoming Fundraiser. All students are using the seven elements of art create an original piece of art for the Fundraiser. We are using a different company this year so parents will have a choice to order on line or send in money to the school however, we prefer you order on line. This company offers various items such as magnets, tee-shirts and water bottles. The brochure for ordering will be sent home Oct. 29 and ordering can begin that day. It will end November 22 and this company does not honor late orders. Deliveries will be made December 14. Your children's art is excellent. I am so proud of them!

## Library

I am so excited to be teaching technology/library again this year. We will begin the year by learning some basic things such as parts of the computer, turning on and off the computer properly as well as logging into our personal accounts. Over the next few weeks, I will be focusing on digital citizenship and internet safety. When students come to my class, they will be given time to check out 2 books. Students are responsible for taking care of and returning these books on time. If you DO NOT want your child checking out books this year, please let me know. We will continue to take part in the Apple Core Program. Each student received information about the program as well as a bookmark in their Newton folder at the beginning of the year. Students in K-2nd are expected to turn in 3 bookmarks by April 12th and students in 3rd-5th are expected to turn on 5. Students who exceed this expectation will be invited to a water party at the end of the school year. More bookmarks are available in the library for when your child needs another one. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at [gimbel@nv.ccsd.net](mailto:gimbel@nv.ccsd.net).

## Music

Thank you to all those interested in the music department. As you all know Newton has a before school 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade choir and an auditioned steel drum band. This year we are excited to begin a new group for recorders. This group is open to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and is also a before school activity. Parents of those of you who are in each group be sure to sign up for the remind app this is where I will be doing all communication for those groups.

## Physical Education

Greetings Newton Families! We are excited to kick off another year of our school wide fitness program at Newton. J.A.W.S. stands for Jogging And Walking Specialists. The program encourages students in grades 1st through 5th to participate in a beneficial fitness program that will help develop healthy and strong hearts and lungs while at the same time promoting self-esteem!! J.A.W.S. will be held during the morning recess from 8:50 – 9:05 a.m. J.A.W.S. will begin on September 11th. Students will already have J.A.W.S cards made and they will be available every morning for use. The P.E. Department will keep track of the J.A.W.S. cards so students can access them easily in the morning. Once students start participating in J.A.W.S. they will be rewarded for all their hard work in the form of various prizes after completing increments of fifteen miles. (One mile is 4 laps around the perimeter of the field – 60 laps = 15 miles). Students also earn rewards each time they hit a shark or a sneaker on the J.A.W.S card. The best reward however is that students will get an opportunity to increase their cardiovascular endurance and a chance to participate in a fun fitness activity!! Any parents that are interested in volunteering to help with the J.A.W.S. program should contact Ms. Eagleson at 702-799-0500 ext. 3903.

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## LET US HEAR FROM YOU!

We care about our Newton Community. Please let us know how we're doing. If you have a comment, praise, concern, or issue you would like to have addressed either in person or in a newsletter, please take a few moments to write it down. Return this form or a separate note to the school office and we'll be happy to respond.

Child's Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like a personal response.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not require a personal response.