

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

Newton Families,

Our last half day of school is May 26th. We ask you turn in all technology by May 27th this year. We need to clean, repair and update the devices and hotspots (include the charger and bag, if applicable). You can turn them in at the front office or send them to school with your child if they are enrolled in in-person learning. If you have any past library books, please turn them in ASAP. Any missing books or technology is checked out to your child under their school account so we need to make sure we check them back in so you do not owe money next year.

As this school year is coming to a close, it is a good time to reflect about how far your child has come this year. They started the year learning to log into a computer and type and are now completing assignments, working with technology, and many have become confident in distance learning.

We are so thankful for the teaching role that you have played in your child's life this year. They have really benefited from having one on one help and many are excelling in learning. We are so grateful to you for helping them set up technology and ensuring they were participating in class each day. THANK YOU SO MUCH! Your partnership this year has been so important.

As we look into new beginnings and a much needed break this summer, we are hoping that you take time to relax, revitalize, unplug, and enjoy free time with your family and friends.

Caring for your child's education,
Ms. DiCamillo

Upcoming Events:

4/22
Earth Day
(Wear Green or Blue)

4/26
Teacher Request Week

4/29
Last Packet Pick-up

5/20
PTA Virtual Meeting 3:30

5/24
SOT Virtual Meeting
3:30pm

5/25
Awards Assemblies
K-4th

5/26
Kinder/ 5th gr Promotion

5/26
Report Cards go home
w/Students
Last Half Day of School

5/31
Memorial Day
School Closed

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 Safekey.**

Counselor's Corner-Ms. Bitar



Happy Spring!

We are so proud of our students and community this year. It has been a challenging year that has required extra patience, flexibility and embracing a growth mindset. Developing a growth mindset is an ongoing process. A big part of having a growth mindset is not letting failing at something stop you from working to improve. Getting and taking feedback from others, learning from mistakes, and finding new ways to approach tasks isn't easy. It is a valuable way to help children learn that talents can be developed. Below are a few ways to support your child's development of a growth mindset.

Praise effort, strategies, progress, hard work, persistence, rising to a challenge, and learning from a mistake.

Be mindful of your own thinking and the messages you send with your words and actions.

Ask "What new strategies did you learn today?" "What mistake did you make that taught you something?" "What did you try that was difficult today?"

Happy to help,

Mrs. Bitar- Newton School Counselor
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Counselor's Website: <https://sites.google.com/a/nv.ccsd.net/counselor-s-corner--ms-bitar-newton-elementary/>



With summer at our doorstep, it's time once more for sunny outdoor adventures. But before you jump in the pool or go on a bike ride, stay protected against the sun.

Here are a few tips to make sure you're getting the best use out of your sunscreen:

- Go for a water-resistant sunscreen if you're going to be in the water or sweating a lot. In FDA terms, "water-resistant" means the SPF will work up to 40 minutes after getting in the water — so don't forget to reapply!
- Speaking of which, you should reapply every two hours no matter what.
- Lather yourself up 15-30 minutes before you expose yourself to the sun.
- Don't let your sunscreen expire — that's a real thing.
- Wear sunscreen even if it's not sunny. About 80% of the sun's UV rays still get through on an overcast day.
- Wear chapstick or lip balm that protects against the sun too.

Health Office



Vaccinations:

Did you know that the state of Nevada still requires immunizations to be up to date for CCSD students for both distance and onsite education? The health office will be contacting you if your student(s) immunization records are not current. Please note that registration for the 2021-2022 school is just around the corner, incoming Kindergarteners immunization records must be current /complete ,

All Grades K-5:

- ♦ Hepatiits A/B
- ♦ MMR
- ♦ DTap
- ♦ Chicken Pox

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News from the Grade Levels

Kindergarten

We would like to thank our families for an amazing year! This has been a year like no other, but the students adjusted and families worked together to ensure their student was on the computer for live lessons and completed the work packets. We are so proud of how hard everyone worked and how much our students learned in the craziness of the year. As we finish out the year, it is important to not lose focus. We still have many sight words and concepts to learn to prepare for next year. Having your student learn to work independently, without assistance from a grown up, will be very important to help them prepare for next year. Best of luck to you all! Thank you,

Kindergarten Team

First Grade

Dear families! What a year! Can you believe the year is just about over? We are so appreciative to have been able to work with you and your child. We know this year has been very different but everyone persevered and learned new skills through it all. We couldn't be more proud of the students! Over the next couple of months we will focus on putting everything we have learned together to strengthen our reading, writing, and math skills to get ready for the next school year. The students will participate in an animal research project to culminate the year. They will continue to learn how to add and subtract double-digits. We thank you for your support this year.

We know it hasn't been easy. Over the summer we encourage your child to read daily, write often, and to practice solving math equations to keep their skills sharp

Second Grade

Newton families it's hard to believe that this school year is quickly coming to an end. We would like to thank each of you for your support this year. In second grade, we have been working hard on completing the standards in our curriculum, and preparing students for third grade. In math, we are focusing on length, measurement and data. Students are learning to collect data, graph it, and analyze that data. Please remind students that it is imperative that they keep up on Zearn digital assignments by completing a minimum of 4 per week. In writing, we have focused on using our Thinking Maps to take us through the writing process. Students have learned to determine what Thinking maps they need draw them out, and utilize them with their writing. Please encourage students to continue doing their Lexia during summer. Students will have access to both. Lexia and Zearn over the summer. Thank you for a great school year!

Third Grade

It is hard to believe that the year is coming to an end. Please continue to have your child read nightly, complete the required minutes/units on Lexia, complete the assigned lessons on Zearn, and practice multiplication facts. Your child will continue to have access to Lexia and Zearn during the summer. It would greatly benefit your child to continue to work daily on these programs. The skills that they will acquire from these programs will help them be ready for fourth grade. We are working with invisible forces in science and having a real blast. Thank you for your continued support. This year has been one that we will all remember.

Fourth Grade

Fourth grade students are working hard to review skills and using testing strategies. In Language Arts, students are exploring Greek Mythology and we are doing a novel study on the Lightning Thief. Students are also revisiting all language concepts. In Math, students are completing their fraction unit. We will start converting fractions to decimals and solve equations within a word problem to finish out the year. Students are also earning AR points, Lexia minutes, completing Zearn lessons, completing multiplication facts on Xtra Math (to earn a free slurpee or Purple Penguin), and Khan minutes.

Fifth Grade

Welcome back to school to the many students who came back to the building! It's such a joy to be together for the last few weeks of school. We thank them for being safe and following the guidelines. Our fifth graders are doing an awesome job on their testing by working hard, giving their best effort, and pushing through difficult sections! We are so proud of them! Each day's activities are still posted for distance learners. We still expect to see everyone (either in person or virtually) every day to continue our learning opportunities. Don't forget to stay active and healthy, too! Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, May 26, which is the last day of elementary school for your child. The team is currently planning a celebration. The details will be coming your way soon!

From Mrs Clark, Ms Nunn, and Ms Spielman

Highlights from our Talented Specialists

Art

A few weeks ago, students in first through fifth grade received three packages of clay and enjoyed mixing secondary and intermediate colors. Kindergarten students received multiple colors of clay and accessories such as feathers and buttons and sparklets to add to their clay puppets. Students of all ages enjoyed the clay products. This activity was made possible due to the fact that last spring, Zivah, one of our 5th grade students won an art contest from Eide Bailly LLP is a regional certified public accounting and business advisory firm. They gave our school \$2,500. Thank you to Mrs DiCamillo for passing the money on to our art program. Because of this, we were able to do clay 3 times this year as well as other projects too. Thank you to the many parents and teachers and staff and community members and students that make Newton a great place to grow and learn.

Library

Over the past several months students have done an amazing job learning how to use different computer programs. I have been impressed by the number of students who attended my class virtually every week. I am grateful for the opportunity to have seen some of them in person and look forward to seeing them all next year.

During the next few weeks, students will be learning about different awards given to children's books. Students in 3rd-5th grade will begin using Tinkercad to create 3D objects. Students in K-2nd will explore different computer programs to create digital products.

Music

Hello Navigators.

Music has been awesome this year thanks to you. Whether it was online or in-person learning everyone has done wonderfully. This is a year that I know I won't forget. Hopefully we are able to use more instruments next year during music. We will have to wait and see. Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you in the fall. Mr. Ball

Physical Education

Thank you Newton families/community for your support of the Jump Rope for Heart/Kids Heart Challenge fundraiser sponsored by the American Heart Association (AHA). Our Newton community raised over \$6,300.00 this year to support AHA's efforts to fight Heart Disease and Stroke. Our school ranked in the top 12 schools in CCSD in donations!! That is quite an accomplishment, and I am so proud and grateful for our school community!! Our top fundraiser this year is Jayce Lamb in Ms. Olson's 1st grade class, who raised \$741.90!! Way to Go Jayce!

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.