

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,

It has been a very busy start to the 2020-2021 school year! We are continuing to learn new things every day about distance education and we enjoy seeing your child each day. Thank you for your flexibility and dedication. We appreciate your partnership and will continue reaching out to our community to enhance our distance learning. Thank you for filling out the surveys in the parent links to help guide us.

A huge thank you to the dedicated members of our 2019-2020 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 by 9/12 as our PTA is collecting names.

What are the requirements of Team Members?

Begin attending meetings in October 2020.

Serve on the team through September 30, 2021 (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 7th
Labor Day—No School

Sept 11th
Grandparents Day

Sept. 11th
Wear
Red, White & Blue Day

Sept 17th
Constitution Day

Oct 13th
Evening Conference

Oct. 14th
Parent Teacher Daytime
Conferences

Oct. 30th
Nevada Day—NO SCHOOL

Nov. 1st
Daylight Savings Time

How can we assist you?

Our Office is open.
Please call to make an
appointment...

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Counselor's Corner- Ms. Bitar

Welcome Back!

Distance learning can be a challenge. Although we are unsure how long distance-only will last, we do know that it will not last forever. Our children are watching the adults in their lives. It is important for adults to communicate calm, confidence, and optimism. We will get through this challenging time together. By managing adult emotions, you are directly helping your child stay focused on learning, while boosting their own confidence. Not all students thrive in distance learning; some struggle with too much independence or lack of structure. However, students will develop self-management and executive functioning skills much faster during this process. Some of these skills include,



- Paying attention.
- Organizing, planning, and prioritizing.
- Starting tasks and staying focused on them to completion.
- Understanding different points of view.
- Regulating emotions.
- Self-monitoring (keeping track of what you're doing)

These are essential skills for our students throughout their life. Parents are good life coaches and set the tone for the challenges ahead. Please visit Counselor's Corner Website to see a list of community and parent resources.

<https://sites.google.com/a/nv.ccsd.net/counselor-s-corner--ms-bitar-newton-elementary/>

1. Establish routines and expectations- **Structure**
2. Choose a good place to learn-**Organized**
3. Stay in touch-**Connection**
4. Help students 'own' their learning- **Accountability**
5. Establish times for quiet and reflection- **Self-Awareness**
6. Encourage physical activity and exercise- **Movement**

We are here for you,
Ms. Bitar, Newton Elementary School Counselor
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Health Office Memo

"Welcome back!

The Newton health office is working hard to keep students and staff safe and healthy during distance education by continuing to update health records and immunizations. Due to COVID-19, the health office will be obtaining electronic medical updates. Please complete this survey if your student is new to the Clark County School District or there has been any health related changes. If you have already completed the paper version of this form for the 2020-21 school year and turned it into the school, or your student's health condition(s) has not changed, there is no need to complete the survey at this time.

Please click on the provided link to complete the survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJiRZ2S9PKzFpQVLYRNLdzBAUdqueRaXu5fQ5WQEg39pVQQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Did you know that the state of Nevada still requires immunizations to be up to date for CCSD students even during distance education? The health office will be contacting you if your student(s) immunization records are not current.

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Mrs. Zemska, Newton Elementary FASA (Zemska@nv.ccsd.net) (702) 799-0500 ex. 4022



GATE

As we embark on a new school year with new approaches, I'd like to welcome GATE students to a unique adventure of learning! We will discover, invent, and create as we tackle new challenges and explore cross-curricular units. Our first unit of STEM challenges will encourage students to follow the Engineering Design Process (EDP) while creating structures that meet given specifications. The EDP is an iterative process that engineers use to guide them in open-ended problem solving with innovative solutions. After our STEM unit, students will help choose their paths of project-based inquiry and study!

K. Grijalva, GATE Teacher
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News from the Grade Levels

Kindergarten

Welcome to an exciting 2020-2021 School Year! We are so excited to have you in our classes. We had a great beginning of the school year! As we start this year your student will be learning their letters, sight words, numbers and some fun theme activities. Please be sure to complete your "Daily Attendance Form" first thing in the morning. Be sure to check your Remind/Google Classroom for daily lessons and any announcements from your teacher. If you need anything during this distance learning time don't be afraid to ask. We will assist you along the way. Here is to a great "Virtual" school year!

The Kindergarten Team

First Grade

Dear families! We are so thankful for all of your support with distance learning. We appreciate you! We have been focusing on assessments so we can learn all about your child's needs. Please pick up the paper packets when they are ready. The packets support what we are learning during live meets and gives your child practice with handwriting and solidifying the information learned. Thank you for working so hard and being patient while we navigate distance learning and learn new technology. After practicing a few times, your child will learn how to navigate to the programs and complete them. It just takes a little bit of time! We will be working on writing complete sentences, reading foundational skills, asking and answering questions while reading, finding the main idea and details of a text, and breaking apart numbers using a number bond.

We look forward to working with you!

Second Grade

Welcome back Newton families! In second grade we have been working hard. Students and teachers alike are acclimating to our virtual learning platform. Students have done very well with logging into our Real Time Lessons, and following virtual classroom expectations. Our students have just completed their MAP testing. Thank you families for all your hard work and dedication in preparing your child for testing. We appreciate you!

We have begun our new National Geographic's Reach for Reading unit on communities. Students will learn about their community and communities from around the world. We will be reading, writing, and talking about the people and places that make our neighborhoods special. While you are walking or driving around your neighborhood discuss with your child what makes their neighborhood and community special. They will be writing about this later in the unit.

We have started Mission 1 in math this week, where students will review the adding and subtracting of friendly numbers. This will lay the foundation for composing and decomposing in addition and subtraction for numbers up to 200. Please have your students continue math fact practice at home to develop fact fluency.

As a reminder, students should be reading 20 minutes each night, and completing 20 minutes of Lexia everyday. Student take home packets are available every two weeks for pick up from the school, and provide the additional support students need to be successful in class. We are looking forward to a fabulous year this upcoming school year!

Third Grade

First off the third grade teachers want to thank you for all that you have done to support us as teachers. Third graders are working on building the foundational skills in multiplication and division in math. Students are learning about plot in reading and how they can help others. They are having fun with thinking maps. These maps will help keep your child organized in every subject and throughout their endeavors as a student. Please continue to read, AR test, work on Lexia, and complete Zearn lessons.

Fourth Grade

We have just started Zearning this week! 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 going to be learning about Earth soil layers and fossils. In reading, we started using our 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.

Fifth Grade

Welcome to fifth grade at Newton! We are so pleased to see those smiling faces in our Google Meets each day. Students are learning online tools very quickly and are participating in their learning. Thank you to parents (and students) for being so patient as we work through the new teaching model. Please be sure to reach out to your teacher if you have questions or concerns. We are here to support you! We are 90% complete with MAP testing, we have started our Math Zearn lessons, and we are starting in on the Science investigations for Mixtures and Solutions. Our first Reading unit is about Immigration and Culture, and our writing program will be centered around using Thinking Maps to develop and organize ideas. We are so proud of our fifth graders and look forward to working with all of you this year!

From Mrs. Clark, Ms. Spielman, and Ms. Nunn

Highlights from our Talented Specialists

Art

It is a thrill to see the children online. It is exciting and important that art is still in our school curriculum. Art is important. Research shows that students who are engaged in the arts increase scores in reading, other areas of the curriculum and in overall memory. Drawing something helps us to remember it. If your child is studying for a test, have them draw the information they are learning.

The art fundraiser will be coming up again this year. You will be able to order work in Oct. If you do not have art supplies please know I have some here at school. If you want scratch paper for your children to draw on please let me know I have plenty of that too. If your child is not able to attend the regular art class at the assigned time each week, they can go to the ART Google classroom, and find the lessons, do them and submit them on line.

Library

I am so excited to be teaching technology 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, and taking care of it as well as logging into personal accounts. It is very important that students with a school device take proper care of it. Families will be charged for any lost or damaged devices. In technology, we will also focus on digital citizenship and internet safety. If you have any questions, please email me at gimbel.nv.ccsd.net

Music

Hello Newton families from the music room. This year has started out wonderfully. Students are participating in creating music online. I hope you enjoy hearing the songs that your students have been learning and performing during class. Teaching music is extremely difficult online because of the different internet connections and the inability to have students perform as a group. However, your students have been making the best of things and I am very grateful. I hope you have a wonderful September and feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or anything else that may come up.

Physical Education

Hey Navigator Families!! We are so happy to see all of you online and participating in our weekly activities in P.E.

We can't wait for all of you to be back to school full time because we miss playing with you here!!

For those of you who graciously donated to the Kids Heart Challenge last February and did not receive your Thank You gifts, I have gotten word from the American Heart Association that they will be shipping out the prizes during the first week of September. I will be contacting you to let you know when we get the prizes individually packed up for our students.

Also, Speed Stacks and U.S. Games are offering P.E. at Home Kits to students. The kits are \$20.00 + \$3.00 shipping/handling costs. I have left a link in your child's P.E. Google Homepage under the Announcements topic that you can look at to see what comes in the kit. These are not required for students to purchase!! We just wanted to offer it to our Newton families because it was such a great deal!

In closing, if any of you need help navigating to your child's P.E. Class in Google, or have questions about activities or assignments, please don't hesitate to contact me via email, or phone. Thanks to all you parents, siblings, family members, etc., for supporting your child's educational needs during distance learning, we appreciate all of you!!

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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.