

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

We are so very thankful for you and this month we are focusing on all the positive, wonderful things happening in our school. Our school is a special place with amazing students, parents and staff. We want to celebrate our teachers next week as this year has definitely been tough on them!

Can you please help? We are having a staff care week next week (11/9-11/13) for all staff. Consider doing one or more of the things below:

- Drop off a small care package, healthy food, or delicious treat to the bench outside next to our front door or hand it off during packet pickup Tuesday. **The care package should clearly have the teacher's name labeled on the bag or item.** We will put them in their mailboxes. (We are checking daily for items left.)
- Send a positive message to your child's teacher from you or your child. They could really use a warm, virtual hug.
- Consider sending a virtual smile to specialists, special education teachers, and aides.
- You can celebrate them in other ways as well. It is the kind gesture you are showing that counts. Thank you so much in helping me with this important project=)

Please continue using the infinite campus parent portal to check classroom assignments, missing work, and attendance. We will discontinued sending paper progress reports. Add the campus parent app.

At your service,
Ms. DiCamillo

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 1st

Daylight Savings Time

Nov. 3rd

Election Day

No School for Students

Nov. 10th

Tuesday Packet Pick up

Nov. 11th

Veterans Day

School Closed

Nov. 25th

No School for Students

Nov. 26th

Thanksgiving Day

School Closed

Nov. 27th

Family Day

School closed

Dec. 2nd

Packet Pick up

Dec. 19th – Jan 3rd

Winter Break

No School for Students

How can we assist you?

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

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Counselor's Corner- Ms. Bitar

Hello!

I am so happy to see our Newton students each week at their live P.E. classes. I also have my lessons as links that teachers are sharing out to their students as well. Please do not hesitate to call or email me if you have any concerns or are in need of resources. I am here to help and support students and families. Visit my website with more links and resources for parents as well as for students. <https://sites.google.com/a/nv.ccsd.net/counselor-s-corner--ms-bitar-newton-elementary/>

Take care, Katie Bitar

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Promote Independence with a Checklist of Responsibilities

Whether it's keeping track of assignments or taking care of school Chromebooks, responsible behavior is a must for school success. And the best way to teach your child responsibility is to give her responsibilities. Sit down with your child and make a list of tasks she's ready to handle on her own. Then make a checklist of everything you expect her to do. Agree on small rewards for a job well done, and consequences for times your child shirks responsibility.

Here is a starter checklist of responsibilities you can adapt:

- Going to bed on time.
- Getting up on time.
- Fixing breakfast.
- Completing homework.
- Maintaining grades.
- Getting along with siblings.
- Keeping room clean.
- Completing assigned chores.
- Reading at least 15 minutes a day.
- Taking care of personal hygiene.
- Feeding/caring for pets.



Source: October 2020 • Elementary • Parents make the difference!



Health Office Memo

The Newton health office is available to help and support our students and staff during distance education in a number of ways. Do you have concerns with your student's vision or hearing? During a typical school year, the health office is able to screen our students' vision and hearing when there are concerns at school. Please contact the school nurse if you have concerns with your student's vision or hearing or would like to hear about what resources are available. We are able to provide referrals to community resources when a student is in need.

If your student is symptomatic for COVID-19 or has had an exposure to a COVID-19 positive individual, the school nurse can assist you in scheduling your student for free testing. You may also notify the school nurse and provide positive test results for our records if your student tests positive for COVID-19.

Do you have general questions for the health office about immunizations or medications at school? We are here to help!

Please feel free to contact the school nurse or health office for any other questions or concerns as well.

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News from the Grade Levels

Kindergarten

First, we would like to thank you for your continued help and support as we navigate through this year. We could not do it without you! We enjoyed talking with you and your student's progress during our parent teacher conferences. In kindergarten the students are continually learning new things so we will continue our testing regularly while we are distance learning. Having your student get on Lexia regularly will help with any phonics skills they are struggling with and will challenge those that are working above grade level. We will be finishing our teaching of the alphabet in a few short weeks. If your child is struggling with their letters you can make flash cards, listen to ABC songs and complete the weekly packet worksheets to help. As always, if you have any questions please feel free to reach out to your student's teacher. Thank you, Kindergarten Team

First Grade

Dear families, Thank you so much for all of your continued support during distance learning! We have been working so hard to practice our reading, writing, and math skills. We are proud of how hard the students are working to practice these skills everyday, to complete their Zearn and Lexia daily, to read and take AR tests, and to turn in their assigned work. We know the students will continue to learn and grow with continued effort and focus. During the next few weeks, we will be learning about how we get what we need with a focus on social studies. We will be writing pieces that have an opening, details, transition words, and a closing sentence. In math, we will be focusing on place value. We have some fun activities and units planned for November and December! We are excited to continue to work with you and your child. Thank you again for all you do!

Second Grade

Second grade would like to thank our families for all the support they have given us and their students. We appreciate you! We are proud of our students and the growth they have made during our first eight weeks of virtual learning. We have begun our new National Geographic Reach for Reading unit on the Water Cycle. Students will be reading, writing, and researching where water comes from and water as a natural resource. Please encourage your children to share what they have learned with you. There are many family 'field trips' that would reinforce what students are learning about water. Consider going to Hoover Dam, Lake Mead, or the Colorado River to explore Southern Nevada's water resources. We will begin Mission 4 next week in math, where students will further develop their understanding of place value as it relates to the composing and decomposing of numbers. This unit will be extremely important as it lays the foundation for adding and subtracting of large numbers. Keeping pace with the instruction will be of utmost importance. As a reminder, students should be completing a minimum of four Zearn digital lessons daily. Thank you!

Third Grade

Third grade has been working hard. In writing we are working on narrative essays and how to properly construct a written response to a question. We are working on measurement in math. Some things that you could do to support the learning from the classroom is to have them measure liquids and measure weight (grams). Have the students tell time using an analog clock and measure the elapsed time for every day activities. We just finished up our science unit called Animals Through Time where they learned about natural vs human selection and also how scientists learn about the animals and their ecosystems from the past. Please encourage your child to be on time to our meets daily, work on Lexia, read daily, and complete their digital component of Zearn.

Thank you for all the support that you have provided so far. This is truly a partnership.

Fourth Grade

4th grade is currently working on multi-digit multiplication (up to 4 digit by 1 digit and 2 digit by 2 digit), and they will also learn on long division. Math videos are posted daily in Google Classroom for students who need extra support, as well as for parents to see the common core math concepts. We are moving on to Life Science as soon as we finish Earth Science. In reading students are learning main idea, key details, and context clues. Fourth graders just completed their personal narratives, and will soon start informational writing.

Fifth Grade

Happy Fall from the fifth grade team!

Students have been multiplying and dividing using multi-digit numbers; enjoying the award-winning novel *Bud, Not Buddy*; cooking s'mores using solar ovens; learning about physical science; and using Thinking Maps to write. We have also elected our student council! Congratulations to ALL students who had the confidence to run for office. We are also starting to send information to students and parents about (gasp) middle schools. Electronic flyers indicate times for presentations for the magnet programs. We are so proud of the hard workers in fifth grade!

Highlights from our Talented Specialists

ART

Art inspires, motivates and entices us to think outside of the Box. There is a direct connection to increasing academic skills and time spent in the arts. I am excited that many parents have chosen to purchase their child's art on a keepsake item this year. If you have not yet ordered, it is not too late. The parent order deadline is November 13, 2020. Below is the link to order and submit art. If you need help please contact me.

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1C8XqD7j-fgpoEcWYNjigsLngt4WLqgsS2dI98BrBYIQ&authuser=0>

Bobbi Gardner, Art Teacher 702-799-0500 gardnbd.nv.ccsd.net

Virtual classroom <https://meet.google.com/lookup/fj5j6udprf?authuser=0&hs=179>

LIBRARY

We just completed a unit on word processing skills. Students learned how to create a document, change the font and add images. Students also learned where to go to check their AR goal and see how many AR points they have earned. Please encourage your child to read and achieve a 100% of their AR goal by the end of the year.

This upcoming month, students will be learning about digital citizenship and internet safety. Due to distance learning, our fall book fair has been moved to November 2-13. The book fair will be held online this year. Families and friends can shop online and support our school book fair by going to

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/newtonelementaryschool7>

Thank you for your all support.

MUSIC

Hello Navigators. Music has been going wonderfully this year. Students are logging in and participating almost as much as they would in class at school, which is a nice surprise. If you are unable to show up to music at the correct time, please review what you missed in the music google classroom. Happy Holidays and thank you for all of your dedication and hard work. Mr. Ball

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Greetings Navigators!! Fall is such a great time of the year for Physical Activity! The weather is perfect for getting outside and doing your favorite activities! Riding your bike, skating, walking with you family and going to explore new areas in our community! Hiking in Red Rock, or up at Mt. Charleston, visiting Valley of Fire, or at Lake Mead! There are a lot of trails you can explore with family and friends! Make a day out of it, take a Picnic with healthy snacks, and plenty of water and get out and explore.

In regards to our families that ordered the P.E. Kits in September, I would like to apologize for the delay in shipment! US Games had a contract with Speed Stacks and when they took the orders for the PE kits, Speed Stacks was not informed that the US Games factory (the supplier for everything but the speed stacks cups) was understaffed due to Covid 19. Speed stacks decided to go with another PE Supplier (Flaghouse) and now they are waiting on the remaining PE supplies to arrive so they can ship them to all the PE teachers all over the U.S. that placed these orders. I am hoping it will be within the next 3-4 weeks! I really apologize for the inconvenience, if I would have known this was going to happen, I wouldn't have offered the kits to our kids!! Thank you parents and students for logging in to our Live P.E. lessons each week! We love seeing our students and doing P.E. with them! We are looking forward to all of you coming back to school!! Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!! Ms. Eagleson & Ms. Perez

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 or email Crillm@nv.ccsd.net.

Child's Name (optional): _____

Name (optional): _____

Phone (optional): _____

Comments:

_____ I would like a personal response.

_____ I do not require a personal response.