NEWTON
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Equity \& Excellence
2023-2024 District Calendar

| SEPTEMBER 2023 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 18 days |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| JANUARY 2024 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |  |  |  |

21 days

| 1/19-2/2 marks 11 day strike |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| MAY 2024 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
|  |  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |  |

22 days

| FEBRUARY 2024 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
|  |  |  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | $* 20$ | $* 21$ | $* 22$ | $* 23$ | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | $(16$ days $)$ |  |

*Make up days approved by the School Committee.


| MARCH 2024 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | 20 days |  |  |  |  |  |

Special Early Release
NECP:11:45 am \& Elem:12:10 pm 9/28, 11/7, 12/7, 2/1, 3/21, 5/9
Middle Schools: 11:20 am
9/28, 11/7, 12/7, 3/21, 5/9*
High Schools: 12:45 pm
9/28, 11/7, 12/7, 2/1, 3/21, 5/9* 5/9* make up day for $M S / H S$

| APRIL 2024 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |  |
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |  |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |  |
| 14 | 15 | $\star 16 * 17 * 18 * 19$ | 20 |  |  |  |  |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |  |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | $(17$ days $)$ |  |  |  |  |

*Additional days recommended for
snow if needed.

| DECEMBER 2023 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | 16 days |  |  |  |  |  |

Weekly Early Release Elem. (Wed): 12:20 p.m. Bigelow (Wed): 1:40 p.m. Brown (Wed): 2:05 p.m. Day (Wed): 1:40 p.m. Oak Hill (Wed): 1:35 p.m. NN \& NS (Tues): 3:25 p.m.

## AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

First Day Teachers

| Labor Day | 4 |
| :--- | :--- |
| First Day Students K-12 | 5 |

First Day NECP (visits 9/5 \& 6) 7
Rosh Hashanah (Saturday) 16
Yom Kippur 25

| OCTOBER | 9 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Indigenous Peoples Day | 9 |

## NOVEMBER

Veterans Day
Diwali* (Sunday)
Early Dismissal **
Thanksgiving Recess
2324

## DECEMBER

| Dec. Recess | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| JANUARY |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| New Year's Day | 1 |
| Martin Luther King Day | 15 |


| FEBRUARY |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Lunar New Year* (Saturday) | 10 |
| Presidents Day | 19 |


| MARCH |
| :--- |
| Good Friday |


| APRIL |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Eid al-Fitr (recognized)* | 10 |
| Spring Recess | $15 * 16 * 17 \mid * 18 * 19$ |
| *Additional Days recommended for snow if needed |  |


| MAY |
| :--- |
| Memorial Day |


| JUNE |
| :--- |
| Juneteenth |

School Committee approved on: 1/23/23 \& revised 2/9/24

| JUNE (Last day of school) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Students (K-12+) |  |
| 180th day ( $\mathrm{w} / \mathrm{no}$ snow days)** Teachers last day | 26 |
| Franklin students last day (full day) Franklin teachers last day | 27 |
| Students (NECP only) |  |
| Last day and is full day. | 25 |
| JUNE EVENTS |  |
| Step up Day | 6/7 |
| Newton North Graduation | $6 / 3$ |
| Newton South Graduation | 6/6 |

Schools are closed for a recess legal holiday or strike.

* A recognized observance school is in session.
** Dismissal: last day of school and day before Thanksgiving. NECP: school not in session.
Elementary: 12:10 pm MS: 11:20 am HS: 12:45 pm

As an increasingly diverse school district, Newton Public Schools celebrates the many cultures represented among our families. Our school calendar includes a list of holidays that are not days off from school. Students who celebrate these holidays continue, as in the past, to have excused absences from school on these days. However, in recognition of the growing number of students who celebrate Diwali and Eid al-Fitr, NPS has placed these holidays on the face of its calendar to increase awareness among students, teachers and staff that these are significant holidays for our student population. While these two holidays remain official school days, we hope that placing these days on the calendar reminds our families and teachers that students who celebrate them have an excused absence from school, and assists them in avoiding the scheduling of major school events on these days.

Other important holidays and holy days of obligation listed in alphabetical order:
HOLIDAY/OBSERVANCES

| Ash Wednesday | Memorial Day |
| :--- | :--- |
| Chanukah (Hanukkah)* | New Year's Day |
| Christmas | Orthodox Easter |
| Diwali | Orthodox Good Friday |
| Easter Sunday | Palm Sunday |
| Eid al-Adha | Passover |
| Eid al-Fitr | Patriots' Day |
| Good Friday | Presidents' Day |
| Holi | Purim* |
| Independence Day | Ramadan |
| Indigenous Peoples' Day | Rosh Hashanah* |
| Islamic New Year | Shavout* |
| Japanese New Year | Spring Equinox |
| Juneteenth | Sukkot* |
| Kwanzaa | Thanksgiving |
| Labor Day | Veterans Day |
| Lunar New Year | Yom Kippur* |
| Martin Luther King Jr. Day |  |

## Notes

*All Jewish observances begin at sundown, in the evening, prior to the day of the observance. In addition to the dates noted, observant Jews celebrate the second, seventh and eighth days of Passover; the second, eighth and ninth days of Sukkot; and two days of Shavuot (Mass. Lawyers Diary and Manual).

Link to Interfaith Calendar from the DESE website.

