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February 2019

Welcome to the Newton Public Schools! We are looking forward to enrolling your children for kindergarten entrance in 2019. This packet includes information that may be useful to you as you begin the registration process.

For additional information, you can visit our webpage at www.newton.k12.ma.us and follow the link to our kindergarten registration information.

Please feel free to let us know if you have any questions.

2019

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

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(19 days)

OCTOBER

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(15 days)

2019 IMPORTANT DATES

- AUGUST**
- 28 TEACHERS FIRST DAY
- SEPTEMBER**
- 2 LABOR DAY
- 3 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
- 30 ROSH HASHANAH
- OCTOBER**
- 9 YOM KIPPUR
- 14 COLUMBUS DAY
- 27 DIWALI (Recognized--Sunday Observance)
- NOVEMBER**
- 11 VETERANS DAY
- 27 Early Release for Thanksgiving Recess
- 28-29 THANKSGIVING RECESS
- DECEMBER**
- 23-31 DECEMBER RECESS

2020

JANUARY

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(22 days)

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(16 days)

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(20 days)

JUNE

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(13 + 5 snow days)

2020 IMPORTANT DATES

- JANUARY**
 - 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY
 - 2 SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION
 - 20 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
 - 25 LUNAR NEW YEAR (Recognized-Saturday observance)
 - FEBRUARY**
 - 17-21 WINTER VACATION
 - APRIL**
 - 10 GOOD FRIDAY
 - 20-24 SPRING VACATION
 - MAY**
 - 24 EID AL-FITR (Recognized-Sunday observance)
 - 25 MEMORIAL DAY
 - JUNE**
 - 24 LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS*
 - 25 LAST DAY FOR TEACHERS
- *185th day includes five snow days and will be a half-day.
If no snow days, the last day for students will be June 17.

EARLY RELEASE TIMES/DATES
(Elementary: 12:30; Middle: 11:30; High Schools: 11:00)
Elementary: TBD
Secondary: TBD

EARLY RELEASE FOR THANKSGIVING & LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
(Elementary: Noon; Middle: 11:30; North: 11:00; South: 10:50)

GRADUATION DATES FOR 2020
NEWTON NORTH: June 3, 2020
NEWTON SOUTH: June 4, 2020

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, Lunar New Year 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 three holidays remain official school days, we hope that placing these days on the calendar reminds our families and teachers that students who celebrate these days have an excused absence from school, and assists them in avoiding the scheduling of major school events on these days.

Holiday Observances in Massachusetts (statewide legal holidays in bold)

Source: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as originally published in February 2016. 2019-2020 dates inserted by NPS.

HOLIDAY/OBSERVANCE	2019-2020
Eid al-Adha**	Sunday, August 11 (begins the evening of August 10)
Labor Day	Monday, September 2
Rosh Hashanah*	Monday, September 30 (begins the eve. of Sept. 29 and ends October 1)
Yom Kippur*	Wednesday, October 9 (begins the evening of October 8)
Sukkot	Sunday, October 13 – Sunday, October 20
Columbus Day	Monday, October 14
Diwali	Sunday, October 27
Veteran’s Day	Monday, November 11
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 28
Chanukah*	Sunday, December 22 - Monday, December 30
Christmas Day	Wednesday, December 25
Kwanzaa	Thursday, December 26 – Wednesday, January 1
New Year’s Day	Wednesday, January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 20
Lunar New Year	Saturday, January 25
President’s Day	Monday, February 17
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday, February 26
Evacuation Day***	Tuesday, March 17
Palm Sunday	Sunday, April 5
Good Friday	Friday, April 10
Passover*	Wednesday, April 8 - Thursday, April 16
Easter	Sunday, April 12
Orthodox Good Friday	Friday, April 17
Orthodox Easter	Sunday, April 19
Patriots’ Day	Monday, April 20
Ramadan**	Thursday, April 23 – Saturday, May 23
Shavuot*	Thursday, May 28 – Saturday, May 30
Eid al-Fitr**	Sunday, May 24 (begins the evening of May 23)
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25
Independence Day	Saturday, July 4

*All Jewish observances begin at sundown on the evening prior to the day of the observance. In addition to 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).

**Due to the lunar calendar, these are only approximate dates.

***Previous legal holiday in Suffolk County

March 2019

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Kindergarten Registration Dates 2019

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
February 25	February 26	February 27	February 28	1
4 Angier Cabot Underwood Ward	5 Bowen Lincoln-Eliot Memorial-Spaulding Peirce Ward Williams	6 Angier Horace Mann Underwood	7 Bowen Burr	8 Angier Bowen Horace Mann Underwood Williams Zervas
11	12 Burr Cabot Franklin Mason-Rice Peirce	13 Countryside* Mason-Rice Memorial-Spaulding	14	15 Zervas

Kindergarten registration is by appointment only.

Please contact your neighborhood school to confirm dates and make an appointment for registration.

Click the link below for school contact information

www.newton.k12.ma.us/domain/72

*Countryside will hold a separate date for registration paperwork drop off on March 5, 2019



Kindergarten Arrival and Dismissal Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Students Arrive at 8:20 a.m.	Students Arrive at 8:20 a.m.	Students Arrive at 8:20 a.m.	Students Arrive at 8:20 a.m.	Students Arrive at 8:20 a.m.
All Students Dismissed at 3:00 p.m.	All Students Dismissed at 12:30 p.m.	All Students Dismissed at 3:00 p.m.	All Students Dismissed at 3:00 p.m.	All Students Dismissed at 3:00 p.m.

School Contact List, 2018-19

School/Phone 617-559-ext.	Address	Principal	Admin. Assistant	Nurse	Fax (617)
NECP (preschool)	6050 150 Jackson Road Newton 02458	Kathleen Browning	Cynthia Curtis	Mary Lortie x6866	559-6001
Angier	9300 1697 Beacon Street Waban 02468	Loreta Lamberti	Claudia Rossi	Cornelia Culici x9312	244-4161
Bowen	9330 280 Cypress Street Newton Centre 02459	Diana Guzzi	Deborah Megrian	Barbara Rosen x9335	552-7363
Burr	9360 171 Pine Street Auburndale 02466	Mindy Johal	Maura Albano	Diane Best x9364	552-5562
Cabot	9400 225 Nevada Street Newtonville 02460	Eric Sprung	Sydney Balise	Karen Kerrigan x9404	552-5584
Countryside	9450 191 Dedham Street Newton Highlds 02461	Beth Herlihy	Dolly Wallace	Laura Murphy x9453	552-5583
Franklin	9500 121 Derby Street W. Newton 02465	Joel Jocelyn	Donna McLoughlin	Erin Hanley x9485	552-5521
Horace Mann	9510 687 Watertown Street Newtonville 02460	Mark Nardelli	Rosemary Marino	Elissa Matloff x9522	559-2004
Lincoln-Eliot	9540 191 Pearl Street Newton 02458	Danielle Morrissey	Jena Rossi	Kristin Thibodeau x9554	552-5558
Mason-Rice	9570 149 Pleasant Street Newton Centre 02459	Jake Bultema	Kathy Rinn	Becky Brooker x9576	552-7315
Memorial-Spaulding	9600 250 Brookline Street Newton Centre 02459	Tom Morris	Francie Sheehan	Linda Sawyers x9603	552-7944
Peirce	9630 170 Temple Street West Newton 02465	Mark Chitty	Patricia Carey	Chloe Ainley x9636	552-7318
Underwood	9660 101 Vernon Street Newton 02458	Kathleen Smith	Maria Vitone	Carrie Gately x9666	552-5552
Ward	6450 10 Dolphin Road Newton Centre 02459	Rebecca Brogadir	Susan Tempesta	Aja Hutchins x6453	552-5563
Williams	6480 141 Grove Street Auburndale 02466	Ayesha Farag	Jennifer Newberg	Katie Costello x6484	559-2013
Zervas	6750 30 Beethoven Avenue Waban 02468	Diana Beck	Joanne Minassian	Deana Salameh x6755	552-5546
Bigelow	6800 42 Vernon Street Newton 02458	Todd Harrison	Kersten Raso	Sue Schy 617-552- 7746	552-7752
Brown	6900 125 Meadowbrook Rd Newton Centre 02459	John Jordan	Margaret Power	Lucy Boyer x6906	552-5541
Day	9100 21 Minot Place Newtonville 02460	Jackie Mann	Donna Fisher	Gayle Larson / Ann Garvin x9140	559-9103
Oak Hill	9200 130 Wheeler Road Newton Centre 02459	John Harutunian	Doreen Vaglica	Sue Riley x9215	552-5547
Newton North	6200 457 Walnut Street Newtonville 02460	Henry Turner	Anna Ford	Maureen Pursley / Theresa Staulo x6401	559-6204
Newton South	6500 140 Brandeis Road Newton Centre 02459	Joel Stembridge	Tracy Connolly	Gail Kramer/ Karleen Kiritsy x6575	559-6701

NASA DIRECTORY 2018 -2019

PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM NUMBER	PROGRAM E-MAIL	PROGRAM DIRECTOR
Angier After School Program 1697 Beacon Street Waban, MA 02468	617-965-4416	aasprog@gmail.com	Katie Crowe
Bowen After School Program 280 Cypress St. Newton Centre MA 02459	617-969-3130	ellenweiss@bascp.org	Ellen Weiss
Boys & Girls Club Curiosity Club 675 Watertown St. Newton MA 02460	617-630-2066 x115	dsamuels@newtonbgc.com	Dacia Samuels
Burr Community After School Program PO Box 66273 Auburndale MA 02466	617-965-1518		Liz Kennedy
Cabot After School Inc. (Cabot at Carr) 225 Nevada Street Newton MA 02460	617-964-2749 Fax 617-969-2364	lee_guertin@newton.k12.ma.us	Lee Guertin
Countryside Children's Center 191 Dedham St. Newton MA 02461 Countryside Children's Center 45 Pettee St. Newton MA do not send mail to this	617-964-6958 617-965-6434	j_tanner00@msn.com	Joan Tanner
Day After Day Inc. 687 Watertown St. Newton MA 02460	617-964-1202	davafterdayinc@gmail.com	Diane Erba
Highlands After School Program 20 Hartford St. Newton MA 02461 mail to: P.O. Box 610171 Newton MA 02461	617-999-4617	rochelle.acker@gmail.com	Rochelle Acker
Mason-Rice Afterschool Program 149 Pleasant St. Newton Centre MA 02459	617-244-7260	wendy_protheroe@newton.k12.ma.us	Wendy Protheroe
Memorial Spaulding Extended Day P.O. Box 590407 Newton MA 02459	617-630-5151	memspauld@aol.com	Bonnie Croopnick

NASA DIRECTORY 2018 -2019

PROGRAM NAME	PROGRAM NUMBER	PROGRAM E-MAIL	PROGRAM DIRECTOR
Peirce Extended Day Program 170 Temple St. West Newton MA 02465	617-332-5881 Fax 617-332-8332	kathy_lynnes@newton.k12.ma.us	Kathy Lynnes
Plowshares at Newton North 457 Walnut St. Newton MA 02460	617 527-3755 Fax 617-244-0227	stirlingjr@aol.com	Jim Robertson
Plowshares at Franklin 125 Derby St. West Newton MA 02465	617-244-9330 Fax 617-244-8194	louarcovio@aol.com	Lou Arcovio
Plowshares at Lincoln-Elliot 191 Pearl St. Newton MA 02458	617-965-6082 Fax 617-965-1395	angela.plowshares@gmail.com	Angela Marra
Rec Place Afterschool 545 Grove Street Newton Lower Falls, MA 02462	617- 332-7327	recplaceafterschool@gmail.com	Nance Miller
Underwood After School Program 101 Vernon St. Newton MA 02458	617-244-1810	info@underwoodafterschool.org	TBA
Ward After School Program 10 Dolphin Rd. Newton Centre MA 02459	617-965-3087	donna@wardafterschool.com	Donna Marohn
Williams After School Club 141 Grove St. Auburndale MA 02466	617-527-8444	directorwilliamsafterschool@gmail.com	Terese Walkeapaa
Zervas After School Program 30 Beethoven Ave. Waban MA 02468	617-965-2655	zervasasp@aol.com	Mike Shuley

Book List for Incoming Kindergartners

Families may want to share a few of these stories with their children. Most are available at the public library.

Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes

Cleverticks by Bernard Ashley

First Day Jitters by Julie Dannenberg

First Day, Hooray! by Nancy Poydar

Froggy Goes to School by Jonathan London

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes

Look Out Kindergarten! Here I Come by Nancy Carlson

Minerva Louise at School by Stoeke

Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten by Joseph Slate

Off to School, Baby Duck! by Amy Hest

School Days by B.G. Hennessy

Sumi's First Day of School Ever by Soyung Pak

That's Mine, Horace by Holly Keller

The Adventures of Snail at School by John Stadler

Welcome to Kindergarten by Anne F. Rockwell

Wemberly Worried by Kevi Henkes

When You Go to Kindergarten by James Howe

Will I Have a Friend? by Miriam Cohen

Early Years Are Learning Years
Helping young children start school

A new school year can make young children nervous, especially if they are entering a new environment. Whether they are starting preschool, kindergarten or first grade, some children may be worried about the new setting and the new experience, and there are things that parents and families can do to help their children make a successful transition.

- First, discuss the changes that will be taking place. Before the new school year begins, talk with your child about the changes in his daily routine. Together, you could make a chart illustrated with photographs or pictures of the new morning schedule. Encourage him to describe how he feels about starting a new program or school and try to ease his fears. He may be nervous about new challenges and social interactions at school. Reading and discussing books is a great way to make him comfortable with a new experience. It helps him see how other children beginning school have similar feelings of uncertainty and how they overcome them.
- In the days and weeks before school starts, help your child ease into the new environment and adjust to the new routine. Arrange to visit the school and classroom with your child, and, if possible, meet her teacher. This will help her become comfortable in her new environment while you are with her. Have her start her school-year bed time and morning routine a few days early. This may prevent her from being confused, groggy, or cranky on the first day of school. Arrange a playdate with another child from her class, preferably one-on-one, so that she knows someone in her class and will be more comfortable.
- As school gets closer, your child can help get ready for the first day. Let him lay out his clothes or pack a back pack for the first day. If possible, arrive at the new school early on the first few days to give him time to settle in. Use this time walking or riding to school together, or waiting at the bus stop, to talk about what he can expect that day. Always say good-bye, and let him know you will see him at the end of the day. Your child will have an easier time with separation if he's confident you will return to pick him up.

Problems may arise during the first few days of school, even with appropriate preparation, so be ready to handle them in a matter-of-fact way. Approach the new year with confidence, and your child will, too. Take time to make sure your child adapts to his new environment, clearly explain the changes around him, and listen if he has doubts or fears.

Early Years Are Learning Years is a regular series from NAEYC (www.naeyc.org) providing families with tips for giving their young children a great start on learning. Parts of this information excerpted from *So Many Goodbyes*, by J. B. McCracken.

Additional Resources

1990/1997, NAEYC. *So Many Goodbyes*, by J. B. McCracken. #573/Single copies are \$0.50 each; 100 copies are \$10.

Balaban, N. 1985. *Starting school: From separation to independence (A guide for early childhood teachers)*. New York: Teachers College Press.

Books to read with your child

Timothy Goes to School: Rosemary Wells (Dial Books for Young Children)

Will I have a Friend?: Miriam Cohen, illustrated by Lillian Hoban (Macmillan)



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How many elementary schools are in Newton?

There are 15 elementary schools in Newton and approximately 5,800 students (2018-19) attending in grades kindergarten through grade 5. The elementary schools feed to four middle schools and two high schools. School feeder patterns are assigned according to address.

How is my child assigned to a school?

Newton Public Schools is a neighborhood school district. Each address in Newton is assigned to a school. Students are required to attend their neighborhood school unless approved to attend another school through Out-of-Assigned District or specific program placement.

What is a buffer zone?

A buffer zone is a defined area for which individual addresses may be assigned to one of two elementary schools. Parents/guardians of students residing in a buffer zone must request either one of the two designated elementary schools in the zone through the submission of a buffer zone form. The requests will be granted based on space availability. Students in these zones do not have a designated home school until such time as they are assigned a school. More information on buffer zones can be found on our webpage at www.newton.k12.ma.us/Page/1066.

Can I choose a school other than the one assigned to my address?

Each year, the Newton Public Schools considers applications for students to transfer to a school outside of their home (assigned) district. Out-of-Assigned district placements are limited and made on a space available basis. For more information on the Out-of-Assigned District Policy, please visit our webpage at www.newton.k12.ma.us/Page/1067.

Is there an age requirement for kindergarten?

Yes, the Newton Public Schools has a policy on school entrance age which requires students be five-years-old prior to September 1 in order to attend kindergarten.

Is my child ready for kindergarten?

Children come to kindergarten with a wide variety of experiences and from different or various settings. Kindergarteners are not expected to know the same things on the first day of school. We welcome the opportunity to partner with you in determining how best to meet the needs of your child. If you have questions about your child's readiness, please let the staff at your neighborhood school know the day of the kindergarten registration/screening.

Can a parent decide to defer kindergarten registration even though their child is age-eligible?

Kindergarten entry in the Newton Public Schools is for all students who turn five-years-old prior to September 1. Children enter kindergarten with varied learning abilities and experiences. The Newton Public Schools encourages registration in kindergarten for all children who are age-eligible to attend. Massachusetts State Law requires a child must attend school in September of the calendar year in which they turn six-years-old.

What if my child/family speaks a language in addition to or other than English?

Massachusetts State Law requires that all students entering the public schools system whose home language includes a language other than English must be assessed for English proficiency. Please visit the English Language Learning webpage at <http://www.newton.k12.ma.us/Page/139> for more information.

How long is the kindergarten day?

For all grades, kindergarten through grade 5, school doors open at 8:20 a.m. Parents may drop off their children outside the school at 8:20 a.m. All children must be in their classrooms by 8:30 a.m. when the late bell rings. If your child arrives after 8:30 a.m., he/she must check in with the callback/safe arrival volunteer in the front lobby or in the main office.

Kindergarten dismissal is 3:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Tuesday is a 12:30 p.m. dismissal for all grades, kindergarten through grade 5.

Can I request my child be with a specific teacher?

Our primary goal is to create classes that include a range of learning styles, interests and social maturity. A heterogeneous mix of students, who can flourish and learn together, is our most important consideration. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate requests for specific teachers either named or described.

How do teachers communicate with parents/guardians?

Home/school communication is an important part of school attendance. Each classroom teacher and/or school will determine the best way to communicate between home and school regarding student learning. Parents are encouraged to contact classroom teachers with any information that they feel is important concerning their child.

What will my child learn in kindergarten?

Newton has a standards-based curriculum which is developmentally appropriate with a strong focus on student learning. Curriculum is aligned to state and national standards and you can access the kindergarten curriculum overview document on our webpage at <http://www.newton.k12.ma.us/Page/772> .

Can I tour the school?

Group tours are scheduled on a school-by-school basis during the orientation process. Individual school tours are not available.

Will my child ride the bus to school?

An application must be filed if your child is in Grades K-12 and plans to receive bus transportation. All students riding the bus must purchase/acquire a bus pass including students in grades K-5 and grade 6 residing greater than 2 miles from school. Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 71 Section 68, states that students in grades K-6 who reside more than 2.0 miles walking distance to their neighborhood school are entitled to free transportation. Please visit the Newton Transportation webpage at www.newton.k12.ma.us/Page/214 for more information.

Does my child eat lunch at school?

Kindergarten students eat lunch in school on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday when dismissal is at 3:00 p.m. Students have the option of bringing lunch from home or signing up for the school lunch program. More information on the school lunch program can be found on our webpage at newton.sodexomyway.com/ Students do not eat lunch in school on Tuesdays when dismissal occurs at 12:30 p.m.

Are there after-school programs?

Each elementary school has an after-school program for the enrichment and enjoyment of children in kindergarten through grade 5. The program is fee-based and separate from the Newton Public School System. These programs, along with some community-based after-school programs, are part of the Newton After-School Association (NASA), which was initiated by school-aged child care directors to create a support network among peers. Families should call the after-school program located at their particular school for registration fees, hours and space availability. Contact information for after-school programs can be found on our webpage at <http://www.newton.k12.ma.us/Page/1165>.

Is there an option for early drop-off?

Newton Public Schools offers an Early Morning Program for students in Grades K through 5 in each of the elementary schools. The program is fee-based and designed to provide a needed service by giving parents the opportunity to bring their children to school prior to the beginning of the regularly scheduled school day. Within the program, each elementary school will offer supervised before school care from 7:30 a.m. until 8:20 a.m. when students are admitted to their classrooms. Registration forms and other important information is located on our webpage at <http://www.newton.k12.ma.us/Page/106>.

Why does my child have a kindergarten screening?

At registration, a screening, required by Massachusetts Chapter 766 State Law, is given to each child who will be entering kindergarten. This screening is not used to determine

readiness for kindergarten. It is used only as a tool to provide local schools with information concerning any special learning needs a child may have before entering school.

What is the Blue Zone?

The City of Newton has created designated drop-off and pick-up areas at many schools in the city. These school drop off and pick up zones are commonly referred to as “Blue-Zones”. “Blue Zones” are designed to allow for improved traffic flow and safer drop-off and pick-up of students. “Blue Zones” are in effect Monday through Friday when school is in session. Information on the Blue Zone procedures for each school will be provided by the principal of the building.

What is the immunization requirement for school attendance?

Information on Massachusetts immunization requirements and school health can be found on the City of Newton’s website at http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/health/school_health/default.asp

How do schools support a child with food allergies?

Newton has a Life Threatening Food Allergy Policy. Parents whose children have a food allergy will meet with the school nurse and develop a Medical Emergency Plan. The School Committee Guidelines can found on our website at <http://www.newton.k12.ma.us/Page/2902>. Additional information on Medical Emergency Plans is on the Newton Health Department webpage - http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/health/school_health/default.asp

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