



NATICK PRESCHOOL

Weekly Update

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We still have a few tuition spots at our Lilja School, East School and Natick High School locations for the 2022 - 2023 school year. Please email April Davenport at adavenport@natickps.org or call 508-647-6583 if you are a parent of a three or four year old and are interested in Natick Preschool. Please see our website preschool.natickps.org for program times, locations and tuitions.

Principal's Message

Greetings Preschool Families,

I hope you all had a lovely April break and were able to choose adventures, rest or a combination of both!

Yesterday, our classroom teachers and speech pathologists spent time with an NPS literacy specialist as part of our ongoing effort to vertically align literacy instruction and practice with the instruction and practice that happens in kindergarten. As you know, preschool age children develop so much language through their play experiences with their special grown-ups (you!) and other children. As they are developing the vocabulary, they are also developing their sense of sound production. That sense of sound production leads to letter recognition and ultimately reading and writing. Our presenter yesterday emphasized the importance of practice and repetition at the sound production level. This is a good reminder since so many of us were taught to look at a letter and then make the sound. Science of reading research indicates it should be just the opposite, especially in these early years. Have fun emphasizing the letter sounds you hear from and make with your preschooler!

Next week is National Teacher Appreciation Week. Natick Preschool is chock-full of experienced and talented teachers, therapists, paraprofessionals and behavior specialists. Join us in acknowledging their efforts next week by showing your school spirit and sharing kind words.

Wednesday, May 4 - Wear your Natick Preschool T-shirt

Thursday, May 5 - Share a kind word with your teacher

Friday, May 6 - Wear your favorite hat as a tip of the hat to your teachers

Resources to Support a Safe School Environment



IMPORTANT:

Please review by clicking on the document

 **REASONS TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL**

Please enter your child's absence in Pick Up Patrol by 8am each morning.

This is an important step even if you have also sent an email. ~Thank you!

Resources



MAY 1, 2022 7:45 - 11:30^{AM}
BELKIN LOOKOUT FARM



**REGISTER TO
RIDE OR VOLUNTEER AT**

KIDS.PMC.ORG/NATICK

Academic Calendar & Upcoming Events

May 2 - May 6 Teacher Appreciation Week spirit themes

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May 18 - Early Release, Professional Development

May 30 - No School, Memorial Day

June 17 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL PRESCHOOLERS REGARDLESS OF LOCATION

For a full updated version of the NPS calendar, please see the NPS website <http://www.natickps.org/calendar>

Early Release Times: Lilja location 10:05am, NHS/Memorial locations 10:20am

SPARK Kindness



**Connecting
the Community
in Kindness!**

Learn more about our Resilient Community Program Series [ResilientParentChild_BRO_SPARK_101821_R2](#), get inspired with activities, resources and stories, sign up for our newsletter, and support this work at SPARKKindness.org.

Kindness to Earth - Community Clean-up! This special activity is part of EcoNatick's Earth Day all Around Natick program -- *all ages welcome!*

Sunday, May 1 from 1-3, rain or shine

Meeting Location: Natick AMVETS Post 79, 79 Superior Drive, Natick (parking available in the AMVETS lot) Drive, bike, scoot or walk to join us!

What to wear: Comfortable clothes for clean-up activities. Feel free to bring gloves. All other supplies will be provided.

Celebrate Kindness to the Earth! Join SPARK Kindness, in collaboration with Natick AMVETS Post 79, Keep Natick Beautiful, and the Natick Rotary Club for a community clean-up to improve the natural environment along the Cochituate Rail Trail (CRT) in the area of AMVETS, from Rt. 9 to Rt. 30. Help with trail and shoreline clean-up, beautification activities around AMVETS and participate in kid friendly earth day + take home activities with SPARK. Connect with neighbors, enjoy nature, and help us take care of this special place for recreation, right in our own backyard.

Learn more about this FREE online program and register at www.SPARKKindness.org

[How to Move Forward During Difficult Times](#)

Wednesday, May 4 at 7pm via Zoom

For parents, caregivers, and community members

Are you, your child or someone you care for feeling stressed or stuck? Psychologist and author Lisa Coyne, PhD, will share actionable microskills to help you tolerate the discomfort of living through challenging times, confront obstacles and difficult emotions, and move forward to live a more meaningful life. *Simultaneous Spanish Language and ASL Interpretation will be provided at this event.*

Learn more about this FREE online program and register at www.SPARKKindness.org

[The Addiction Inoculation with Jess Lahey](#)

Wednesday, May 11 7-8:30pm via Zoom

For parents, caregivers, and community members

Join *New York Times* bestselling author and educator Jessica Lahey as she discusses how parents, caregivers, and educators can better understand the roots of substance use disorder and identify who is most at risk for addiction. Learn how to approach difficult conversations around addictions (illicit substances, overuse or harmful use of social media, and other injurious behaviors), why teen brains are especially at risk, and the mental health roots of these issues. All children, regardless of their genetics, are at some risk for addictions. As a community we can make sure they have the support they need to stay physically, mentally, and emotionally healthy. This program is a collaboration between [Dover-Sherborn Challenge Success](#) and [Natick 180](#), with support from SPARK Kindness.

Learn more about this FREE online program and register at www.SPARKKindness.org

Keeping Our School Community Healthy and Safe

National School Nurses Day is Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Our School Nurses

MaryAnne Lagan (Preschool Lead Nurse)

Nicole Marcinkiewicz (NHS)

Carrie Harding (NHS)

Michelle LeBlanc (Memorial)

Barbara Naser (Lilja)



As we all know, these past two years have been especially taxing on our dear school nurse friends. Regardless of their weekly schedules, they have been caring for us 24/7 by answering questions, swabbing noses, providing guidance and encouragement and keeping us safe. Thank you for acknowledging them with kind words the week of May 11, 2022!

At Natick Preschool we take care of Ourselves, Our Friends and Our School

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