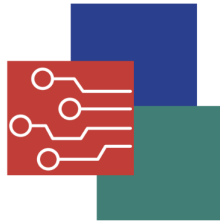


March/April 2024, Issue 2

Noteworthy Information from your [Personalized Learning Coaches](#).

1. March and April are Digital Learning Months and All about AI



400+ Natick Educators are already using MagicSchool AI frequently to help save time and differentiate lessons more effectively! We want all Natick Educators to experience the power of AI for their own practice and gain valuable insights on how AI works in the classroom. We have designed some opportunities and incentives for staff to deep dive into AI:

1. **Get certified as a [MagicSchool Pioneer](#)** by completing the three levels of certification that take about 20 - 25 minutes each. Upon completion of the Level 3 certification staff can apply to be a [MagicSchool Pioneer](#) (It takes 1-2 weeks to hear back) and **earn a T-shirt from MagicSchool and 2 Natick PDPs by uploading the Pioneer badge to Teachpoint PD.** [Get Started HERE.](#)
2. **Arrange for a MagicSchool Training for your department or team** if you do not want to Learn MagicSchool on your own. Our PL coaches will show you the in's and outs of using MagicSchool for your own practice and earn 2 Natick PDPs. Contact your school's PL coach to schedule a time that works best for your team!
3. **Participate in a Focus Group meeting on AI with your department or team** to discuss the implications for AI use with students and how this will affect Natick's guidelines and policy for the future. **Email Grace Magley** to set up a focus group meeting.

With Over 1.5 Million School Users as of [Mar 9, 2024](#) ...

Why MagicSchool AI?

1. **Teachers are overworked and burnt out.** More than four in ten K-12 teachers in the U.S. (44%) say they "always" or "very often" feel burnt out at work—outpacing all other industries nationally. (Gallup)
2. **MagicSchool's AI can save you hours of time,** by helping lesson plan, differentiate, communicate with families, and so much more!
3. **MagicSchool is the leading AI platform for educators** with over 1M users and growing!
4. **MagicSchool is easy to use** so you can get started right away.

MagicSchool.ai March Updates:

Check out these new short videos from the MagicSchool.ai [YouTube page](#) that will help make the most of your time!

- [Modifying Outputs & Using Actions](#)
- [Creating Custom Prompts](#)
- [PDF Uploads](#)
- [Export Options](#)

You can also visit the [PD Resources page](#) for up-to-date PD slides, one-pagers, certification courses and more!

2. Other Noteworthy Updates for April.

April 8, 2024 - The Solar Eclipse

Apr 8, 2024 at 3:29 pm



Max View in Natick,
Massachusetts

Global Event:	Total Solar Eclipse
Local Type:	Partial Solar Eclipse in Natick, Massachusetts
Begins:	Mon, Apr 8, 2024 at 2:15 pm
Maximum:	Mon, Apr 8, 2024 at 3:29 pm 0.932 Magnitude
Ends:	Mon, Apr 8, 2024 at 4:38 pm
Duration:	2 hours, 23 minutes

All times shown on this page are local time.

[More Teacher Resources on the April 8th solar Eclipse](#)

3. Other Noteworthy Updates for March.

March is Women's History Month

The [National Women's History Alliance](#) designates a yearly theme for Women's History Month. The 2024 theme celebrates **"Women Who Advocate for Equity,**

Diversity and Inclusion.” This theme recognizes women who understand the need to eliminate bias and discrimination from individuals' lives and institutions.

Digital Resources for 2024 Women's History Month:

[Nili's amazing list of Women's History month resources from our online systems partners like, Nearpod, BrainPop, EdPuzzle, and more!](#)

Paper's 2024 March Madness Challenge is set to begin March 1st, and run through March 31st, offering fantastic opportunities for our students to win BIG.

Find more information on [Paper's March Madness website.](#)

NearPod March Newsletter - [PDF](#) Contains Nearpod for Formative Assessment tips and AR/VR Field Trips.

MCAS Prep Resources from Paper

Gear up for the 2024 MCAS exams with Paper's secret weapons. Resources are also available in the **Teacher Resource Center** on the Paper teacher dashboard.

- [MCAS Test Prep](#)
- [MCAS Writing Practice](#)

Newsela [March Newsletter](#) filled with content for MCAS prep

Other resources from Newsela:

- We've recently added 132 new novels and books to our extensive ELA [Novel Studies Collections](#)!
- Social Studies and Science users now have access to 100+ ready-to-use, standards-aligned Formative Activities through Newsela's [Social Studies Primary Sources](#) and [Science Explainers](#).
- New! [Independent Reading Challenge](#) for authentic skills practice: This March, as spring testing looms over us, I encourage your teachers to ask students to participate in the March challenge to help them practice literacy skills on their own by reading about topics that interest them. Teachers can then see their

students' results on the challenge landing page and learn more about their reading preferences in the Reading Summary tab of their Binder.

- Leveraging Newsela for Summer Learning: Summer is going to be here before we know it, which means it's time to consider how to best engage, excite, and accelerate student learning during those critical summer months. Watch our on-demand recording of [Accelerate Summer Learning with Newsela ELA](#) and check out our [Novel and Book Studies](#) to pair Newsela texts with your summer reading lists.

Newsela Tip of the Month:

- A new **toggle feature** within each article allows you to select which available **reading skills** you'd like to focus on. Now you can tailor the article's activities & graphic organizers to fit the scope of your lesson!