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“Bullying Prevention and the Responsive Classroom Approach”

Bullying is a top issue on educators' minds. Those using or exploring the Responsive Classroom approach frequently ask, “Is this approach a

bullying prevention program? If not, how does it relate to bullying prevention?” Excerpt from the Responsive Classroom Newsletter

The Responsive Classroom approach is not a program for addressing any particular issue. Rather, it's a general approach to educating children that gives teachers and administrators strategies for creating a safe school environment in which harmful behavior is less likely to thrive. The approach focuses on building community and teaching children important social skills, such as cooperation, assertion, responsibility, empathy, and self-control. It also gives teachers strategies for helping children find constructive ways to deal with their problems. Bullying is an immensely complicated issue with many dimensions. But regardless of the specific steps a school needs to take to address its bullying problems, the Responsive Classroom approach provides a strong, positive environment in which such efforts can succeed. For NEFC, developer of the Responsive Classroom approach, bullying is an issue of ongoing concern, one that we continue to grapple with. In this article, we offer our responses to questions we frequently hear from teachers and administrators about this important topic.

Q: What is bullying, and how widespread is it in U.S. schools?

A: Bullying is repeatedly making fun of, embarrassing, or scaring another person. Studies by groups such as the National Association of School Psychologists suggest that over five million children are bullied frequently, and over six million consistently bully others. Stan Davis (see resource list at end of article) says those numbers make bullying the most common form of violence in American society.

Q: What has research shown about how bullying damages children?

A: We all know the connections between bullying and tragedies such as Columbine, in which the shooters were boys who'd been bullied for years. But research by Dan Olweus and others (see resource list at end of article) has shown that even aside from these violent tragedies, bullying damages all children. Those bullied are more likely to be truant, to be depressed, and to hurt themselves and others. Bullies are more likely to grow into adults who are dangerously aggressive. Bystanders, too, are negatively affected. They may feel frightened and confused; they know what they're seeing is wrong but they're afraid—or don't know how—to intervene. But researchers have also found that bullying (and the damage it causes) is not inevitable, not a rite of passage or a necessary part of childhood. We can teach children other ways to behave.

Q: What can educators do to address bullying?

A: Whatever anti-bullying programs and strategies schools choose, we believe several elements are important: First, make sure all adults are involved—that they know about any bullying going on in their school and accept responsibility and authority for stopping it. Second, explicitly teach and give children plenty of opportunities to practice kind and respectful behavior and language. Third, do the teaching in the class-room, school-wide, and, as needed, with individual children. As Olweus points out, any anti-bullying method will be more effective if implemented at all three of those levels. Involving parents is important, too.

Not to be overlooked is empowering the children who see bullying happening. These bystanders have power, especially if they're taught to say “Stop. We don't like what you're doing.” And they

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can say to the bullied child, "Come and play with us," which defeats the bully's attempt to isolate the victim.

Q: What practical Responsive Classroom techniques help educators prevent bullying?

A: Many Responsive Classroom practices, although not designed to deter bullying specifically, are consistent with those that anti-bullying experts have found to be effective. It's very important, for example, that children gather together regularly as a class to get to know each other and appreciate both similarities and differences. Morning Meeting, a key Responsive Classroom component, provides just this kind of regular class gathering.

Setting clear expectations is important, too. The Responsive Classroom approach to discipline does that through having students share their hopes for learning and then guiding them to create rules that enable everyone to fulfill their hopes. Teachers then introduce logical consequences that will apply when children don't observe the rules the class has made together. Those logical consequences would come into play when, for example, one child criticizes another's clumsiness on the playground. Such behavior violates any rules about respecting or taking care of each other, so a logical consequence is appropriate. Depending on the situation, the consequence might be a time-out, losing the privilege of participating in the activity, or losing the privilege of being at recess that day. The Responsive Classroom approach also gives children plenty of opportunities to practice positive behaviors and language. Teachers use modeling and role playing to teach positive social behaviors, and they strengthen social learning by connecting it with academic studies. They actively teach problem solving, independence, assertion, and self-control. Teachers also encourage reflective discussion about what behaviors children think are working well and where they could improve.

Q: What about recess and bus, two places where bullying often happens?

A: The Responsive Classroom approach gives the adults at school strategies for structuring recess and being out there on the playground, involved with the children. Not only does this help prevent bullying, but if any bullying happens, adults can see it and stop it immediately.

As for the bus, the Responsive Classroom approach teaches students expectations for bus behavior and encourages adults to debrief with students about their bus rides. Bus drivers and school staff are encouraged to talk together about what's happening on buses. Then the whole school community problem solves together.

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## News from the PTO

Spring is really making an appearance now – it's nice to have some sun with our rain. We hope that you all have been able to get through these rainspells without too much flooding.

As you may know, our *Spring Auction & Gala* is being held on Saturday, May 1, 7-11 p.m. at American Legion Post 440, 295 California St, Newton. The auction is our major fundraising event of the year, generating proceeds for classroom literacy, technology, Creative Arts & Sciences and other programs. The PTO has pulled together a large and diverse group of parents to coordinate this year's auction, in hopes of bringing the community together for an evening of music, great food and socializing. This event also offers the Franklin community a great way to score deals on items such as gift certificates to hotels and restaurants, summer camp tuitions, or everyday items such as grocery stores, personal trainers, or even dry cleaners—WHILE HELPING OUR KIDS GET A BETTER EDUCATION!

This year's event will feature entertainment by a live band, "Here She Comes" -- featuring Franklin's own, **Mark Lublin** -- and a full evening of live and silent auctions. Room parents are coordinating class baskets and we are finalizing the other details. Look for information on Facebook, our Evite invitation and in your child's backpack. Tickets will be offered for sale soon. We also wanted to remind folks to please help us bring the NewtonSERVES Day of Community Service to Franklin School. Our Playground Committee is looking for volunteers to help beautify the school, doing exterior cleaning and gardening projects. NewtonSERVES is a citywide event taking place on May 2nd, which will feature lots of project sites across the city to accommodate more than 1,200 volunteers. If you can find even just a little bit of time to come by the school, your efforts will be most appreciated.

We are also turning our attention to the end of year activities and want to remind you that the **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon** will be scheduled in the coming months, **Color Day** will be coming up in June, **and** all of the activities surrounding the **5th Grade Moving On Ceremonies**

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are in planning mode. If you have time or interest in volunteering for any of these activities, we would appreciate hearing from you.

We hope to see you at these upcoming events.

Finally, with the end of school approaching, we wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that we need to fill a number of Executive Board positions for the 2010-2011 school year. Please give some thought to joining the PTO board. We work as a team, coordinating with PTO Committees on various fundraising initiatives and community building exercises; keeping parents informed through The Connection and holding 5 PTO meetings per year, where we report on what we are doing and how we are allocating funds. Most importantly, we work with Amy Kelly and the Franklin staff to identify areas where PTO support would be helpful. Please contact us for further information!

Best, Tracy, Eva, Deb, Lisa and Meiera

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## Franklin Spring Auction

### Saturday, May 1, 2010

Come support out school at the annual Franklin Spring Auction on Saturday, May 1st from 7-11 pm at the American Legion Post 440 at 295 California St!

The Spring Auction is the largest fundraiser of the year for the Franklin School PTO. It is a fun-filled adult-only evening where parents, teachers, and friends can enjoy appetizers and desserts, dance, and mingle while bidding for a wide range of goodies in silent and live auctions and purchasing raffle tickets for other prizes.

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER!** We also need more volunteers to help us make the auction a success. If you are willing to help with cooking, decorating, ticket sales, setup and cleanup.

**PLEASE COME!** This promises to be a fun evening with great deals on airfare, theme park passes, gift certificates to hotels and restaurants, and summer camp tuitions, along with grocery stores, dry cleaners and other services of everyday existence, but we also want to bring the community together for an evening of music, great food and socializing.

Please contact Tracy Soehle, Eva Zervos, Lisa Chedekel, Deb Rooney or Meiera Stern with donation information.



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## Newton Serves for Franklin

SAVE THE DATE

Newton Serves (for schools only)

Sunday, May 2

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Franklin's project is to landscape and clean up around the front of the school and around the upper grade's playground.

Any questions, please email Marysol Masse-Makimura

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## Understanding Our Differences

The learning disabilities unit of the Understanding Our Differences program has come to a successful conclusion. Students in the 4th grade were introduced to the concept that everyone has strengths and challenges, and that what can be a strength for one person may be a challenge for

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another person. They were enthusiastic to meet Terry Bromfield who answered all their thoughtful questions. This program would not be successful without the help of our parent volunteers, Trish Ryder, Tara Cambell, Clare Gamberoni, Jocelyn Scheirer, Ellen Whalley, Julie Barbieri, Melanie Adler-Cohen, John Fitzpatrick, Megan McA'Nulty, and Hanna Palmon. And for time management, technical support and traffic control, our thanks to Beth Nohmy, Heather Walker, Sara Seals and Rachel Devlin. For support of the program, thanks to Amy Kelly, Debbie Mastroianni, and the 4th grade teachers. Understanding Our Differences presents programs in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade. Please contact Becky Proskauer if you would like to get involved. Many thanks, Becky Proskauer and MaryAnn Buras.

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## Newton Special Education PAC

**Meeting: Thursday, April 15 at 7:30 pm**

Dr. Joseph Moldover will speak on Understanding Psychological and Neuropsychological Testing.

What do the tests measure, and what do the results mean? The seminar is particularly intended for parents whose children undergo neuropsychological assessment to determine the presence of special learning needs. Dr. Moldover discusses the concepts and theories behind testing, different types of tests, understanding test results, and important questions to ask when your child participates in testing. Dr. Moldover is a developmental neuropsychologist specializing in the evaluation of children, adolescents and young adults.

Light refreshments and networking begin at 7:15 pm, 100 Walnut St, Room 210, Newtonville.

For more information about the Newton PAC or to join our online discussion group, please email [info@newtonpac.org](mailto:info@newtonpac.org) or visit our website at [www.newtonpac.org](http://www.newtonpac.org). If you have questions about special education services or are interested in finding out more about resources offered by the Sped PAC please contact one of Franklin's liasons: Eileen Sanberg, [eesanberg@aol.com](mailto:eesanberg@aol.com), Julie Leahy, [jpl2002@verizon.net](mailto:jpl2002@verizon.net), Joan Schulz [dschulz@rcn.com](mailto:dschulz@rcn.com)

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## Attention to parents who have a child with ADHD currently in 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

The Floating Hospital for Children in cooperation with the Newton Public Schools is delighted to offer again a computer-based attention training systems to children with ADHD throughout 15 Newton Elementary Schools for children next school year in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades.

One system uses EEG biofeedback (or neurofeedback, [www.playattention.com](http://www.playattention.com)) and the other uses a Standard Computer Format ([www.braintrain.com](http://www.braintrain.com)) for cognitive training. Both systems are considered clinically equivalent. Private coaching sessions can be very expensive. This intervention does not involve any medication; however, if a child on medication can enroll.

This research project is fully funded by a grant from the Federal Department of Education. Students enrolled will not pay for any services received. The project has been discussed and approved by the superintendent's office of the Newton Public Schools.

**Enrollment is in April 2010.** Interested parents contact Elizabeth Frenette, Enrollment Coordinator, at [CATS@tuftsmedicalcenter.org](mailto:CATS@tuftsmedicalcenter.org).

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

'Food and Wine for the Soul --- Technology for the Schools' Join special guests Mayor Setti Warren and Shelley Chamberlain, Newton Public Schools Director of Information Technology for a night of fabulous food and wine pairings and an impressive demonstration of new 21st century technology currently being used in our schools. At the Charles River Country Club, Friday April

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30th 7-9pm. Ticket/donation: \$75 per person, 100% tax deductible. Bring family and friends! All proceeds support the Newton Schools Foundation's campaign to outfit every NPS classroom with 21st century tools in support of Newton's strategic goal of 21st century teaching and learning.

Purchase tickets at

[http://www.newtonschoolsfoundation.org/news%20and%20events/2010/wineforsoul\\_dinner.html](http://www.newtonschoolsfoundation.org/news%20and%20events/2010/wineforsoul_dinner.html).

More info at [www.newtonschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.newtonschoolsfoundation.org) or contact Tori Filler at [tori\\_filler@newton.k12.ma.us](mailto:tori_filler@newton.k12.ma.us) or 617-559-6120.

**The Sunday School for Jewish Studies** is now accepting registrations for grades K-7 for the 2010-2011 school year. The Sunday School is an independent school offering a once-a-week program for children in the greater Boston area for over 40 years. Located at the Oak Hill School in Newton, our school is committed to providing a Jewish education that fosters a strong sense of Jewish identity for children and families with diverse traditions of Jewish observance. Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation is available but not required, and students may enter in any grade. Interfaith and nontraditional families are welcome. For additional information, please visit our website at [www.sundayschoolforjewishstudies.org](http://www.sundayschoolforjewishstudies.org) or call 617.264.8855.

'**Spontaneous Generation**', Newton North High School's Improv Troupe is back and better than ever! In a world where fear rules and all hope is lost, there is only one improvisational troupe the planet can depend on: SPONTANEOUS GENERATION! Spontaneous Generation is loaded with so many laughs, milk may come out of your nose. Spontaneous Generation performs at Newton North and at improv clubs in and around Boston. So call the neighbors because Spontaneous Generation is back - just don't drink any milk first. April 7th, 8th, 9th & 10th at 7:30pm. Little Theatre at NNHS, 360 Lowell Avenue, Newtonville. Tickets \$5 at [www.theatreink.net](http://www.theatreink.net) or 617-559-6406.

**WANTED - KIDS AND TEENS TO RIDE FOR A CURE!!** Calling all kids to participate in the 5th annual PMC Newton/Needham/Brookline Bike Ride to benefit the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Jimmy Fund! The event takes place on Sunday May 23, from 12-4 pm at 180 Wells Office Park in Newton. Teens (13 years+) can ride in the 17-mile teen road ride, which starts promptly at 12:30 pm. Kids ride starts at 1pm and kids can ride as long as they want on the office park course. Post party celebration includes refreshments, music, games, kids activities, an awesome raffle, and more!! The minimum fundraising amount per rider is just \$50.00, but wouldn't it be great to raise additional donations? Build a team with friends, school or teammates, and make a long lasting difference in the fight against cancer. Note: 12 year old sixth graders who are advanced, strong riders can participate in the Teen Ride at the discretion of their parents. Take action today! To ride or volunteer, go to [kids.pmc.org/nnb](http://kids.pmc.org/nnb) For information and volunteer opportunities, contact Jordana Alford ([jlalford@rcn.com](mailto:jlalford@rcn.com)), May Chiu ([mayfchiu@earthlink.net](mailto:mayfchiu@earthlink.net)), or Jane Quinn ([janequinn419@gmail.com](mailto:janequinn419@gmail.com)).

**Suzuki School of Newton Artist Concert Series** April 25, 2010 Carol Wincenc, flute; Ann Hobson Pilot, harp; and Joy Cline Phinney, piano will perform a delightful chamber music program in Newton Centre's Wilson Chapel on Sunday, April 25 at 3PM. This concert is part of Suzuki School of Newton's Artist Concert Series, and is made possible by grants from Henschel Community Award of Harvard Musical Association and Mass. Cultural Council organizational support. Ticket prices: adults \$16, students and seniors \$10, families \$50 (for two adults and up to five children). Call us at 617-964-4522 or visit [www.SuzukiNewton.org](http://www.SuzukiNewton.org) for more information. All proceeds benefit need-based music scholarships.

**Mindful Shopping:** A Special Presentation & Book Signing with best-selling Dan Goleman, author of Emotional Intelligence which was on the New York Times Best Seller list for a year and a half. Goleman will be introducing his new book, Ecological Intelligence: The Hidden Impact of What We Buy, which reveals the hidden environmental consequences of what we make and buy and show how new market forces can drive changes essential to helping save our planet. April 28th at 7pm at Oak Hill Middle School. All are welcome. This is part of a 4-part speaker series continuing through May sponsored by Newton Community Education. Tickets for this event are \$20 at the door with discounts available for the entire series at [www.newtoncommunityed.org](http://www.newtoncommunityed.org) or call 617-559-6999.

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**Friends of St. Bernard's Spring Social** - April 30, 2010 The Friends of St. Bernard's will honor **Ed Marchand**, longtime parishioner of Corpus Christi-St. Bernard Parish, at the annual Spring Social on Friday April 30, 2010, 7 p.m. at the Sons of Italy Hall, 520 Pleasant Street, Watertown. Cost is \$35 per person and the public is invited. Make your check payable to Friends of St. Bernard's and mail to Friends of St. Bernard's PO Box 650065, West Newton 02465.

**Historic Newton's 28th Annual House Tour** Sunday, May 23, 12-5pm Historic Newton proudly celebrates 28 years of touring Newton's homes with the annual House Tour on May 23, 2010. Take the opportunity to view distinctive homes, innovative renovations, unique additions, and inspiring interior and landscape design. This year's tour will feature eight private Newton homes located in several of Newton's historic neighborhoods and villages, as well as a carriage house and the 1732 Durant-Kenrick House and Grounds. A special Preview Party will be held on Saturday, May 22. For more information about the House Tour and the Preview Party, call 617-796-1450. Proceeds from the House Tour benefit Historic Newton and support its many programs at the Jackson Homestead and Museum, and throughout the community.

**APRIL EVENTS AT HISTORIC NEWTON** 527 Washington Street, Newton MA 02458 617-796-1450 [www.historicnewton.org](http://www.historicnewton.org) **NEWTON COMMUNITY WEEKEND** Saturday and Sunday, April 3 and 4, noon-5 pm Newton residents are invited to enjoy free admission to the museum. **CONCERTS IN THE KITCHEN** Sunday, April 11, 5 pm Traditional English Music with Hannah Sanders and Liz Simmons Even though these gals grew up with an ocean between them, they had similar childhoods traveling with musician parents. Like all good folk musicians, their music draws from elements of jazz and old time music while still maintaining the authenticity of traditional balladry. Suggested minimum donation \$12, \$10 for museum members and those who make reservations at least 24 hours in advance. \$45 immediate family maximum. Advance reservations can be made by emailing [notlobmusic@gmail.com](mailto:notlobmusic@gmail.com). **TURNING WOOL TO CLOTH: A FAMILY PROGRAM** Wednesday, April 21, 3 pm Spring is here and it's sheep shearing time! Come learn about how nineteenth century farm families took the wool from their sheep and made it into fabric and clothing. Try your hand at carding some wool and then weave your own fabric to take home. Cost: \$15 per family (\$10 for members); includes museum admission, materials, and snack. Prepaid registration is recommended, call 617.796.1450 to register. **NEWTON SERVES - BURYING GROUNDS CLEAN-UP** Sunday, April 25 Join community members in Newton's day of service by cleaning up Newton's historic Burying Grounds. <http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/newtonserves/default.html> **ROOTS IN OUR HISTORY- NEWTON HISTORY SERIES** Thursday, April 29, 7 pm Suburban Destiny: Wauwinet, Dairy or Subdivision? In 1903, according to the Boston Daily Globe, dairy farms were among "the most profitable agricultural pursuits in Massachusetts." Wauwinet Dairy, said to be the largest dairy in Massachusetts at the time, was located on the newly laid-out Commonwealth Avenue in the middle of Newton. The proprietor, George Ellis, whose house still stands at the corner of Ellis Road and Commonwealth Avenue, established the farm in 1895 on land that was appreciating in real estate value. The parallel history of planning and construction of Commonwealth Avenue and establishment of Wauwinet Dairy is a curious study of assumptions and choices made, and questions asked in hindsight about the value and best use of land. This lecture will be given by Susan Abele, Curator of Manuscripts and Photographs at Historic Newton. This free program will be held at the Newton Free Library, 330 Homer Street, Newton.

**Huge Children's Tag Sale:** The West Suburban Chapter of the **Mass. Mothers of Twins** Assoc invites you to its Spring Tag Sale on Saturday April 10 from 10-1 at the Congregational Church of Needham, 1154 Great Plain Avenue, Needham. Over 20,000 gently used items for sale at super low prices, including children's clothing, strollers, baby equipment, cribs, furniture, toys, books, DVDs & more! Cash only. For more information, visit [www.wscmmota.org](http://www.wscmmota.org).

**School of Rock Boston** invites you to find out why 42% of our music students hail from Newton! Come visit our studios at 120 Elm Street in Watertown, and sign up for a free bass, keyboard, guitar, or vocal lesson. Accepting new students ages 7-17 all year round. Call 617-923-3434 or attend our open houses every Saturday from 9a-5pm.

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### **Please join us for the Newton Children's Cooperative Nursery School FUNRAISER Concert.**

Get ready for some sing-along, dance-along, laugh-along family fun in this rockin musical journey through classic kids tales and original songs with Debbie and Friends ([www.debbieandfriends.net](http://www.debbieandfriends.net)). Parents and kids join in this interactive variety show", which includes a diverse array of styles including rock, pop, country, reggae, and Broadway-esque tunes. You'll become the Big Bad Wolf and blow the house down, fix Rosie's wrong rhymes, test your skills with the Simon Sez Song, and share a special moment with your loved ones singing "Love Is a Family." Thursday, April 22, 2010 10:30 a.m. (School vacation week) Hyde Community Center, 90 Lincoln Street, Newton Highlands, MA 02461 \$6 in advance, \$8 at the door - children under 1 free. Tickets available at Learning Express, Newton Centre Ticket info: 617.527.8539

## SPORTS & DANCE

**All That Jazz Dance Studio** is pleased to announce our next Free Fairy Princess Tea Party! Sunday, April 11th from 2:00-3:30 at All That Jazz Dance Studio 232 California St. Newton, MA 02458. Come dressed as your favorite Fairy or Princess and be prepared to Dine and Dance the afternoon away! Also, please come see the All That Jazz Dancers at Kids FunFest at Newton City Hall on Sunday, May 2nd- Free Performances at 11:30 and 2:30 and Booth open from 10:00-5:00 and at the Atrium Mall on Sunday, May 16th- Free Performances at 12:30 and 2:00.

**Spring into tennis!** We know you will "Love" it. The Newton Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for the Spring 2010 Tennis program. Clinics are available for kids and adults of all ages and levels. Classes are offered both a.m. and p.m., weekdays and/or weekends. Some clinics begin the end of April and others, the beginning of May. For more information and to download a registration form, please visit us at [www.newtontennis.com](http://www.newtontennis.com). Questions? Email us at [newtontennis@earthlink.net](mailto:newtontennis@earthlink.net). If further information is needed, please leave us a message at (617) 661-PLAY. Have fun. See you on the courts!

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**APRIL VACATION ICE SKATING!** Join the Sheryl Franks APRIL VACATION PROGRAM "Creative Skating Academy," Tuesday, April 20 - Friday, April 23. Call (617) 699-4736 for details. Skate at the Fessenden School Rink 250 Waltham Street, Newton. Have FUN playing on-ice games, Arts & Crafts, Lunch with friends, special guests, and watching exciting performances by expert skaters. Sheryl was a 1980 Olympian! Manny and Daisy Hutter are in the program... Call us with questions (617) 686-1006

**Vacation with NCE!** If you haven't made spring vacation plans for your kids yet, it's not too late! Newton Community Ed has openings in our specialty programs including Create a TV Show, Marble Machine Madness and Basic Lego Engineering. Kids age 11 and up can take Babysitting Certification this vacation as well. For more information or to register, call NCE at 617-559-6999 or visit our website at [www.newtoncommunityed.org](http://www.newtoncommunityed.org).

**The BC Lady Eagles Soccer School** will be holding their April Vacation clinic for girls ages 6-14 during April 20-23, 9:00am-3:00pm at the BC Newton campus. Come join us for soccer fun and development. Registration may be found at:

[http://bceagles.cstv.com/auto\\_pdf/p\\_hotos/s\\_schools/bc/sports/w-soccer/auto\\_pdf/aprilvacation](http://bceagles.cstv.com/auto_pdf/p_hotos/s_schools/bc/sports/w-soccer/auto_pdf/aprilvacation).

## SUMMER & CAMPS

**Creative Arts at Park** is a 5-week arts and sports program where young people ages 7 to 15 can explore the full range of visual and performing arts as well as sports, video, animation and writing. Part time enrollment is available. Call 617-274-6065 Summer at Park is an ACA-accredited camp for young people ages 4 to 15. Campers can participate in a wide variety of programs of varying duration throughout the summer. The Park School 171 Goddard Avenue Brookline [www.parkschool.org/mainsummer](http://www.parkschool.org/mainsummer) 617-274-6024

**Joanne Langione Dance Center** is excited to announce registration has begun for 2010 Summerdance programs. Playdance (ages 2-5) has class offerings every morning 10-11:30 am. The Full Day Dance Program (ages 6-14) runs July 5th- August 13th from 9-5 pm. Students may

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register for any number of weeks. Summerdance Intensives (ages 9-12, 13-18) for Intermediate/Advanced students run throughout the summer. [info@jldancecenter.com](mailto:info@jldancecenter.com) \* 617-969-8724 \* [www.jldancecenter.com](http://www.jldancecenter.com)

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**PIANO and piano bench** for sale or will barter for landscaping service at my home in Natick. Piano was purchased used from a piano dealer 5 years ago. In fair/good condition. Will sell for \$500 or best offer or trade for spring lawn cleanup. If interested email [heatherwein@gmail.com](mailto:heatherwein@gmail.com).

**Education Job Opening, part time:** Newton Highlands Congregational Church (a United Church of Christ) is seeking a Director of Children's & Youth Ministry. This person will provide leadership and teaching for the congregation's children, including guidance for all aspects of our program. NHCC is a faithful, progressive, Open & Affirming Christian parish, with an active and educated congregation. We seek a collaborative leader who celebrates "hands-on" praxis in a resource-rich community. Up to 22 hours per week; salary commensurate with experience and training. For more information go to [www.nhcc.net](http://www.nhcc.net) or contact [ce@nhcc.net](mailto:ce@nhcc.net).

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