



THE CONNECTION

June 18, 2010

Attendance Line 617-559-9509

In This Issue

Principals Pad

News from the PTO

K and Pre-K Fall Soccer

4th Grade Music

School Appreciation Day

Creative Arts and Sciences

Special Parent to Parent Coffee Hour

Newton Special Education PAC

Community Announcements

SPORTS & DANCE

SUMMER & CAMPS

CLASSIFIED

Principals Pad

This is the final Connection of the school year. The faculty at Franklin is already busy planning for next year. If you are moving and your child will not return to Franklin next year, please let us know immediately.

June 21

Last Day of School
Release 12 NOON!

Many parents ask for ideas of how to support their child's learning during the summer. Students lose a lot of academic ground during the summer months. Please do two things with your child(ren) over the summer – read (a lot) and practice math facts. The following article offers some additional ideas for activities to do with your child(ren) this summer. Enjoy!

Ten Fun Ways to Keep Your Child Learning This Summer

Backyard gardens, puppet theaters, scrapbooks and crafts are some of the ways to keep your children active and their minds working all summer long.

By GreatSchools Staff

Summer vacation can be either a learning wasteland or a learning paradise. The temptations are great for children to spend hours watching television or playing video games, but with a little ingenuity and planning, the summer can be transformed into a time to stretch the mind, explore new hobbies, learn about responsibility and build on skills learned during the school year.

Keep the Learning Going

Teachers spend an average of four to eight weeks every fall reviewing and reteaching material that students have forgotten during the long summer break. Many students lose the equivalent of one to two months of reading and math skills during the summer and do not score as well on standardized tests as students who continue to learn during the summer. The effect is cumulative: Each summer a student isn't learning adds up and can have a long-term impact on overall performance in school.

That doesn't mean that children should be doing math worksheets and studying vocabulary lists to preserve the skills they have learned during the school year. Summer is the perfect time for children to discover that learning is fun and can happen anywhere. "You don't want your kids to think that learning is only something that happens in places called schools," says Susan K. Perry, author of *Playing Smart: The Family Guide to Enriching Offbeat Learning Activities for Ages 4-14*. "Rather, you want them to grasp that learning is fun and can go on all the time, anytime, anywhere, with handy materials, not only based on the instruction of an actual schoolteacher. The summer is a great unstructured mass of time to try out new things and explore interests that don't necessarily fit into the school curriculum."

Learning can take place whether you are taking a trip to a far-off place or spending the summer in your own neighborhood. But be careful not to over-plan. "To avoid boredom, a child has to learn to be motivated on his or her own, to a certain extent, and that is an acquired skill," says Perry. "If every time your child says, 'I'm bored,' you step in with a quick solution, they'll never learn to develop their own resources. But do provide some options. Just don't try to instill learning. That's not how it works."

10 Fun Summer Learning Activities

Here are some activities to get your child started on a summer of learning fun:

1. Grow the biggest zucchini in your neighborhood.

What better way to learn the basics of science and how things grow than to plant your own garden?

In This Issue

Principals Pad

News from the PTO

K and Pre-K Fall Soccer

4th Grade Music

School Appreciation Day

Creative Arts and Sciences

Special Parent to Parent Coffee Hour

Newton Special Education PAC

Community Announcements

SPORTS & DANCE

SUMMER & CAMPS

CLASSIFIED

You can start with seeds or small plants. Talk about what plants need to be hardy: air, water, sunlight and nutrients. Vegetables are especially fun and educational to plant because your child will learn where food comes from and will also get to eat the end product.

2. Clip, paste and write about your family adventures.

A family vacation is a perfect opportunity to create a trip scrapbook that will be a lasting souvenir of family adventures. Collect postcards, brochures and menus from restaurants and tourist attractions. Encourage your child to write descriptions of the places you visited and tell stories about your family's escapades. Or suggest a scrapbook on your child's favorite sports team or a chronicle of his year in school. The scrapbook might contain photos with captions, newspaper clippings or school mementos.

Many photo-sharing Web sites, such as Shutterfly or KodakGallery, will help you (for a fee) create professional quality photo books, where you arrange the photos and write captions.

3. Get theatrical.

Young children can make their own puppet theater. Begin by cutting off the finger-ends of old gloves. Draw faces on these fingers with felt tip markers and glue on yarn for hair. Or glue on felt strips to create cat, dog or other animal faces. Then your child can create a story that the finger puppets can act out. For older children, find books containing play scripts for young people and encourage your child and friends to create their own neighborhood theater. They can plan a performance, make a simple stage at the park or on the steps of someone's home, create playbills and sell tickets.

4. Make chocolate mousse or build a bird feeder.

Toy stores and craft shops are full of kits for making things, from bird feeders to model airplanes to mosaic tableaux. These projects teach children to read and follow directions, and offer the added benefit of creating a finished product. Science experiment books encourage children to observe and ask questions while providing hours of hands-on fun using scientific concepts.

What child wouldn't be inspired to bake cookies or make chocolate mousse? A cookbook geared for children is a good place to start. Ethnic cookbooks provide an excellent way to explore the food of other cultures, and open up conversations about how people do things differently in other parts of the world. Children are much more likely to eat something strange if they make it themselves.

5. Paint the picket fence, baby-sit or volunteer at a soup kitchen.

Even young children can learn to be responsible by helping to set the table, take care of a pet, clean out a closet, wash the car or paint the picket fence. Ask your child to be your energy consultant and help find ways to conserve energy in your house. Outside summer jobs and community service help children learn to be punctual, follow directions and serve others.

6. Become the family's junior travel agent.

Half the fun of a trip starts before you get there. Involve your child in the planning by practicing how to use a map to find cities and tourist attractions, and how to estimate distances. If you are driving, work with your child to figure out how many gallons of gas it will take to get there and estimate the cost. If you are flying or traveling by train, check travel schedules and costs.

Research your destination in books and on the Internet. If you are going to a different state, look up information about the state, such as the state flower, state bird and interesting attractions. Have your child write to the state tourism bureau to ask for information.

7. Visit a jelly bean factory or a glassblowing studio.

Whether you are going on a trip far away or staying close to home, seek out places where children can learn how things are made. In San Francisco, you can visit a teddy bear factory; in Arkansas, a glass blowing studio; and in Hawaii, a macadamia nut factory.

8. Turn a museum trip into a treasure hunt.

Get your children excited about visiting a museum by exploring the museum's Web site and taking a virtual tour. When you go to a museum, take into account short attention spans and don't try to cover a whole museum in one day. To make them less intimidating, start in the gift shop and let your child pick out some postcards of paintings or objects on display. Turn your museum trip into a treasure hunt by trying to find those paintings or objects in the museum. Look for interactive exhibits and for periods of history that your child has studied in school.

9. Get stickers, tattoos and comics for free.

Composing a letter helps build writing skills and can be especially rewarding when your child gets a reply in the form of a cool free item. The book, *Free Things for Kids* suggests more than 300 places you can write to get such items as stickers, temporary tattoos, comic books, magazines and sports memorabilia. Some of the items cost a dollar or less, but the majority are free. The author

In This Issue

Principals Pad

News from the PTO

K and Pre-K Fall Soccer

4th Grade Music

School Appreciation Day

Creative Arts and Sciences

Special Parent to Parent Coffee Hour

Newton Special Education PAC

Community Announcements

SPORTS & DANCE

SUMMER & CAMPS

CLASSIFIED

has been writing about "free stuff" for years and is considered an expert in the field. The book, updated annually, also includes Web sites to check out for free downloadable software, ezines or other items to send for by mail.

You can help your older child build citizenship skills as well as practice his writing by encouraging him to write a letter to the editor of the local newspaper or a local government official about an issue he is concerned about, such as building a bike path or renovating a local playground.

10. Become an investment guru or a math wizard.

Summer is the perfect time for older children and teens to learn about the stock market and the value of investing. A good way to get started is to investigate publicly held companies that teens are familiar with, such as Apple Computer, eBay, Nike or Tootsie Roll. The Motley Fool "Teens and Money" Web site is devoted to helping teens learn about saving and investing. Your older child might also want to join a Junior Investor program to learn more about the stock market. It is also possible to help your teen get a head start on high school math by doing math puzzles.

News from the PTO

As school comes to a close and we reflect on all the PTO did this year, we are moved and energized by the number of people who participated in the community events, the fundraisers, and the committees that work to support the school. Whether you decorated a hallway, attended a meeting, or made a donation, the PTO thanks all of you for your involvement and support. Thank you all for a fun and successful year!

Two years flies by quickly when you are having fun! As you may know, Tracy, Eva, Deb and Lisa have served their terms. Meiera will be staying on and will be joined by four new PTO Board members who were elected at the PTO meeting on June 3rd. Your new PTO Board members are: Marysol Masse-Makimura, parent of a 3rd grader and kindergartener, and head of the Playground Committee; Julia Wolfe, parent of a 5th grader and kindergartener who has been involved in Pollution Solutions club, NewtonServes and other PTO activities; Liz Marshall, parent of a 2nd grader and kindergartener, who has been involved in coordinating Boston Buddies and serves as a room parent; and Sue Membrino, parent of a 2nd grader and kindergartener, who has been involved in the playground committee. We will spend some time transitioning over the summer and look forward to working with our new Board in the 2010-2011 school year.

Also at the PTO meeting, we recognized and thanked the 5 Franklin staff members who will be leaving at the end of the year for their years of dedicated service: Eileen Keane, leaving Franklin after 19 years; Joan Yospin, retiring after 22 years; Steve Kanode, leaving after six years; Heather Lufkin, leaving after six years; and Pat Redmon, retiring after 12 years.

For our most recent PTO events, thanks go out to Shelli Adam and Elise Lublin and all the parent volunteers that made **Color Day** such a blast. Thanks to Margie Boone and the parent volunteers for making the **Staff Appreciation Luncheon** such a lovely event.

We should all also recognize the efforts of Ellen Tanowitz who has organized our **Welcoming Program** for incoming kindergarteners for many years. Ellen is stepping down this year and we are actively looking for volunteers for this program. If you have a young one coming into Kindergarten, please participate in the Kindergarten Buddy program and try to attend one or more of this summer's Playground Nights. You'll be helping make new families feel more at ease as they transition into Franklin.

Thanks too to Megan McAnulty for her years of dedication producing the **Connection**. Megan is stepping down this year and we welcome next year's editor Anat Nidar-Levi. Newsletter email address is also changing to: newsletter@franklinpto.org

With the close of school next week, many families will be saying goodbye to Franklin. Some are moving away, many are graduating their youngest. We would like to thank our families that are moving on for their support through the years and wish them well with their new adventures outside the Franklin community.

In This Issue Principals Pad

News from the PTO

K and Pre-K Fall Soccer

4th Grade Music

School Appreciation Day

Creative Arts and Sciences

Special Parent to Parent Coffee Hour

Newton Special Education PAC

Community Announcements

SPORTS & DANCE

SUMMER & CAMPS

CLASSIFIED

Whether you have a busy summer or a lazy one, remember to read! Reading daily is the best way for our children to become strong life-long readers and to stay prepared for the next school year. The Franklin faculty has sent home a letter with suggested reading.

Have a wonderful, relaxing and rejuvenating Summer!
Tracy, Eva, Deb, Lisa and Meiera

Register Now for Garden City K and Pre-K Fall Soccer

Garden City Kindergarten and Pre-K Soccer is now accepting registrations for our 2010 Fall Session.

Children in Pre-K (4-5 years old) and students entering Kindergarten this Fall are invited to participate. Pre-K children must be 4 years old by Sept 1, 2010. GCKS provides an introduction to the game of soccer; teaching a variety of basic skills in a fun, non-competitive environment. Team sizes are limited to 10 players in each group.

Registration is limited to 80 players per league. Fall session runs from **September 11 to November 13, 2010**. Practice/games are held Saturdays from 9:30-10:30 am for the Kindergarten league and 10:45-11:45 am for the Pre-K league. Games are played on the field at Burr School, Pine Street in Auburndale. Volunteer parent coaches are needed. No experience is necessary and training will be provided.

Cost is \$60 per child. GCKS is a joint venture of Lincoln-Eliot & Franklin School's Parent Teacher Organization. Proceeds benefit both schools PTO programs. To register, email gardencitysoccer@gmail.com. Registration forms can also be downloaded from the PTO website's at www.lepto.org or www.franklinpto.org. For more information, call L-E School parent Melanie Varady at 617-244-5773 or Franklin School parent Deb Rooney at (617) 630-8520. Registration deadline is August 13th. Space is limited.

4th Grade Music Registration

Registration for the 2010-2011 Fourth Grade Instrumental Music Lesson Program is now open. Parents may now register and pay user fees online. Look for the link to this program on the Newton Public Schools website at www.newton.k12.ma.us

The website will provide all essential information about this program including how and where to acquire a musical instrument, a roster of our instrumental music teachers listed by school, and registration and financial assistance information.

Households without access to the internet may contact the fine arts office to request information by mail. Contact, Program Administrative Assistant, Barbara Sauro at 617-559-9090.

SCHOOL APPRECIATION DAY

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY **OCT 16**—WE NEED YOU!!!!

Anyone interested on helping us organize it, drop us an email—we need people who know how to make phone calls, people who know how to shop, and people who know how to cut boards & build bookshelves to prep for the day itself!

Thanks,

Megan McA’Nulty & Kathy Lee

Creative Arts and Sciences - What a Year!

In This Issue

Principals Pad

News from the PTO

K and Pre-K Fall Soccer

4th Grade Music

School Appreciation Day

Creative Arts and Sciences

Special Parent to Parent Coffee Hour

Newton Special Education PAC

Community Announcements

SPORTS & DANCE

SUMMER & CAMPS

CLASSIFIED

The Creative Arts and Sciences Committee ended its season with three very cool—but very different—programs. In May, the Eine Kleine Consort, an ensemble of four extremely talented music teachers, took recorder-playing to a whole new level. The group introduced students to a variety of recorders and invited them to play along on multiple pieces. “Ode to Joy” never sounded better—it was meant to be played by third graders, in a round, accompanied by the xylophone! Who could ask for more?

Third graders also enjoyed a visit from Historic New England, who brought history to life with their program Colonial Trades: Making Community Work. Students learned what everyday life was like on the Pierce Farm (as in Colonel Samuel Pierce) during the years leading up to the Revolution. Students assumed the roles of real residents, including farmers, weavers and blacksmiths, as they played a bartering game that mimicked the economic system of colonial Dorchester (cloth for eggs, anyone?) The program was a perfect segue into the third graders’ trip to Plymouth Plantation later in the week!

But the buzz for second graders was the visit from former chemist turned beekeeper Birgit deWeerd, who gave an information-packed presentation on bees and beekeeping. Ms. deWeerd taught the students about the differences between bees and wasps and how to behave in the presence of both. She also shared a plethora of interesting factoids, including how many bees are in a colony, how to pull out a stinger, and why bees make the perfect snack for skunks (ask your 2nd grader).

All in all, the Committee brought 20 programs into Franklin—thanks to the enormous generosity of the PTO (that means all of you) and a fantastic group of hardworking and really great volunteers. Many thanks to Janet Altman, Linda Hsu, Carmen Pancarella, Deb Rooney, Michelle Hoover, Valerie Razis, Mary Reynders, and Julie Youdovin for scheduling and welcoming these performers—and to new members Julie Baker, Julie Pinto, and Ellen Whaley who are already contacting programs for next year!

Have a great summer!
Melanie Adler, CA&S Chair

Special Ed Parent to Parent Coffee Hour

Please Join us for the Second Special Parent to Parent Coffee Hour for Franklin Families:

Franklin parents with special needs children are welcome to come for an informal discussion. We will help each other provide a support network and forum for sharing information, resources and strategies to improve and provide the best education for our children with special needs. The meetings will be held outside of school grounds and discussions will be kept confidential. We hope this will be first of many to come.

Parents of children with a 504 plan, Individual Education Plan (IEP), and those participating in the Neighborhood Inclusion, REACH and Elementary Stabilization (ESP) programs, as well as parents who are considering whether their child needs special education services are welcome to attend.

The second meeting will be held at the home of Joan Schulz, 64 Hatfield Road on Tuesday, June 22nd at 730 pm. Please RSVP or drop by. You may contact Joan Schulz or Eileen Sandberg with any questions or comments.

Newton Special Education PAC

For more information about the Newton PAC or to join our online discussion group, please email info@newtonpac.org or visit our website at 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, easanberg@aol.com, Julie Leahy, jpl2002@verizon.net, Joan Schulz dschulz@rcn.com

In This Issue

Principals Pad

News from the
PTO

K and Pre-K Fall
Soccer

4th Grade Music

School
Appreciation Day

Creative Arts and
Sciences

Special Parent to
Parent Coffee
Hour

Newton Special
Education PAC

Community
Announcements

SPORTS &
DANCE

SUMMER &
CAMPS

CLASSIFIED

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Treasuring our teachers! As this school year comes to a close, we reflect on how much our children have grown with the help of so many outstanding educators. Exceptional teachers motivate, educate and inspire our children everyday! The **Newton Schools Foundation** asks that you take this unique opportunity to thank the educators who have impacted your child and family by donating to the 13th annual **“Honor Thy Teacher”** campaign this spring. Through the “Honor Thy Teacher” campaign, we celebrate our inspirational teachers and raise funds to support building 21st Century Classrooms across the city. “Honor Thy Teacher” celebrates our teachers in four ways: 1. Honored teachers receive a card of thanks in the donor’s name 2. Our children and the community see his or her honored teacher in the annual “Honor Thy Teacher” spread in the Newton TAB this fall 3. Principals and the Superintendent are notified of all honorees 4. Your donation supports building 21st Century Classrooms in Newton. The Newton Schools Foundation is a non-profit organization which raises funds to enhance the quality of education in Newton’s public schools, with a focus on supporting innovative and challenging programs. Currently, the Foundation is working to support the Newton Public School’s strategic plan to invest in 21st Century Classrooms in all 21 schools. Please visit www.newtonschoolsfoundation.org to learn more or to donate.

Golf Tournament Hosted by Dave Cowens: Join NBA Hall of Fame Boston Celtic Dave Cowens, Joe Amorosino, 7NEWS Sports Director and others at the 27th Annual John M. Barry Boys & Girls Club of Newton Golf Tournament on Monday, July 26, 2010 at Brae Burn Country Club. Two tee times: 8am & 1pm. Play your own ball. This is your chance to play one of the finest private golf courses in the area while supporting **the Newton Boys & Girls Club** as they provide a wide range of services designed to enhance opportunities for all youth. Individual \$300, Foursome \$1200. For more information: Call 617 630-2066 or email dsellers@newtonbgc.com

Here’s a tip for the dog days of summer: Why drop your kids and their friends off yet another expensive and ho-hum movie when they could experience live theatre at competitive prices? Bostix Junior’s same-day ½ -price tickets are a great deal. Top notch performances are often available. For example, right now “Johnny Baseball” at the A.R.T is offered, and for just \$6 per ticket, there is an award-winning highly interactive “Improv Family Show”. “Blue Man Group” is routinely available at ½ price. There’s a deal with Bay State Cruises for a day trip to Provincetown where kids 12 and under cruise for free. Here’s the deal: It’s first-come first-served, and you have to pay CASH for the tickets on the day of performance at the Bostix Ticket booth kiosk which opens late mornings --- a easy drive down the Mass Pike to Copley Square. There are two kiosks: one on Copley Square and the other next to Faneuil Hall. (if you work downtown, easy to pick up during your lunch break) If you want to preview what’s being offered, Bostix will email you a list of the next day’s offerings. Just go to www.Bostix.org to peruse the offerings. Click “sign up for email updates” in the upper right corner if you want daily updates. This is the main site with everything, including theatre for adults at the Wilbur, the A.R.T., Lyric Stage, Boston Opera House and all the other Boston area venues. If you're just interested in kids’ events, visit www.BosTixJr.org . If you want daily updates, in the upper right corner you can also “sign up for email updates”. It’s a win-win. Bargain tickets for your family, and the Arts community in Boston sees to it that tickets don’t go unused.

Newton Farmer's Market Gets Underway Tuesday July 6 and runs through the end of October. Tuesdays 1:30pm-6:00pm at Cold Spring Park, 1200 Beacon Street in Newton Four Corners. Fridays 1:30pm-6:00pm at Post 440 Parking Lot, 295 California Street in Nonantum. Lots of fresh, locally-produced farm products. To view an article from last season: <http://www.seriousseats.com/2009/08/newton-massachusetts-farmers-market-cold-spring-park.html>

Strawberry Solstice Family Festival Sunday June 20 from 1-3pm at Newton Community Farm, 303 Nahanton Street. Most enjoyable for youngsters up to 3rd grade (with adult). \$5 per family. Strawberry and sun-themed activities such as make-your-own sundial, planting sunflowers, bubble printing, make-your-own musical instruments and relay races. Enter to win a basket of

In This Issue

Principals Pad

News from the PTO

K and Pre-K Fall Soccer

4th Grade Music

School Appreciation Day

Creative Arts and Sciences

Special Parent to Parent Coffee Hour

Newton Special Education PAC

Community Announcements

SPORTS & DANCE

SUMMER & CAMPS

CLASSIFIED

strawberries or strawberry baked goods. Just-picked strawberries for sale. Info: www.newtoncommunityfarm.org.

NCE Fall Classes at Franklin: Before you take off for Summer, think ahead to Fall! Newton Community Ed has great classes planned. Coming up at Franklin we have Mad Science on Mondays, Ready, Set...Draw on Tuesdays, Drama and Chess on Thursdays, and Robotics on Fridays. We have lots of fun family programs in the works, including a Saturday Robotics Clinic, a community-wide square dance, a new Thanksgiving Pies class, and lots lots more. If you don't currently receive our catalogs by mail, please call to get on our list. And if you're still planning for summer, we still have openings in some of our classes for kids, including our new programs running the week of June 22 (a new section of Lego Engineering is one of these!), plus we have great options for adults too. For more info call us at 617-559-6999 or visit our website at www.newtoncommunityed.org.

HISTORIC NEWTON WALKS Take advantage of our warm New England spring, grab a friend and join us for one of our free walking tours. For more information, call Historic Newton at 617-796-1450 or visit www.historicnewton.org. Sunday, June 27, 2 pm Fruits of their Labors: The Kenrick Nursery's Legacy on Farlow Hill Welcome In his nursery catalog of 1831, William Kenrick boasted that his family nursery was about 35 years old and "now without doubt, the oldest of note in New England." Many of our most beloved fruit and tree varieties, including many in our gardens today, first came to this country through the Kenrick family nurseries. Their Waverley Avenue home, and the trees shading the streets of Farlow Hill, are fitting tribute to their labors. Join Lucinda Brockway, landscape preservationist, for a walk over Farlow Hill looking at the legacy of the Kenrick Nursery. Meet at the Durant-Kenrick House, 286 Waverley Avenue, Newton. **Thursday, June 24, 7:30pm HISTORY BOOK CLUB** The book club will meet to discuss a work of social history. This will be the last meeting until the fall. The book selected is Lincoln at Gettysburg: The Words that Remade America by Garry Wills. In this book, Wills puts Lincoln's words in their cultural and intellectual contexts, establishing the contributions of New England Transcendentalism and the Greek Revival to the structure and the substance of the address. The book club is free and open to all.

Host Families Needed for Newton-Beijing Jingshan School Exchange Program - Learn about China and have a family on the other side of the world. Share your home and culture with a Chinese exchange student or teacher coming to Newton North High School and Newton South High School. Participants all speak English and are eager to learn about American culture and to share their culture with you. The Chinese exchange participants are expected to arrive sometime around September 23rd and depart January 23rd. Students attend regular classes at NNHS and NSHS. Lunches are provided. Participants will travel on Columbus Day weekend, the long Thanksgiving Day weekend and winter holiday. Back-up families available for times when host families may be away. Info: <http://www.newton.k12.ma.us/JingshanExchange/> Questions? Contact the chairperson of the Newton-Beijing Jingshan School Exchange Program: Donna_Fong@newton.k12.ma.us

Celebrate Newton, Newton's own holiday crafts fair, is around the corner! It's running this year on Sunday December 5 at Newton South High School. Exhibitor applications are now being accepted. Please visit our website at www.celebratenewton.com to learn more about the fair or to download an application. This year's fair is sponsored by Newton Community Education; proceeds will help us expand our program and grow our scholarship fund. Attendees--mark your calendars! We hope to see you all there.

FREE Author Talk and Book Signing At the Waban Library Center Tuesday, June 29th, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. 1608 Beacon Street, Waban MA 02468 617-244-0700 wabanlibrarycenter.org Join us on June 29th for an author talk and book signing. **Dr. Ruth Nemzoff** will be signing and selling copies of her groundbreaking work **Don't Bite Your Tongue: How to Foster Rewarding Relationships with Your Adult Children**. In her book, Dr. Nemzoff guides parents in forging fulfilling relationships with their adult children. She focuses on ways in which parents can remain a part of their grown children's lives while simultaneously respecting their need for independence.

In This Issue

Principals Pad

News from the PTO

K and Pre-K Fall Soccer

4th Grade Music

School Appreciation Day

Creative Arts and Sciences

Special Parent to Parent Coffee Hour

Newton Special Education PAC

Community Announcements

SPORTS & DANCE

SUMMER & CAMPS

CLASSIFIED

SPORTS & DANCE

Register Now for Garden City K and Pre-K Fall Soccer: This is the Franklin/Lincoln Eliot program, see details above.

Newton Kindergarten Soccer Registration is open for Fall 2010! Kindergarten Soccer is a fun and non-competitive soccer program for all Newton boys and girls of kindergarten age and has been a program of the Zervas Elementary PTO since 1993. Games are held on Saturday mornings at Richardson Field in Waban. Join us and meet other Kindergarten families in your neighborhood. Late Registrations are accepted on a space available basis. Register by August 18th for the Fall Season! www.KindergartenSoccer.org

SUMMER & CAMPS

Newton Community Ed Summer Programs NCE still has openings in several programs this summer. We have week-long specialty programs all summer, including Create a TV Show, Rocket Science, Clay Workshop, Cooking around the World, Comic Creations, Club Invention, and lots more. Our Engineering with Legos class was so popular that we've added a section the week of June 22. We have lots more additions that week as well. Call us at 617-559-6715 for personal help planning your kid's summer; call 617-559-6999 or visit our website at www.newtoncommunityed.org for general information or to register.

NCSC Summer Day Camp at Hale Reservation (Grades 1 - 8) Still have a gap in your summer schedule and you wish your child had something exciting to do? Openings are still available at NCSC Summer Day Camp at the beautiful Hale Reservation in Westwood (transportation from our West Newton location is included). Join us for fun-filled days of boating, Red Cross swim lessons and free swim, arts and crafts, fishing, archery, a ropes challenge course, nature activities, sports, cookouts, special events, overnights and more at our ACA-accredited camp. For more information and registration materials, visit www.NCSCweb.org. To check openings, please contact Megan Cap-Renzi at mcap-renzi@ncscweb.org or (617) 969-5906, ext. 224.

NCSC Higher Ground Teen Leadership Adventures (Teens Entering Grades 8-12) Pick a week...Change a life. Teens become leaders at Higher Ground through a mix of outdoor adventure, team sports, group challenges, reflections, and self-discovery projects. One week residential sessions begin July 25, August 1 and August 8. Located on the grounds of Camp Fran A. Day in East Brookfield, MA. For more information and registration materials, visit www.NCSCweb.org. To check openings, please call (617) 244-1404, ext. 370.

The BC Lady Eagles Soccer School will be holding their summer clinics clinic for girls ages 6-14 during June 28-July and also July 19-22, 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/summerreg

BOSTON COLLEGE SUMMER SOCCER CLINIC FOR BOYS. Join the coaches and some members of BC's NCAA Sweet 16 soccer team for soccer fun and development. This clinic, held at Boston College's Newton Campus, is for boys ages 6-12. It runs from 9:00am-3:00pm on July 26-29. For more information, check out <http://bceagles.cstv.com/camps/bc-m-soccer-camps.html> or contact BC at saccoccs@bc.edu or 617-552-4085. We look forward to having you join us this summer!

LEARN CHESS FROM A STATE CHAMPION. Last day of school is Monday, June 21st. No plans yet for the rest of the week? There is still room in our fun-filled chess camp Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 am through 12:30 pm. Run by Maryanne Riley, mother and teacher of 2-time state champion, Reilly Nathans. Hosted at Mathnasium in Newton Highlands. For details or to register, go to <http://www.newtonchess.org>

Passion-in-Action is a two weeks intensive course designed for high school students who want to learn to think creatively and be entrepreneurs. The skills they learn in this course will help them

In This Issue

Principals Pad

News from the PTO

K and Pre-K Fall Soccer

4th Grade Music

School Appreciation Day

Creative Arts and Sciences

Special Parent to Parent Coffee Hour

Newton Special Education PAC

Community Announcements

SPORTS & DANCE

SUMMER & CAMPS

CLASSIFIED

thrive in college, develop a career they love, or start a business. www.kidzbusiness.com

Newton Youth Players "My Fair Lady" - Summer Monday, June 28 - Thursday, July 22. 9 am - noon Newton Cultural Center, 225 Nevada Street, Newton There are a few spaces left in this very popular theatre program. Being in the summer production is a great way to be a part of this experience, that is sold out until Spring 2011! Children ages 7 - 10 learn how to act, sing and plan a production. Visit www.newtonyouthplayers.com for more information. Sign up at 617-527-8283.

Please join the Suzuki School of Music July 19-21 for its annual summer Fiddle Camp. Workshops for beginner, intermediate, and advanced students will be led by acclaimed American Fiddler and music educator Brian Wicklund. The workshops will conclude with a Barn Dance on Wednesday, July 22. Included in the festivities will be student performances, square dancing, and a potluck supper. Call the school at 617-964-4522 to register or visit www.suzukinewton.org.

CLASSIFIED

Ads do not constitute PTO endorsement of products or services.

Babysitter/Mother's Helper I will be a 7th grader at Day in the Fall and went to Franklin. I have taken the Babysitting Course at Newton North Megan Lenihan 617-969-6940

Does your child need a boost to help them be successful and prepared for next year at school? Teachers readily recognize a student who maintains their skills over the summer. Any time that you invest in reviewing and maintaining skills can help. Why not get help from a professional teacher? Summer sessions are filling up, so call and schedule a diagnostic session and plan for some summer days or evenings. Available weekdays in late June, early July, and August. After camp/school or evenings times can be arranged throughout the year. Licensed teacher experienced with K-7 and special needs. For tutoring, e-mail Anne Hess-Mahan at annehessmahan@verizon.net

CELLO TEACHER: Experienced with teaching children of all ages and adults. An active performer with degrees from Manhattan School of Music and Southern Methodist University. Studio in Newton. First lesson is complimentary. Look at www.newtoncello.com for more information about Joshua Nakazawa, e-mail at Joshnakazawa@gmail.com or call (617)633-1020

PIANO INSTRUCTION - Flexible summer scheduling makes now an ideal time to try piano lessons. Berklee & New England Conservatory graduate with 30 years teaching experience. Beginners welcome. Build a high quality musical foundation with a patient, caring teacher. Gloria Jasinski, phone: 617.566.9704, email: piano566@comcast.net

Mondays and Fridays from 3 pm to 6 pm are kid-friendly hours at Gymnasium, a newcomer to West Newton's fitness scene. Bring something for your well-behaved kid to read, play, or watch while you take the 4pm class or run through a quick workout. For more information, please visit www.inspiredperspiration.com.

Handyman Al: Cable/Data Wiring; Masonry; Electrical; Carpentry; Plumbing; Tile; Interior Painting; Kitchen/Bathroom remodeling; Various other tasks around your home and business. Excellent References. Licensed, Reliable and Affordable. 617-244-5157
www.therealhandymanal.com

JO JOS KITCHEN 67 CRAFTS ST NEWTON COME IN FOR A BUY 1 GET 1 FREE SANDWICH SPECIAL 617 527 1513

ActiveMinds Tutoring, LLC: Your source for in-home tutoring. Effective, Personalized and Convenient. All grades/all subjects, including test preparation (MCAS, SAT, SSAT...). Sign your child up for academic success and receive a free lesson! Call: (617) 663-5700 during business hours, or (617) 227-2225 Eve/Wknds. Please visit our web site at www.activemindstutoring.com.

In This Issue Principals Pad

News from the
PTO

K and Pre-K Fall
Soccer

4th Grade Music

School
Appreciation Day

Creative Arts and
Sciences

Special Parent to
Parent Coffee
Hour

Newton Special
Education PAC

Community
Announcements

SPORTS &
DANCE

SUMMER &
CAMPS

CLASSIFIED

KEYS FOR KIDS Innovative Piano Instruction FREE Demo Class *Engaging parent-child group environment *Age 4 years old and up *Unique proven methodology *Real music & piano skills at an early age *Convenient Newton location *Registration: (617)527-4942 or www.NewtonKidsLoveMusic.com

Bowen Cooperative Nursery School has just one remaining opening in our Transitional Kindergarten class for the fall (2010-11). The Transitional Kindergarten is geared toward children who turn 5 in the fall, and is an academically-rich program with emphasis on pre-literacy reading and writing. The program runs Monday through Friday from 8:30 am until 1:00 pm. For more information, please call us at 617 332 3923 or download an application form from our website at <http://www.bowencoop.org>. Looking ahead, we are also hosting an Enrollment Open House for the 2011-12 school year on September 30th from 7 pm to 8 pm. Serving the Newtonville area for over 50 years, Bowen is a nurturing community of children and families. We embrace the whole child with a developmentally-appropriate, play-based curriculum for children who are 2.9 to 5+ years of age. We are located at 19 Otis Street, off Lowell and near Newton North High School. For more information about our school, please call 617-332-3923 or visit our website at <http://www.bowencoop.org>.

PART-TIME CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR The United Parish of Auburndale, a Congregational (UCC)-Methodist church in Newton, Mass., needs to hire a part-time administrator to manage the day-to-day needs of the parish. Duties include; preparation of the weekly church newsletter and Sunday worship bulletin; some financial chores, with spreadsheet experience required; maintenance of the church's web site [www.upanewtonma.org] and routine office work, including telephone and e-mail communications, in support of the minister and the church. In addition, working with the Property Board, the administrator manages requests for building use, and scheduling of routine maintenance. The administrator often works alone, and often comes in contact with church members' confidential information. Common sense, tact, initiative and a sense of humor are desirable qualities for this position. This job is a 30 hour per week (6 hours a day) position from September through June and during the summer months 15 hours per week. The hourly salary will be in the \$12-\$15 range, depending on experience. The UPA is an open and affirming congregation, and an equal opportunity employer. **Director of Christian Education:** The United Parish of Auburndale (Newton, MA) is seeking a Director of Christian Education Ministries. We are a lively, progressive, federated congregation (UCC and UMC) with a growing church school. The primary responsibilities for the position include the administration of the Church School program, working with Middle School and High School Youth, encouragement and facilitation of family ministries and assisting the pastor with confirmation. Participation in worship is expected with a weekly children's message. A complete job description is available at www.upanewtonma.org. This is a half-time (20-25 hours a week position) for 10 months a year (Sept-June) plus two weeks in the summer to run a week-long Vacation Bible School. The hourly salary will be \$20-27.00, depending on experience. The UPA is an open and affirming congregation, and an equal opportunity employer. Applicants for either job should send a current resume and a brief note about themselves to the Rev. Jean Alexander, at jobs@upanewtonma.org, or to Rev. Jean Alexander, United Parish of Auburndale, 64 Hancock Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02466

Franklin Office 617-559-9500

The next issue of the Connection will be published in the fall. To submit something, submit it to newsletter@franklinpto.org. Ads are only printed as space allows, so meeting the deadline is not a guarantee of ad placement.