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How did we get to the end of May already? At this writing, there are only three weeks left in the school year. Thanks to everyone for your support and involvement this year-- we couldn't have done any of it without you.

There are still some wonderful events left before the long awaited lazy days of summer are upon us. We hope that you enjoy them, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Our last PTO meeting of the year will be held on Thursday, June 3rd. Please come and catch up on PTO happenings, hear about opportunities for next year and socialize with other parents in the community.

June 15tha BIG DAY AT FRANKLIN!!

The **Faculty Appreciation Luncheon** – an annual event to thank our terrific teachers and staff. They create innovative lesson plans to motivate and stimulate our children and feed their desire to learn and grow, and they do it all with humor and a lot of patience. So, each Spring, our community pulls together to treat the Franklin faculty to a wonderful buffet luncheon. We parents will decorate the auditorium, prepare an array of fantastic dishes and, with the help of the 5th grade class, serve them in style. Please let us know if you can help with set up, food preparation or clean up.

Also on the 15th**Color Day!!!** Many parents are needed from 8:30 – 12:30 to run relay races, time competitions and generally organize the fun of Franklin's annual field day. If you can join the kids for the whole morning, or just part of it, contact Shelli Adam or Elise Lublin. Your kids will be thrilled! Please remember to check your CORI status with Mrs. Mastroianni in the school office in order to participate.

Last but not least, we also would like to remind you that Tuesday, June 15th is the date for our end-of- year **Family Picnic**. The PTO will be offering pizza and drinks for advance purchase. Please look for more information in the backpacks very soon.

Please enjoy the class concerts during the month of June. Fourth Grade concert is Tuesday June 1st at 7pm, Fifth Grade concert is Tuesday, June 8th at 7 pm, and Third Grade concert is Monday, June 14th at 2:15 pm.

We also wanted to give you a further update on the **Spring Auction**. As we finalize the numbers, we are very pleased to report that we made over \$20,000 for Franklin programs and technology needs!!! Your generosity is astounding!

We hope that you are enjoying this beautiful Spring.

May 27-Jun 1	Franklin Book Fair
May 31	No School—Mem. Day
June 1	4 th Grade Concert 7 pm
June 3	PTO Meeting 7 pm
June 8	5 th Grade Concert 7 pm
June 14	3 rd Grade Concert 2:15 pm
June 15	Color Day
June 15	Faculty Appreciation Luncheon
June 15	Family Picnic

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Best,
Tracy, Eva, Deb, Lisa and Meiera

Note from the Editor

It's nearly the end of the school year, so time to announce that NEXT year's editor will be Anat Nidar-Levi. Please wish her well! Newsletter email address is also changing to: newsletter@franklinpto.org

Franklin Library Book Fair

The Franklin Library will be holding a book fair Thursday, May 27 - Tuesday, June 1st. The book fair will be open from 8:15 to first bell each morning and from 3:00-3:30 each afternoon. Also the evening of June 1st before, during and after the concert the book fair will be open. We will be promoting summer reading with this fair and all money raised from the book fair will be used for needed library books, materials and supplies. We will be doing teacher wish lists also, so if you would like to help improve your child's classroom library this is a good way to find out what teachers are needing and wanting for books. The book fair will also be open for students to shop during their library times during the week. Hope to see you at the book fair!

Mrs. Walker, Library Teacher

Music Concerts

4th Grade Concert (Strings, Band, Choir) Tuesday June 1, 7 pm in the Franklin Auditorium

5th Grade Concert (Strings, Band, Choir) Tuesday, June 8, 7 pm in the Franklin Auditorium

English Language Learners

The third annual English Language Learner Department Family Day will take place on Saturday, June 5th from 4:30-6:30 at the Cove. ELL families and others are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Moshik Shimko at mosheshi@gmail.com or call 617-803-7900. He speaks English and Hebrew.

Fifth Graders Trade Distance for Effort!

Did you know that a screw is actually an inclined plane, rolled up? That levers were used in medieval warfare? That you can control force—using pulleys and gears? These were just a few of the concepts reinforced during a recent presentation by *Techsploration's* Tom Wahle. Using a twelve foot long lever, three foot tall gears and pulleys, a catapult, and a hand crank music machine, Mr. Wahle demonstrated to fifth graders how all simple machines—including pulleys, levers, wedges, wheels, inclined planes, and screws—help us do work by trading distance for effort. The presentation was fast-paced, energetic, and a great review for the MCAS: questions were flying and the kids knew all the answers! Thanks to the Grade 5 teachers for preparing them so well!

Also on the science front, kindergartners enjoyed a delightful program on bubbles, presented by the *Science Discovery Museum*. Using a variety of bendable wands, students explored the shape and properties of bubbles. They were intrigued by the fact that, regardless of the shape of the wand, all the bubbles came out round! Even cooler was the fact that if they wet their hands, they could touch a bubble without popping it. The program was completely age appropriate and the kids seemed to have a blast!

We have a few more programs on deck between now and the end of the year so stay tuned!

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Box Tops Update

Thank you all for your participation in this year's Box Tops contest. As of the publication deadline, Ms Galbraith was in the lead with Ms Russillo and Ms Devaney close behind: Only 17 Box Tops separate the three leading teachers! We intend to count the last of the Box Tops on Friday, May 28th and notify the winning teacher on Monday.

If you missed the deadline, keep saving them. We'll start counting again in September.

Don't forget to shop through the Box Tops website (<http://www.boxtops4education.com/>) in order to earn extra dollars for our school.

Earn money for our PTO by submitting Box Tops for education, and shopping through the Box Tops website!

If you sign up at the Box Tops website and shop at your favorite online stores through that website, the Franklin PTO will receive a percentage of your purchase. Consider adding the Box Top Marketplace to your browser's toolbar so that you remember to shop through the Box Tops site. Merchants include Oriental Trading, Lands End, Gap, Staples, Apple and many more. It is a wonderful way to support the PTO at no additional cost to you.

Jennifer Roy

Understanding Our Differences

The diabetes and epilepsy unit of the Understanding Our Differences program has come to a successful conclusion. These programs hope to recognize the commonalities among us all: the human needs for respect, self-esteem, family, friendship, accomplishment and independence are shared. Fourth graders were enthusiastic to meet Karen Connelly who shared her experiences living with diabetes and answered their thoughtful questions. We couldn't be successful without our parent volunteer team of Trish Ryder, Ellen Whalley, Julie Barbieri, John Fitzpatrick, Megan McA'Nulty, Hanna Palmon, Gary Alpert and Tara Campbell. Special thanks for technical support from Heather Walker and Trish Kelleher. Kudos to our pinch hitter Beth Nohmy. Thanks to specialists Robin Leed and substitute Rachel Devlin. And for their support, thanks to principal Amy Kelly, secretary Debbie Mastroianni and the fourth grade teachers. Understanding Our Differences will be back next year. We'll see you in 5th grade! - MaryAnn Buras and Becky Proskauer.

PLOWSHARES

After School Enrollment nearly full

PLOWSHARES CHILD CARE at the FRANKLIN SCHOOL has only a few **After School** openings left for **SEPTEMBER 2010**.

Please contact **Lou Arcovio**, Director, at **617-244-9330**, or stop by the Plowshares Office next to the Music Room on the Ground Floor to pick up an **Application**.

If you leave a message- be sure to include your name, address, phone number, child's name and birth date.

Contact us soon.

Early Morning Program

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Starting in September 2010, the Newton Public Schools will be offering an Early Morning Program for students in grades K through 5 in each of the schools from 7:30 to 8:20 A.M. Parents will need to register their child(ren) and sign up for the specific days needed. The cost will be \$8.00 per day.

The program will be staffed with Newton personnel and include activities such as games, reading time and homework check and completion. Please check at your school for further information and

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an application form in June.

Is your child in 1st or 3rd grade and diagnosed with ADHD?

ADHD Project enrollment is this month (June): Is your child in 1st or 3rd grade and diagnosed with ADHD? The Floating Hospital for Children, along with the Newton Public Schools, is offering computer-based attention training systems to children with ADHD for children who will be entering 2nd and 4th grade in Newton in the fall. One system uses EEG biofeedback (or neurofeedback, www.playattention.com) and the other uses a Standard Computer Format (www.braintrain.com) for cognitive training. Both systems are considered clinically equivalent. This intervention does not involve any medication, but children on medication may enroll. Private coaching can be very expensive, but this research project is fully funded by a grant from the Federal Department of Education. There is no cost for these services. This project has been discussed and approved by the Newton Schools Superintendent's office. Final enrollment is during the month of June. Contact Elizabeth Frenette, Enrollment Coordinator: CATS@tuftsmedicalcenter.org

Newton Special Education PAC

Wednesday, June 16 Awards Ceremony and brainstorming for 2010-2011 year

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

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MEET THE ROBOTS! Join the Newton High School LigerBots for an afternoon of fun science and technology activities on Saturday June 12th from 1:00 to 4:00PM in the Hyde Community Center at 90 Lincoln Street in Newton Highlands. See science and technology in action. Learn about FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, and their robotics programs for students aged 6 – high school. Take a turn driving the LigerBots' robot. Build and program Lego Mindstorms robots. Get information about joining a team or starting a new team. **JOIN THE EXCITEMENT!** Check out the LigerBots website (www.ligerbots.com) or the FIRST website (www.usfirst.org). For more information call Evan Nitkin at 617-332-3808.

The Pre-ensemble program is designed for elementary school students who like to learn to play in a group, get familiar with different styles, and improvise/compose. The program welcomes all instrumentalists with one/more years playing their instruments. Hourly classes (every other week schedule) are held early evenings, in West Newton and directed by Tal Shalom Kobi. Registration for the Fall starts now. For more details please call 617-7752968 or go to www.talmusicworld.com

Yard Sale and More to Benefit Community Rowing Saturday June 5th, 8am-2pm. Open House with Free Barge Rowing and food available from the grill. At the wood-sheathed Community Rowing Boathouse, 20 Nonantum Road, on the Newton/Brighton line. (Down Charlesbank Road and straight ahead on Nonantum, on the left just past the Daley Ice Rink on the Charles River). Yard sale donations now being accepted. Drop off at the boathouse weekdays 9-noon or 5-8pm or weekends 10am-2pm. www.communityrowing.org. 617-779-8267.

Underwood Elementary School Spring Fair Saturday June 5th 10-2. Rides, music, games, food, prizes and raffles. Fun for families of all ages. 101 Vernon Street (corner of Eldredge in Newton Corner). Proceeds to the PTO. Info: becky@calare.com

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Have a Dog? Would you like to know more about efforts to create off-leash possibilities in Newton? Need a map of the legal Cold Spring Park off-leash area? Be sure to read the off-leash regulations before heading out, and don't leave home without clean-up bags, up-to-date dog tags and more. Go to: www.ci.newton.ma.us/Parks/DogInformation/index.htm for a complete set of regulations.

Summer Reading Lists: The Children's Librarians of the Newton Free Library have put together a variety of booklists to aid patrons of all ages in finding books on various subjects and reading levels. In addition, the Children's Room maintains an extensive file of its booklists. For elementary through middle school booklists <http://www.newtonfreelibrary.net/childrens/booklists/>. click on "by level/grade" to view suggestions preschool through grade 8, or peruse 'great summer reads' or any of the other listed categories. If you need assistance finding any of the books or need further reading suggestions, please don't hesitate to ask any of the Librarians. More info is available at the Newton Free Library, 330 Homer Street.

Affordable Home Ownership Opportunity in Newton: The application period is now open for one 3 bedroom condominium unit of affordable housing in Ellis Heights in Newton Upper Falls in a renovated historic home located at 4A Cragmore Road. For the information and an application: <http://www.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/5634/HousingApplication-EllisHeights.pdf>
The City of Newton Planning and Development Department advises interested parties with questions to contact the Lottery Agent below with any questions: Beth Rust, Department of Planning and Community Development, 278 Old Sudbury Rd, Sudbury, MA 01776, (978) 639-3387, housing@Town.Sudbury.Ma.US. (Agent is in Sudbury, but the available housing is in Newton)

"Blues to Bling": 13th Annual Fashion Show, Wednesday June 2nd at 6pm at the Brae Burn Country Club. To benefit **Newton's Boys & Girls Club**. Hosted by Cindy Stumpo, the star of "Tough as Nails" on HGTV. Featuring both men's and women's fashions, a basket raffle with top notch goods and fabulous raffle items. This is an evening not to be missed. \$75 per person, include cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and dinner. To order tickets, for more information or to donate additional raffle items, please contact Nancy Jacob: njacob@newtonbgc.com or 617 630-2066 ext 111.

Rove the Cove: The Auburndale Community Association is hosting the 4th annual Rove the Cove 5K road/trail race on June 12. The race starts and finishes in the picnic area of The Cove in Auburndale. Cotton t-shirt to the first 100 registrants. Prizes raffled at the end. All fitness levels welcome! You can walk or run. All finishers 14 and under receive official finishers medal. Start location: "The Cove" Auburndale Park, West Pine St, Auburndale, MA (Commonwealth Ave to Melrose St. Left on to W.Pine). Start time 9:30 am. Check in 8:45 am. Registration forms available at www.auburndalecommunity.org.

Bring your families to enjoy the outstanding free performances for children this summer in Newton Center Playground, Tyler Terrace. These shows are sponsored by the Mayor's Office for Cultural Affairs. The performances are 1 - 2 pm on **Tuesdays**, and the rain location is in the Mason Rice School, 149 Pleasant Street. On July 6: Double Vision "Pantomonium" - a hilarious mime theatre, circus illusion act. On July 13: David Polansky, a high energy, fun performance of children's songs, by our beloved Time for Partners teacher. On July 20: Wayne Potash, a master of kids' music with audience participation. On July 27: Bonaparte, captivating magic and fun from Boston's Hottest Magician! Equally excellent are the free performances on **Thursdays** from 1 - 2 pm at Ware's Cove, Auburndale. The rain location is the adjacent field house. These shows are generously sponsored by the Village Bank. On July 8: Gerwick Puppets perform "Aesop's Fables". On July 15: Jaime Lewis, a delightful, engaging singer. On July 22: Marcus Gale, music and puppets for everyone. On July 29: Michael Zerphy, clowning and fun. For more information, please contact 617-527-8283 or visit www.newtonculturalcenter.org.

Showcase of Teen Talent...new this summer. Thursdays on Newton Center Green, 6 - 8:45 pm. - Free. Featuring folk, indie, rock and experimental Newton-based bands, accompanied by

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installation artwork. Each evening highlights the programs of arts-based organizations, including Artists for Humanity, Zumix and Books of Hope. Many Newton performers have gone on to stardom. When these groups hit the 'big time', you'll be able to say "I knew them when..." July 15: The Humming, Vitamin Seed, Magic Man. July 22: Alice Howe, Mia Friedman, Shai Erlichman. July 29: Milochondria, Ben Bernstein, The Craters, Truman Peyote. Aug 5: Gabe Goodman, The Novel Ideas, Vio/Mire

BU Research Study Participants Needed *We are inviting your child to take part in a research project about how weight status can affect adapting to change. To study this, we are looking at how 5- to 7-year-old children adapt their steps when walking at different paces (slow, normal, and fast). All 5- to 7-year-old children who can walk independently are eligible to participate. The study is being conducted by Dr. Simone Gill in the Motor Development Laboratory at Boston University in the Occupational Therapy Department. The overall aim is to understand how adaptation changes and what factors affect adaptation from infancy through adulthood. With your help, we hope to learn more about the factors that affect human learning and development. If you are interested in participating, please contact Simone Gill at simvgill@bu.edu or at 617-353-7513. Scheduling is based on participants' availability, so after-school times, evenings, and weekends are definitely available.

Catch the two last show's at Newton North's Little Theatre! Nitrous Oxide, an evening of sketch comedy is performed on May 26 and 28, while The Third Annual Playwrights' Festival is on May 27 and 29. Directed by Chris Annas-Lee, Jordan Ascher and Seth Simon, Nitrous Oxide, is a troupe of ten writer/actors who have worked collaboratively to write a sketch revue. N20's material covers topics ranging from the zombie apocalypse to the supercontinent Pangaea; from kittens, nature's most frightening animal, to modern literature; and from piracy on the high seas to woolly mammoths on the Arctic tundra. The show itself will be a high-paced performance sure to take audiences through the spectrum of human emotion. The Playwright's Festival is Theatre Ink's microcosm of theatre. This year, eight students have written and edited their ten-minute plays with professional playwrights, professional actors, and each other. The student written, acted, directed and produced shows start from scratch and end up in a fully flowered production. Newton North's Playwrights' Festival is a chance for Theatre Ink to show off its independence, creativity and zest. All performances are at 7:30 at the Little Theatre at NNHS, 360 Lowell Avenue, Newtonville. Tickets \$5 at www.theatreink.net or 617-559-6406

Parents, are you starting to think about summer reading lists? Please check out this great Summer Reading Program at Borders for ages 6-12. Read any ten books and get one book free (their list but great selection!).

CALLING UOD VOLUNTEERS for the "Breakfast for Champions"! Come to the Newton City Hall War Memorial Friday, June 4, 8:30 – 10:00 to celebrate our delivery of this wonderful program in our schools throughout Newton. Mayor Setti Warren and the UOD Board and Staff want to THANK all volunteers for their efforts to increase understanding of disabilities, making our community a friendly place for all. Come enjoy a bagel and pose for the "UOD Family Photo" with volunteers from across the city! RSVP volunteerbreakfast@understandingourdifferences.org

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE No May Meeting, but New Funding Deadlines Announced The CPC has canceled its meeting for May 2010, and will meet next at 7 pm on 16 June 2010 at the Auburndale Community Library, 375 Auburn Street. New funding deadlines: Proposals for historic resources & housing must request required attachments from City boards and commissions by 15 July 2010. The next deadline for full proposals is 15 October 2010. For details, see the Forms & Guidelines page on the program website, at www.newtonma.gov/cpa/program.htm; or contact Alice Ingerson at aingerson@newtonma.gov, 617.796.1144.

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The Newton Mustangs Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading Program announces that

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registration for the 2010 Season is now open. The Newton Mustangs compete in the Greater Boston League. Come join our returning GBL championship B Squad team. Players on both the football and cheer squads compete based on age and weight. The season starts in early August and runs through late October. For more information please write: Registration@newtonpopwarner.org or visit our website: www.newtonpopwarner.org

FREE TRIAL KARATE CLASSES IN SEPTEMBER Friday, Sept. 17, 4:45-5:45, or Saturday, 10:00-11:00 a.m. Cost per 7-Week Session is \$79 for once-a-week or \$99 for twice-a-week. Girls and boys, entry ages first thru fifth grades. **KIDS' KARATE**, now in its 29th year, renting beautiful space at Trinity High School in Newton. For more information, please see www.kids-karate.org or leave message at (617) 527-8052.

Summer Time for tennis! Newton Parks & Rec. offers Summer 2010 Tennis for everyone – kids and adults of all levels. Kids may enroll for one or several weeks, attend morning and/or afternoon! Half day programs also available. Week 1 begins June 22nd. Adults, choose one or more clinics, morning and/or afternoon, or join a round robin and play on Newton Centre's clay courts. Session 1 for adults begins the week of June 21st. Please visit www.newtontennis.com for more info or to download a registration form. Questions – send to newtontennis@earthlink.net (or call 617 661-PLAY). Classes are filling up fast.

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Girls Rock Camp Boston (GRCB) is a non-profit organization (fiscally sponsored by Fractured Atlas) created to help girls build self-esteem and leadership skills through music education and performance. GRCB hopes to stimulate and enrich the communities surrounding us and provide space to foster and showcase the power of girls and women. GRCB serves as the antidote to the limits set upon young women within our society by providing positive female role models and creating an environment where girls can empower themselves, create their own identity, and find their voice.

Boston College Summer Soccer Clinic BOYS Ages 6-12 Boston College Newton Campus July 26-29, 9:00am-3:00pm For registration contact us at saccoccs@bc.edu 617-552-4085

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_chools/bc/sports/w-soccer/auto_pdf/summerreg

Summer is almost here! The places are filling up quickly for our Summer Classes for children at the Newton Cultural Center. We have some spaces in the June Time for Families and the Time for Partners classes from 9:30 – 11:15. Don't miss out on the opportunity to share a special time each week with your child (18 months – 4 years) making art projects and singing with new friends in our cheerful, air conditioned classrooms. There is also Summer Swing, a drop-off program for 3 – 6 years olds from 9 am – noon from June 28 – August 5, with art, music and creative movement with a different theme each week. There is a lot of flexibility in the available days to fit your schedule. For more information, please call 617-527-8283 or visit www.newtonculturalcenter.org

Newton Community Ed Kids & Teens Summer If you're still making summer plans for your kids, we can help. We have openings in many of our week-long programs for kids in pre-school through middle school. Our summer classes offer opportunities to try new things, like designing a website, making real TV shows, trying your hand in the medical profession, creating with clay, and lots more. We have new sessions the week of June 22 to fill your last-minute needs too. Call our office at 617-559-6999 or check our website at www.newtoncommunityed.org.

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

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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.

Newton Girls Day Basketball - Monday June 28th through July 1st - Location Day Middle School, 21 Minot Place, Newton. Director Hank DeSantis Newton North Girls Varsity Coach. Grades 3rd through incoming Freshman - 9am to 3pm Monday to Thursday. Cost \$185.00. Please visit www.hoopmountain.com/negirls/ to register or email hoopmountaingirls@gmail.com for further details

Garden City Basketball Camp -Monday July 26th through July 30th - Location Newton South HS. Director Hank DeSantis Newton North Girls Varsity Coach. Grades 3rd through incoming Freshman - 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday. Cost \$275.00. Please visit www.newtonsummerschool.com/register/ - Course code 0711

Summer for Children June Time for Families For children 18 months – 4 years with adult caregiver Twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays June 1, 3, 8 & 10. 9:30 – 11:15 am Music and art class each day. \$85 Newton residents, \$95 non – Newton residents **Time for Partners** For children 18 months – 4 years with adult caregiver Choose Mondays – Thursdays, 9:30 – 11:15 am June 28 – August 5 (6 weeks) Music and art class each day. \$120 Newton residents, \$150 non – Newton residents **Summer Swing** A drop-off program for children ages 3 – 6 June 28 – August 5. 9 am – Noon 2, 3 and 4-day options available One hour Lunch Bunch available to 1 pm - \$10 per day Art, music and creative movement every day with different themes each week. 2-day option \$465/\$495 3-day option \$665/\$695 4-day option \$865/\$895 For more information, call 617-527-8283 or visit www.newtonculturalcenter.org The classes take place at the Newton Cultural Center, 225 Nevada Street, Newton

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I am an experienced elementary and junior high school special education teacher with Wilson Reading Certification. I teach reading, writing and mathematics and have worked with children with a broad range of learning styles. I am available to tutor evenings, weekends and during summer vacation. Feel free to call for information. Reasonably priced, as I also have children in the Newton Public Schools. Ruth Comstock ruthcomstock@msn.com 617-969-8054

Wanted Summer Office Work: Responsible and hard working Newton South High School Senior and Mason Rice Alumni seeking part time work over the summer and possibly next year, as I will be attending college in the Boston. Please contact: Lindsay Forecast @ 617-965-0892 and/or lanaforecast@comcast.net

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

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