April Weekly Vinal Voice

Week of Monday, April 22 - Friday, April 26, 2024.

Principal's Update

2024-2025 Placement

The parent placement survey has closed, and we have begun the placement process for the 2024-2025 school year. Thank you to those families, of current kindergarten--4th graders, that completed the parent placement survey. Completion of this survey is not necessary, but we appreciate having your perspective as parents/guardians.

Dismissal

Dismissal traffic has increased with the onset of spring. Please help us keep everyone safe by adhering to the following;

1. The crosswalk should be used at all times, and students should not cross without an adult. We understand the line of cars can get long, but please don't ask your children to run across traffic to skip the remainder of the line. We have had multiple students cross without an adult into oncoming traffic.
2. We encourage all students to enter vehicles on the driver's side so they are not walking into oncoming traffic.
3. Please place a sign with your's child's last name in a visible location while in the pick-up line.

Vinal 3 Year Old Preschool

From time to time slots open up in our integrated preschool program. If you have a child who will be 3 years old before 9/1/24 and wish to have their name added to the consideration list, please email Janet Asnes at janet.asnes@norwellschools.org.

3rd Graders Traded Artwork with 3rd Graders from Cole to Offer Inspiration







Gymnastics Unit is Wrapping Up







Breakfast & Lunch Menus

Click HERE for the April/May menus.

Upcoming Dates

5/1: Bike Safety Presentation, 3-5
5/1: Elementary Early Release
5/2: 2024-2025 Kindergarten Orientation, 5PM
5/3: Incoming Kindergarten Screening
5/3: Pedestrian Safety Presentation, K-2
5/6: Teacher Appreciation Week
5/6: Town Meeting, 6:30 PM
5/7: Vinal Art Show, 5:30-6:30
5/8: National School Nurse Day
5/9: Math MCAS Grade 4
5/10: Math MCAS Grade 4
5/10: K Field Trip to Hornstra farm (Mulkerrin & Porter)
5/13: Math MCAS Grade 3
5/14: Math MCAS Grade 3
5/15: Vinal PTO mtg., 9:00 AM
5/15: Math MCAS Grade 5

5/15: Vinal School Council, 3:45
5/16: Math MCAS Grade 5
5/17: K Field Trip to Hornstra Farm (Keefe & Lewis)
5/17: Early Release

Norwell Public Schools MCAS Testing Schedule 2023-2024			
	ELA	**MATH**	**SCIENCE**
Grade 3	April 9 & 11	May 13 & 14	
Grade 4	April 5 & 8	May 9 & 10	
Grade 5	April 23 & 24	May 15 & 16	May 20 & 21

Updates from Mrs. LaSalle our School Psychologist

Sometimes our brains have big feelings. Some of those feelings are positive, but some are not so good. And when our brain has big feelings, we can often feel it in our bodies too. We might become tense, or tired, or shaky, or hot, or panicky. In these moments, when the “big, bad feelings” are taking over, it can be helpful to have a toolbox of coping strategies to try! Each week, check in for new strategies. Keep in mind, sometimes a strategy may work, but other times it might not. Don’t give up-- keep trying that strategy! And if your first strategy doesn’t help, never fear. Pick another and give that one a try! Now, let’s learn about some small strategies to tame some big feelings!

Tell it to Buddha: Another way of letting it go might be to watch our worries “fade away”. Write or draw your big feeling or worry thought on a Buddha Board, and watch as it slowly fades away!

Vinal PTO

MAY



5/3 - **School Directory Cover Contest!** This ***Friday is the deadline***! The PTO has an exciting contest for Vinal students currently in grades K-4th to submit their original artwork for the 2024/25 Student Directory Covers! Current 5th graders will choose two winners - one for the front cover and one for the back! Please see the guidelines on the attached graphic and please don't hesitate to reach out to Megan at meganbhambi@gmail.com. Good luck to everyone!!!

5/17 - Stay and Play is back! Please join us right after school from 12:20 -3 pm! This is an early release day and since lunch won't be served, there are options! Students can purchase pizza, snacks, and drinks OR bring your own lunch and have a picnic on the grass! Just a reminder that

students need to be accompanied by a parent or caregiver and siblings are welcome! We're looking for volunteers to help run this event. Sign up HERE!

5/18 - Vinal vs. Cole Mom's Pickleball Tournament Please join us for Vinal's first annual pickleball school fundraiser from **4-6 pm** at the Weymouth Club! Come on out and show your support in the crowd! We'd love to have you there!

5/31 - **The Book Bee returns**! Mrs. Howard is looking for parent volunteers to help with the event! Sign up HERE

JUNE

6/11 - Field Day! Mark your calendar! This is such a fun event for the entire school! 6/13 will be the rain date (just in case). Parent volunteers are needed! Sign Up Genius is coming soon!

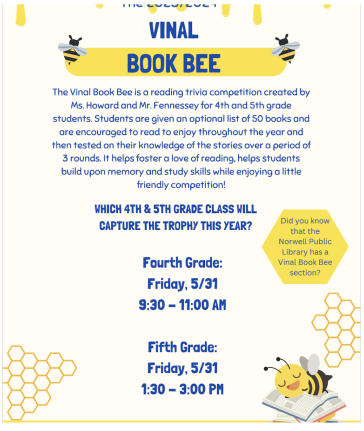
Boxtops Fundraiser: Did you know you can earn money for your child's school from your normal grocery purchases? It couldn't be easier! Start by downloading the BOXTOPS App from the App Store or GooglePlay. Make an account with the email address you use to shop online then locate the Vinal School. Now your account is set up and ready to accept all your future receipts! Shop like you normally would either online or at your local grocery store and look for specific products with the special BOXTOPS logo. Product brands include: Annie's, Cascadian Farms, Cheerios, Pillsbury, Nature Valley and so much more! Each item with a BOXTOPS logo earns 10¢ for your school! Think of how many packaged items you buy in a week - over time this could really add up! Scan your receipt in the BOXTOPS app within 14 days of purchase, or forward your email receipt to receipts@boxtops4education.com! The schools receive 2 checks per year through this easy, effortless fundraiser! Thanks for supporting your child's school - happy shopping!

If you haven't already, please join our Facebook Group or on Instagram. Our website is up to date too! Check it out vinalpto.com to learn about upcoming events, find out when PTO meetings are being held, support the school, and much more!
If you are interested in getting more involved, we'd love to have you! Please email us at vinalpto@gmail.com.

Thank you for all of your continued support! ~ Your Vinal PTO









Please join us for the Vinal Elementary School Spring Concerts featuring musical performances by grades K – 5. Family and friends are welcome. More information to come as the date approaches. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,
Stephanie Barry
General Music Teacher
stephanie.sousa@norwellschools.org



Norwell Education Foundation

With the end-of-the-year suddenly upon us, the Norwell Education Foundation (NEF) wants to help celebrate the ROCKSTARS in your life! Is there a teacher, administrator, nurse, secretary, custodian, or other school-based staff member who makes a meaningful difference in the life of your child? With the ROCKSTAR program, students, families, room parents, and other community members can make a donation to the NEF on behalf of a staff member deserving of thanks and celebration. A ROCKSTAR recognition letter with your personal message and gift will be hand-delivered to the ROCKSTAR educator by a member of the Norwell Education Foundation. Your donation will directly impact students in the Norwell Public Schools by funding teacher-written grants that pilot new technologies and diversified learning environments. Please visit this link to submit your recognition, and follow-up with a donation here. The Board of the Norwell Education Foundation thanks you!

Is your child interested in playing lacrosse this Spring? Sign them up for the Learn to Play Program!

Norwell Youth Lacrosse is partnering with the Scoops Lacrosse Program and is offering a 6 week program!

It begins April 28th!

Who: PreK/ K Boys and Girls

When: Sundays 9 am-10 am

Where: Norwell Middle School

Cost: $125/per child

Equipment: lacrosse stick

Attention Norwell Community!

Exciting News!

Norwell Youth Cheer registration is now officially OPEN! Thanks to our incredible partnership with SHD Marketing, we're thrilled to announce the launch of our brand new website, making registration easier and more convenient than ever before!

Registration is open to incoming grades 3-8th for the Fall 2024 Youth Football Program. Whether your child is a seasoned cheerleader or looking to try something new, we welcome all levels of experience!

Here's what you need to know: Who: Incoming grades 3-8th What: Norwell Youth Cheer Registration Where: Visit our new website https://www.norwellyouthcheer.com/ to register! When: Registration is NOW OPEN, so don't wait to secure your spot as it will close on June 17th!

Join us in fostering teamwork, spirit, and fun in our vibrant Norwell community! Let's make this season one to remember!



NORWELL GARDEN CLUB

May's Meeting



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